



Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association

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Dan Logsdon
Director
National Center for Interstate Compacts
Council of State Governments
1776 Avenue of the States
Lexington, KY 40511

Dear Mr. Logsdon:

On behalf of the Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association, most commonly referred to as ISHA, I am writing to express our support for the Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC). ISHA is the state-level association for audiologists and speech-language pathologists representing over 8, 400 professionals throughout our state. Our mission is to of serve, educate, and advocate for individuals with communication difficulties.

Interstate occupational licensure compacts are extremely beneficial for professionals that want to reduce barriers for practitioners. Like compacts that already exist for nurses, physical therapy, physicians, psychologist and EMTs, ASLP-IC will enhance licensure portability while simultaneously improving the ability of state boards to protect consumers.

We understand the ASLP-IC will benefit consumers, members and the professions by:

- increasing access to care for patients, clients, and/or students in light of shortages;
- ensuring patients, clients, and/or students have access to a highly qualified professional;
- easing the provision of telepractice as a service delivery model;
- facilitating continuity of care when patients, clients, and/or students relocate or travel to another state; and
- allowing military personnel and spouses to more easily maintain their profession when relocating.

The Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association is excited to support this opportunity for our members. We look forward to pursuing the ASLP-IC in Illinois to benefit our clients, members and the professions.

Sincerely,

Valerie Brosius

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