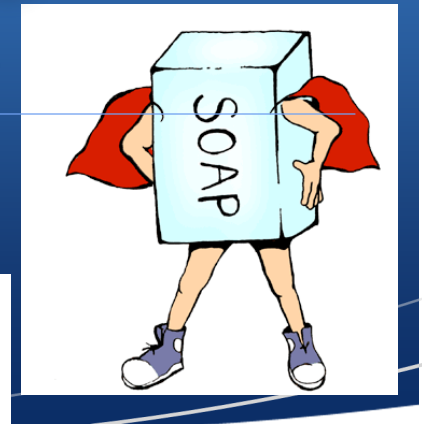


The Bubble

SOAP's Term Newsletter

Student Organization for the Advocacy of
Psychology: Nova Southeastern University



**LOOK
FORWARD TO
EXCITING
EVENTS THIS
WINTER
SEMESTER**



*We will be collecting toys December 8-12th
for the HOPE Outreach Center in Davie.
Find the toy drive box in the Maltz lobby!*

THANK YOU!!

A very big thanks to all who donated cans and money to the Thanksgiving Food Drive! We collected over 190 lbs of cans to be donated to the HOPE Outreach Center. Thank you to the CPS SGA for matching our monetary donations so that we could give even more! We appreciate all of our general members support as we advocate for those in the community!

**** Nursing
Home and Boys
and Girls Club**

**** Spring Health
Fair**

**** Annual
Tallahassee
Advocacy Trip**

What Has SOAP Been Up To..?

This Fall 2014 semester SOAP has made great gains in promoting advocacy education and opportunities for all students at NSU. The semester started off with a fundraising event, our Back to School Social at Dr. Cash's, where we raised over \$300! Many first years attended and were able to meet upperclassman and feel welcomed into CPS! SOAP participated in Mental Health Awareness Week in the first week of October by hosting our very first Public Policy Advocacy Seminar. This event was advertised on the front page of the *Current* and in the *Shark Fins* newsletter to reach the entire student body at NSU. The SOAP E-board and general members presented on ways that students could engage in advocacy and specific issues related to mental health policy. The last part of training included a Q&A with Congressional Candidate Joe Kaufman. Students were able to use their newly founded advocacy skills and educated Mr. Kaufman on mental health issues in current Florida state policy. This was an invaluable experience for students, who reported they found great value in getting to speak with a Congressman. In November, SOAP held two important presentations from faculty members. Students were able to earn practicum credits for attending Dr. Walker's presentation on Mandated Reporting. Dr. Poland was also a featured speaker on Suicide Prevention and spoke about his personal experience with school shootings and gave students appreciated knowledge on how to deal with crisis situations. SOAP also gave back to the students at CPS by hosting a Halloween Social. Students were able to let loose, dance the night away, and left with memories captured in the photo booth and slow motion booth. The event was a great success and we were able to raise over \$700. SOAP not only contributed to students at NSU, but also to the greater Broward County Community. Our Thanksgiving Food Drive raised approximately 191 pounds of food and hygiene products that were donated to the Hope Outreach Center. These are just a few highlights of our achievements this Fall term. SOAP could not have had such a successful semester without the contributions of faculty and our general members.

We will continue to keep up our great successes in the 2015 school year and hope you all will continue to be a part of our achievements!



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Prohibiting the Purchase of Firearms by “Mentally Ill persons” in Florida: Bill CS/CS/HB 1355

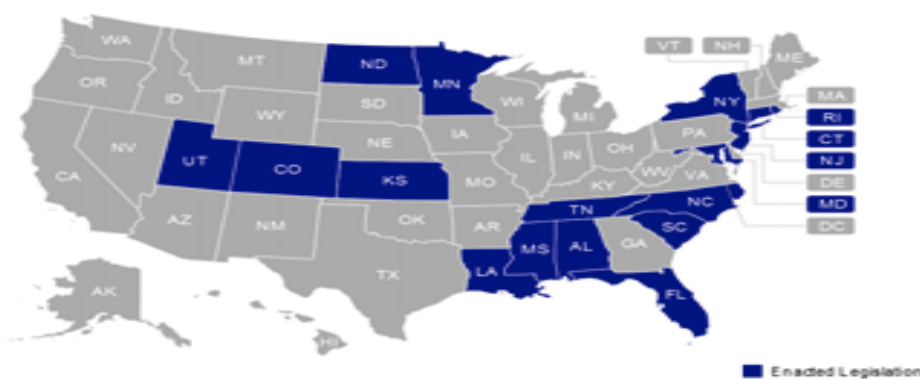
Jessica Fox, M.A.

Current law prohibits dealers from selling firearms to individuals who have been committed to a mental institution, have had an involuntary examination under the Baker Act, & who have voluntarily admitted themselves for outpatient or inpatient treatment. In addition:

- examining physician must find individual an imminent danger to self or others
- examining physician must certify individual did not agree to voluntary treatment
- petition for involuntary outpatient or inpatient treatment must be filed
- if agreeing to voluntary treatment, must receive notice of prohibition from firearm
- Individual must acknowledge this in writing

Now, the individual's information will be a part of the FDLE database & they will be unable to purchase firearm or receive concealed weapons permit; if currently have permit it will be suspended or revoked. Individual may petition for restrictions to be lifted after 1 year and information will be deleted from FDLE database and loss of eligibility to apply for or retain concealed weapon or firearms license.

Appendix 7: Gun Ownership – Mental Health Record Reporting



Above map shows the states enacting this law.

Date of Enactment: July 1st, 2013

For more information on this legislation email:

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Interested in Public Policy Advocacy Training?

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March 2015

**First Evening – Basic Training and
Orientation to the Capitol**

Day 1– Advanced Training

**Day 2 – Visits to legislators, committees,
and Senate / House**

**Arrive in Ft Lauderdale late Tuesday
Night/ early Day**

2014-2015 E-BOARD:

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Vice President: Sydney Webster

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Internal Advocacy Dir.: Jessica Fox

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