



MAKING MENTAL HEALTH HAPPEN



## ***Boost 200: Making Mental Health Happen!***

### **Need Some Help to Become a Licensed Behavioral Health Professional?**

Virginia is in the midst of a mental health crisis.

Demand for counseling services exceeds the capacity of the state's licensed therapists.

*Boost 200* is a special initiative to accelerate licensure of 200 motivated Masters-prepared Social Workers and Counselors (*100 each*) by paying for their required supervision. In return, *Boost 200* participants must commit to practice in Virginia for two years upon licensure.

#### **Who is Eligible?**

- Energetic Masters-prepared Social Workers or Counselors; Residents in Counseling licensed by the Virginia Department of Health Professions (*DHP*); and current Supervisees in Social Work approved by the DHP. Applicants must be paying for all or most of their Supervision hours.
- Preference will be given to applicants practicing in a [Mental Health Professional Shortage Area](#), or people of color or those who are bilingual.
- Candidates can have completed no more than 60% of clinical and Supervision hours.

#### **How Does *Boost 200* Work?**

- VHCF will pay approved Supervisors directly for completed Supervision hours provided to a *Boost 200* participant.
- Participants commit to:
  - ✓ Completing clinical and Supervision hours required for Virginia licensure in a timely manner, without delay;
  - ✓ Sitting for the National exam required by the DHP for licensure within 4 months of completing clinical and Supervision hours;
  - ✓ Working as an LPC or LCSW for 2-years in Virginia in any practice setting (*4,000 hours total*) upon completing *Boost 200* and becoming licensed.
- Candidates must have applied to the DHP to begin licensure-related Supervision before submitting a *Boost 200* application. A list of Supervisors interested in participating in *Boost 200* is available for those who need help identifying a Supervisor.

#### **When and How Do I Apply?**

- [Boost 200 online applications](#) are accepted, and decisions announced, on a rolling basis until all funds are obligated.

**Questions? [Click here](#) to submit or visit [www.vhcf.org/Boost200](http://www.vhcf.org/Boost200)**

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