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ACES Report for AASCB Annual Meeting

- Counselor Educators and Supervisors have been challenged by the pandemic's effect on sites and counselors-in-training's ability to log the required internship hours.
- ACES-AMHCA Task Force is involved in creating some joint webinars which will premier in January 2021. Topics will include Supervision, Tele-MH, and Racial Injustice. We will jointly host a panel discussion Nov. 13 to promote discussion of current national issues.
- ACES continues to provide continuing education opportunities for members. Our Fall series will include programs on Tele-Supervision, Anti-Racist Pedagogy, and Tele-Mental Health) and will hold a member Town Hall meeting Nov. 9
- Fall Region Conf were held in various virtual formats or changed to professional development activities. Plans are uncertain related to our Fall 2021 Conference and will wait until early spring to make a decision about whether the format will be onsite, hybrid, or completely virtual.
- ACES members continue to have a strong interest in licensure portability as a way to assist current and future counselors to have the ability to be able to transition between states without difficulty. As we consider the needs of clients throughout the country, we realize that it is imperative that licensed professionals have the ability to move as seamlessly as possible between states if we are going to best meet the growing MH needs in our country.