

# Turkish Psychological Association

## ABOUT US

The Turkish Psychological Association (TPA) was established in Ankara in 1976 (nineteen seventy-six) with the status of "public benefit association" with the decision of the Council of Ministers. TPA continues to work on the agendas related to psychology and psychologists, especially the development of psychological science and professional practices, enacting a law covering occupational definitions, and establishing a professional association in Türkiye. It also provides training to professionals on many measurement and evaluation tools such as TPA, WISC-IV, MMPI, and the Developmental Screening Scale for Children.

TPA has carried out many studies such as cooperation projects and scientific events with public and private institutions. TPA continues to work in the public interest in many areas such as psycho-social development for children and youth, and psychological assistance services in crisis and disaster situations. TPA has carried out many national and international projects.

It organizes a national congress every 2 years. It hosted the international congress in 2011. TPA also regularly organizes national symposia and workshops. In addition, it publishes international and national scientific journals.

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## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THE TURKISH ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS CAN TAKE

In Turkey, 100 thousand psychologists continue to work in many fields. TPA is the professional association of psychologists. It works in cooperation with many ministries and NGOs such as the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the Ministry of Family and Social Policies. It creates training modules suitable for the needs and provides training for these modules. It makes cultural adaptations. It can take a functional role in the creation of modules and providing training within the scope of the project with the academy unit and training unit.

With the project unit, studies are carried out in the field of executing national and international projects and writing new projects. The project unit can play a functional role in the realization of the works supporting the project, the progress, dissemination, and implementation of the planned projects.

TPA has the status of a professional roof association of psychologists. Our target audience is women, children, the elderly, immigrants, asylum seekers, young people, and adults with fewer opportunities. (For example, people who have difficulty accessing educational opportunities.) In this context, TPA Education carries out studies for internship, employment, and awareness raising. Similarly, music, psychodrama, sports workshops, and training and activities for young people and children have been carried out

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Our team members are very experienced in the field of youth work, psychological support, and mental health promotion. Our experience and skills will be valuable factors in increasing the quality of the variety of projects. We can contribute to project actions by organizing workshops, and webinars, disseminating the results, promotion, and information. We are experienced in conducting research, creating educational and support programs, working in the area of structured dialogue and mental health, and creating social media content for the project.

## Natural disasters happen in our country. In such cases, we carry out studies such as psychosocial support and psychological first aid.

The Turkish Psychological Association, which has the status of a public benefit association, has been working in coordination with AFAD and other state institutions with our psychologists experienced in natural disasters (such as Düzce, Gölcük, Van, Elazığ and İzmir Earthquakes, Soma mining disaster, Muğla-Antalya Forest Fires, Kastamonu flood disasters) since 1976. Within the framework of psychological first aid and long-term psychosocial intervention, our Trauma, Disaster, and Crisis Unit conducts need assessment studies, referral studies to appropriate institutions or organizations within the framework of basic needs such as health support, economic support or educational support, psycho-education group studies and individual interviews for those who need psychological support. When needed, psycho-education and joint meetings are organized for ministry staff and staff of other affected institutions.



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