Judge Baker Children’s Center is a nationally recognized institution providing professional training that has developed leaders in the field of mental health and special education for nearly 100 years.

We work with both students and established professionals in the fields of psychology, social work, early childhood, special education, psychiatry, nursing, and mental health counseling to learn and apply the principles of evidence-based practice.

Our approach to professional training helps improve the quality of services for children and their families by developing trainees into outstanding professionals.

Judge Baker Training

In collaboration with our multiple direct service programs, Judge Baker offers distinctive experiences for trainees seeking professional development and training in evidence-based practices. We offer practicum, internship, and fellowship opportunities for students enrolled in graduate training programs as well as established professionals who are interested in re-specializing.

Using a competency-based learning strategy, trainees spend a year or more embedded in our direct service programs building advanced skills to help children succeed. The foundation of the Judge Baker competency-based Training Program includes:

- The application of scientific evidence to practice
- A focus on the importance of interpersonal interactions
- Sound understanding of ethical and legal professional decisions
- Strong emphasis on individual and cultural diversity in all service delivery

As they develop competency in these foundational areas, Judge Baker trainees gain experience in assessment, treatment planning, intervention strategies, consultation services, supervisory skills, and the application of implementation science.

Research has demonstrated that 95% of the change in trainee behavior after training occurs because of consultation received on real-world cases.
Training in the Community

In connection with our Quality Care Initiative, Judge Baker collaborates with other service provider organizations, state agencies, schools, and institutions to assist in workforce development trainings. We can help organizations enhance the skills of their providers through multiple evidence-based practices and structured quality improvement strategies. We can provide training in a range of evidence-based practices and programs in multiple settings (e.g., home, school, outpatient).

Our expert staff and affiliates specialize in training professionals in The Modular Approach to Therapy for Children with Anxiety, Depression, Trauma, or Conduct Problems (MATCH-ADTC), an evidence-based treatment for children ages 6-15 and Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT), an evidence-based treatment for young children (ages birth-6) with emotional and behavioral disorders that place emphasis on improving the quality of the parent-child relationship and changing parent-child interaction patterns.

The Judge Baker Training in the Community Program focuses extensively on the application of adult learning principles and use of ongoing consultation to effectively introduce evidence-based practices to an organization’s workforce. We work with individuals and groups of clinicians to provide consultation on their own cases, monitor trainee progress, and analyze outcomes to evaluate progress.

About Judge Baker Children’s Center

Judge Baker Children’s Center improves the quality of children’s mental health care by translating research into programs and services that change lives.

For nearly 100 years, Judge Baker has been instrumental in creating a continuum of care that supports children’s healthy development at the policy, systems, and practice levels. Our research, direct programs and services, training, and advocacy make Judge Baker a preeminent voice and active resource on issues of children’s mental health.

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