

Clinical Child & Pediatric Psychology Training Council (CCaPPTC) Spring 2024 CCTC Report

Purpose & Membership

The purpose of CCaPPTC is to promote the advancement of graduate and postgraduate education and training within the fields of clinical child and adolescent psychology and pediatric psychology. CCaPPTC was incorporated in 2016. Current member programs include doctoral programs, internship programs, and postdoctoral fellowship programs from across the United States.

Board Members & Council Liaisons

Current 2023 CCaPPTC Board Members:

Co-Chair, Heather A. Jones, Ph.D. (Virginia Commonwealth University)
Co-Chair, Kevin Tsang, Psy.D. (Boston Children's Hospital)
Secretary, Cynthia Call, Psy.D. (Children's Mercy Kansas City)
Treasurer, Heather Yardley, Ph.D. (Nationwide Children's Hospital)
Member-at-Large, Tina Drossos, Ph.D. (University of Chicago Medicine)
Past Chair, Mariella Self, Ph.D. (Baylor College of Medicine/Texas Children's Hospital)

Current CCaPPTC Liaisons:

- APPIC - Amy Silberbogen, Ph.D.
- Division 54 - Rachel Moore, Ph.D.
- Division 53 - Mary Louise Cashel, Ph.D. & Sunny Bai, Ph.D.
- ABCCAP - Adam Lewin, Ph.D.

Selected 2023 CCaPPTC Activities & Initiatives

- **CCaPPTC board changes** - Dr. Self completed her tenure as CCaPPTC chair in December 2023, and we congratulate her as she steps into her new role as APPIC Executive Director. Elections for a new member-at-large was conducted in November 2023, with full-member programs voting. Dr. Drossos began her board appointment as member-at-large in January 2024.
- **Ongoing CCaPPTC website development** – The CCaPPTC Board has transitioned the Council's web presence from a menu nested under the ABCCAP website to an independent website. The website was launched in 2023: www.ccapptc.org. The Board is utilizing the website for applications for membership, payment, and access to information.
- **Steering Committee & Task Force for the Development of Training Guidelines in Clinical Child & Adolescent Psychology** (Cathy Stough, Ph.D., Chair) – A Steering Committee and Task Force under the direction of CCaPPTC has been working toward the development of training guidelines in our specialty. The Steering Committee includes representatives from CCaPPTC, Division 54, Division 53, and ABCCAP and meets monthly to guide the vision and process of guidelines development work. The Task Force is comprised of members of the Steering Committee and other individuals selected in

effort to ensure diverse perspectives and identities are represented. The Task Force is meeting monthly to work toward the development and drafting of the guidelines. The Task Force chair has started attending monthly CCaPPTC meetings to provide Task Force updates. CCaPPTC remains involved in providing feedback whenever requested by the Task Force.

- **Addressing Postdoctoral Selection Challenges** – The Board is continuing to monitor the evolving state of postdoctoral selection that has been challenging for both programs and applicants. There are more pronounced challenges in our specialty than others. CCaPPTC has engaged in numerous efforts to understand and attempt to address this problem, including related to adoption of the APPIC Postdoctoral Selection Standards and Common Hold Date.
- **Conversation Hours about APA Guidelines on Respectful & Equitable Treatment of Graduate Students** – In response to the recent dissemination of these APA guidelines, the CCaPPTC Board continued to host multiple conversation hours for interested programs to acquaint them with the guidelines, share ideas for potential implementation, and discuss challenges related to resource constraints and/or responding to student advocacy efforts.
- **SPPAC Sponsorship and CCaPPTC Meeting** - CCaPPTC was a Sponsor for the 2023 Society of Pediatric Psychology Annual Conference, March 30-April 1 in Chicago, IL. A Council meeting was held during the conference where Council initiatives and current issues in education/training were discussed. The Board is currently planning its 2024 annual CCaPPTC meeting to occur at the 2024 Society of Pediatric Psychology Annual Conference.
- **Establishment of a Trainee award related to Contributions to Training** - The Board established a new award for trainees at any level from CCaPPTC member programs, designed to recognize contributions to training and curricular innovation. The Board is currently accepting nominations for this monetary award, to be given at the CCaPPTC annual meeting in April 2024. The Board is continuing conversations for establishing additional awards at the program and faculty/staff levels.
- **Efforts to Expand CCaPPTC Membership & Value-Added of Membership** – The Board continues to discuss and consider options to further develop the value of Council membership for training programs, with ongoing efforts to expand Council membership across doctoral, internship and postdoctoral programs. For instance, the Board recently discovered a former listserv and is working to update the membership list.