

Clinical Child & Pediatric Psychology Training Council (CCaPPTC) Fall 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 2024 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 2024 CCaPPTC Activities & Initiatives

- **CCaPPTC board changes** – Dr. Yardley will conclude her board appointment at the end of 2024. We congratulate her as she steps into her new role as APPIC Board Vice Chair. Elections for a new Member-At-Large will be conducted in October-November 2024 with full-member programs voting. Dr. Drossos will transition into the Treasurer role in January 2025.
- **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 completed draft guidelines that were submitted to CCaPPTC, Division 53, Division 54, and ABCCAP boards for review. The Task Force chair has started attending monthly CCaPPTC meetings to provide Task Force updates. CCaPPTC remains involved in providing feedback on ongoing Task Force guideline development efforts.

- **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.
- **SPPAC Sponsorship and CCaPPTC Meeting** - CCaPPTC was a Sponsor for the 2024 Society of Pediatric Psychology Annual Conference, April 25-27 in New Orleans, LA. 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 2025 annual CCaPPTC meeting.
- **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. Three student awardees were identified this year, recognized 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.