

Goodbye!

Our Interns Move On

Each year, JPA's therapists mentor up-and-coming students earning their LCSW and MSW degrees. We recently celebrated the completion of their time with us during academic year 2016-17. We're very proud of their service to Chicago's communities and their work with JPA. Here's what they'll be doing next.

Kim Lopez

Kim Lopez graduated with her MSW from Erikson Institute. During her time at JPA she exhibited exceptional skills in engaging with her child clients as well as with their parents. We wish her the best of luck and know that she has much to contribute as she begins a new chapter as a social worker at Soaring Eagle Academy, a school for children with autism and related disorders.

Christine Cummings

Christine plans to stay in Chicago. Post-graduation, she's working part-time with Naomi's House, a therapeutic residential home for women victims of sex trafficking. She is also taking a partial sabbatical for the summer with her family to recalibrate before taking on a more full-time role. In the fall, she hopes to continue providing therapeutic services for individuals and families suffering from traumatic stress, which will give her the opportunity to apply and build on the skills she learned through her JPA internship.

Casey Hubeek & Mary Gleason

Casey Hubeek and Mary Gleason specialized in working with young children, their caregivers/families, and teachers at the Early Learning Center of Children's Place Association. Armed with this unique training, both have accepted professional positions to provide infant and early childhood mental health services.

Casey has relocated back to Seattle in her home state of Washington, where she'll work for Navos, a large organization whose mission, much like JPA's, is to help underserved, at-risk children and families. She'll provide individual child therapy, child-parent psychotherapy, and parent support, much as she did during her internship.

Mary has accepted a position with Ohio Guidestones, a 150-year old organization originating with service to children orphaned by the Civil War. She'll also be providing infant and early childhood mental health services, which her JPA internship uniquely prepared her to do. Mary will be relocating back to Cleveland, where she spent her undergraduate years.

Kayla Mishler

Kayla interned at Sumner Math and Science Community Academy in North Lawndale. She provided individual and group therapy and led classroom groups with elementary school children, tackling such topics as bullying, self-esteem, and trauma. After completing her internship, Kayla returned to her hometown of Ypsilanti, Michigan where she's thrilled to have accepted a position as a trauma therapist and is engaged to be married. [JPA](#)