

Investing in the Future

“America's future will be determined by the home and the school. The child becomes largely what he is taught; hence we must watch what we teach and how we live.” - Jane Addams



Professional Development

JPA provides responsive, customized Professional Development to clinical and school staff, community partners, and other agencies on trauma, child development, self-care and social emotional development among other topics.



93% of teachers reported that JPA's professional development workshops gave them more ideas about how they can respond to the social emotional needs of their students



Connect 2 Kids (C2K)

C2K was created to help teachers develop a deeper understanding of the social-emotional and mental health issues their students face, introduce teachers to the complexities of trauma and its impact on young children, and develop practical and caring interventions that more effectively support their students.

JPA therapists conduct classroom observations where they model ways to react to student behaviors as well as classroom groups which focus on specific topics of interest to the students, including neighborhood violence, peer group conflict resolution and social skills.



89% of teachers say that C2K has had a positive impact on their classroom environment



93% of teachers reported that classroom groups helped them better support the social emotional needs of the classroom

“I think that every single teacher should have a C2K Consultant in their life! She has made one of the toughest years I've ever had, manageable. My homeroom is one of the most challenging classes in the school, and I was not prepared, but working with a person not from the school who has on a fresh pair of glasses, helped me approach this from a different angle. That angle has been working.” - C2K Teacher

Building the Field of Social Work

JPA invests in a highly regarded clinical internship program for graduate-level social workers, with a focus on bringing more social workers of color into the field.

Grandparent Project

During this pilot program, JPA therapists will train elders who are well-respected in their communities on social-emotional skills, improving their communication with youth and enhancing their knowledge of adolescence to address community issues with violence, gang activity, and abuse.