Goals of the Program:

Because of the particular challenges posed by the cognitive and developmental changes that mark adolescence, treatment for adolescent substance use requires a distinctive approach that recognizes and respects adolescents’ desire for independence while understanding the special vulnerabilities of this period of life. The Pediatric Addiction Medicine Fellowship at Boston Children’s Hospital focuses on providing clinicians with the skills needed to provide clinical services and engage in advocacy related to prevention and treatment of substance use disorders in children and adolescents, with an emphasis on individuals vulnerable to health disparity by virtue of age, disability, or chronic illness.

Training:

The Pediatric Addiction Medicine Fellowship at BCH is an ACGME-accredited, one-year program that accesses the resources of Boston Children’s Hospital, Harvard Medical School and other local institutions to offer a comprehensive training experience. Rotations are designed to meet the individual’s interests and fellows are guided by the multi-disciplinary faculty in the Adolescent Substance Use and Addiction Program (ASAP) within the Division of Developmental Medicine at BCH. Fellows are also offered opportunities to speak with media on relevant topics, co-author editorials and participate in a variety of local and national advocacy experiences.

Rotations Include:

- Inpatient Addiction Treatment
- Outpatient Addiction Treatment
- Adolescent/Young Adult Medicine
- Toxicology
- Pain Management
- Neonatology
- Women, Pregnancy and Addiction
- Outpatient Pediatric Consultation
- Pediatric Addiction Research
- Teaching and Training

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