

Jewish Board launches psychiatric nurse residency program

The Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services has launched a psychiatric nurse practitioner residency program.

The program is designed to help recently graduated psychiatric nurse practitioners obtain additional training in psychiatry and mental health and address a shortage of psychiatric nurse practitioners in New York, the organization said.

The one-year curriculum is similar to a medical school residency model. It starts in September, ends the following August and offers intensive training and supervision by experienced psychiatric nurse practitioners at the Jewish Board.

"The Jewish Board is a nonprofit mental health care provider, so we're especially impacted by the dynamic financial challenges of the health care field, especially in recruiting psychiatric nurse practitioners and psychiatrists," said Tim O'Connor, psychiatric nurse practitioner and director of the new program, in a statement provided to *Crain's*. "Our residency program allows us to better attract, train and retain newly graduated PNPs, who are a rapidly growing part of the psychiatric prescriber workforce at the Jewish Board, in New York and beyond."

The Jewish Board provides community-based services at more than 50 mental health centers, including satellite clinics in schools, among other locations. It has an annual budget of about \$250 million and provides services to more than 40,000 individuals a year.