

Merck Center at Germaine Lawrence

(Residential Treatment Center)

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Germaine Lawrence is a residential treatment center designed for clinically complex and treatment resistant adolescent girls. We provide comprehensive assessments, including recommendations for placement options. Some students stay with us solely for the assessment period while others complete their treatment at the Merck Center.

Germaine Lawrence has an impressive track record helping girls who have resisted treatment in other settings. Our research shows that over 80% of the girls we serve successfully complete their treatment goals in less than twelve months.

Girls who thrive at Germaine Lawrence come to us with issues that include depression, attachment disorders, anxiety disorders, borderline features, bipolar disorder, substance abuse, eating disorders and trauma.

Germaine Lawrence is an intensive learning environment in which we use cognitive behavioral approaches to teach girls to take responsibility for their behavior and make better, safer choices. Clinicians provide Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), and other cognitive behavioral techniques.

Family therapy, parent support groups, parent training, campus visits, home visits, and in-home therapy are integral parts of our family program. Our therapeutic milieu is also a highly structured teaching environment. We use PEM – the PsychoEducational Model – a research-proven approach that teaches students new skills for dealing with painful feelings.

The Germaine Lawrence academic program is fully accredited and meets a wide range of academic abilities. Additional classes are available at the Harvard Extension School.

Our programs are supported by board-certified child psychiatrists who are available five days per week. Our nursing staff are on-site seven days per week. A physician from Boston Children's Hospital holds a clinic on-campus weekly and refers students to Children's Hospital for other specialized medical care.

Individual Psychotherapy Available: Yes

Accreditation, Licensure: Council on Accreditation, Mass Department of Early Education and Care, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Professional Affiliations: NATSAP-Full Member; Independent Small Programs Alliance (ISPA), Massachusetts Association of 766 Approved Private Schools (MAAPS)