

## **CPAN UTSW Hub Additional Team Members**



**James Baker, MD, MBA  
CPAN Psychiatrist**

James Baker, M.D., M.B.A., is a pediatric psychiatrist with over 25 years of academic and public-sector administrative experience in behavioral health, including service as Systems Chief Medical Officer of the community mental health center in Austin, Texas, Chief Executive Officer of the community center for Dallas County, and Medical Director for Behavioral Health with the Texas Department of State Health Services. He also served as Associate Chair in the Department of Psychiatry of the University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School.

Dr. Baker is a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and a recipient of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill Exemplary Psychiatrist Award, as well as of the Mental Health America of Greater Dallas Pamela Blumenthal Memorial Award for long-term commitment to quality of care and delivery of services to people with mental illnesses.



**Rabia Ayyaci, MD**  
**CPAN Psychiatrist**

Emine Rabia Ayyaci is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the UT Southwestern Medical Center. She currently works as a child adolescent psychiatrist at Children's Psychiatry Outpatient Clinic, and she also works at the Center for Depression and Research at the UTSW. She obtained her medical degree from the Hacettepe University Medical School in Ankara, Turkey. She completed a psychiatry research track residency and child psychiatry fellowship at the UT Southwestern Medical School. During her research track program, she worked on projects that explored health care access for underserved populations. She continues her clinical and research efforts specifically on pediatric populations suffering from depressive disorders.



**Brittany Mumford, LPC**  
**CPAN Behavioral Health Clinician**

Brittany earned both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Texas Wesleyan University and is a Licensed Professional Counselor with over 6 years of experience working with children, adolescents, and adults with multicultural backgrounds in a variety of settings. Prior to joining Children's Health, she worked with children and their families who experienced human rights abuses, domestic violence, and human trafficking. Brittany's experience also includes crisis intervention, complex trauma, behavioral interventions, parenting support and care coordination. Brittany enjoys working in multidisciplinary teams and taking a holistic approach to achieve the best outcomes for patients.



**Jennifer Estrada, LPC**  
**CPAN Behavioral Health Clinician**

Jennifer earned both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Texas A&M University-Commerce and has been a Licensed Professional Counselor since 2012. Prior to joining Children's Health, she worked with children and adolescents in public schools, and adults in a local crisis center providing crisis intervention counseling and assessments to at-risk clients. Jennifer has a specialized focus in crisis resolution and the care of LGBTQ+ and Gender Diverse clients. Jennifer believes in advocating for access to mental health care for all children and families, as well as teaching other health care professionals about mental health and wellness.



**Jamie Ward, LPC**  
**CPAN Behavioral Health Clinician**

Jamie Ward is a licensed professional counselor with over a decade of experience in the counseling field. She graduated from North Greenville University in Greenville, SC with her Bachelor of Science in Psychology and graduated from Walden University with her Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling. Prior to joining Children's Health, Jamie worked with children and adolescents in the community mental health setting and juvenile justice system. Jamie is trained in several brain/body techniques including Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing (EMDR), BrainSpotting, and Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT). Her clinical focuses are emotionally abusive relationships, narcissistic parents, child abuse and trauma, and post-partum mood disorders.



**Jennifer Zigler, LPC**  
**CPAN Behavioral Health Clinician**

Jenn received her Bachelor's degree in Education from Indiana University and later earned a Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Loyola University Chicago. She became a Licensed Professional Counselor in 2016. Prior to joining the team at Children's, she worked with children and adolescents in the school context. She has been a teacher, learning specialist, and the School Counselor at an area Dallas Independent School. Jenn is passionate about taking a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach to supporting youth mental health. She is skilled in parent education/training and trauma-informed care. She also has experience with populations including children/adolescents with learning and developmental challenges as well as those experiencing socio-emotional, school-related difficulties.



**Gabrielle Dean, MS, LMFT**  
**CPAN Behavioral Health Clinician**

Gabrielle Dean is a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist (LMFT) who received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Texas in 2014, and her Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy from Texas A&M University-Central Texas in 2017. Gabrielle understands the impact that mental wellness can have on family systems and the community at-large. Driven by the desire to see minorities and their communities thrive, she takes pride in providing healing and recovery care to youth, adults, couples, and families. As an LMFT, Gabrielle has a distinct focus on utilizing Solution-Focused Brief Therapy to help individuals identify new and old resources to discover their strengths and build the best version of themselves. In addition to delivering quality therapeutic services, Gabrielle has been recognized by clients, peers, and colleagues alike for her creative learning experiences and commitment to reducing the stigma of mental health in today's society.



**Kirstin Hodson, LCSW**  
**CPAN Behavioral Health Clinician**

Kirstin is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who spent over 13 years working with chronically ill children and their families at Children’s Medical Center in Dallas. Kirstin received her Bachelor’s degree in Psychology from Asbury University in Kentucky and later obtained her Master’s Degree in Social Work from The University of Texas at Arlington in 2007. Prior to finding her way to the field of medical social work, Kirstin worked in international social work with The Salvation Army in Zambia as well as in child protection for the Surrey County Council in England. Kirstin has experience with crisis intervention, mental health assessment and therapeutic intervention in various inpatient and outpatient settings, child abuse assessment, parent support and education, and facilitating support groups. She is passionate about working collaboratively within interdisciplinary teams to best meet the needs of patients and families.



**LaTonia McDowell**  
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LaTonia McDowell studied at Paul Quinn College, majoring in Business Administration and applied this education as a Call Quality and Claims Benefits Trainer with Aetna Insurance where she continued to grow for nearly 15 years. She later joined Children’s Medical Center Health Plan in the department of Provider Relations, with the responsibility of building professional relationships with physicians, across internal teams, and nurturing positive alliances amongst different stakeholders to improve business. Besides working on building relationships within her career, LaTonia enjoys attending forums of interest that spark and encourage motivation and inspiration in oneself and in the community.



**Mayrani Velazquez, MBA**

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Mayrani earned her Bachelor's in Child Learning and Development and Psychology at The University of Texas at Dallas. She obtained her Master's in Business Administration from Texas A&M University - Commerce. Previously, she worked in outpatient mental health and Child Protective Services. Mayrani has devoted her professional career to working with children and families to assure they have access to resources they need to improve overall family well-being.