



### Melissa Brown

RN BS RN in the Primary Care Center at Children's Hospital Boston  
Graduate of Colby-Sawyer College

*Prior Experience:* Ongoing projects include working with children in the Rainbow program, staff resource for children with special health care needs, creating a monthly bulletin board promoting positive self esteem and body acceptance, preceptor to new staff. Previously worked as Private Duty Nurse for children with special health care needs Medical Daycare nurse at Franciscan Children's Hospital

*Interests:* medical home model of care, writing, speaking on eating disorder recovery, eating disorder outreach, prevention, and support.



### Rosalie Forster

Family Fellow

BS in Forestry/Recreation and Park Management, UMaine at Orono  
BS and Master's degree in Elementary Education, Westfield State College

*Prior Experience:* Taught public school for 7 years in an inclusive 5th grade classroom. Currently a stay at home mom with four amazing daughters - eight-year old twins (Tessa and Sarah), a six year old (Ellie), and a three year old daughter with Down syndrome (Hope). Member of MDSC, involved in Central MA Down Syndrome Resource Group.

*Interests:* reading, hiking, jogging.



### Sarah McSwegin

MSW candidate, Boston University  
BA in International Studies and Human Services, Elon University

*Prior Experience:* Clinical practice internship working with adolescents in an alternative high school setting in Cambridge, MA. AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer working with housing issues and program planning and development in Greensboro, NC. Spent a semester in Costa Rica studying Spanish and sustainable development.

*Interests:* Working with adults and adolescents in both clinical and macro social work settings, traveling, politics, bluegrass music and spending time with family and friends.



### Emma Case

Boston College Law School, class of 2011  
BA in German Studies, Macalester College

*Prior Experience:* Worked as a nanny for children with special needs, and education intern at the Minnesota State House, an intern to Congresswoman Betty McCollum, and a litigation paralegal.

*Interests:* Health law and policy, including accessibility issues, insurance issues, and the ADA; international and domestic human rights, especially women's issues.



### Ty Frankel

Law student, Boston College  
BA in Political Science and Communications, Boston College

*Prior Experience:* Worked extensively with the immigrant community, representing indigent clients before the Immigration Court and Citizenship and Immigration Services. Also worked as an immigration intern in Senator Kennedy's Boston office and participated in lobbying for nurses at a private law firm in Phoenix, Arizona.

*Interests:* the legislative process, particularly with respect to health care and immigration policy.



### Aimee Lim Miller

MSW, Social Work, Simmons College GSSW  
BA, Psychology, SUNY Plattsburgh

*Prior Experience:* Senior Case Manager at the McLean-Franciscan Pediatric Inpatient Unit- Psychiatric Evaluation of children & adolescents with a range of developmental and psychiatric issues. Facilitated art therapy groups. Adjunct Faculty- Lesley University- undergrad counseling seminar. Internships in geriatric rehab setting and adult outpatient therapy.

*Interests:* Cross-cultural and immigrant/refugee issues, my husband and two kids, Lindy Hop dancing, pottery, art, gardening, travel.



### Urmi Chakrabarti

PhD candidate in Clinical Psychology, UMass Boston

*Prior Experience:* volunteers for Matahari Eye of the Day (MataHari), works with individuals and migrant and communities of color that are impacted by family violence, sexual violence, migrant labor exploitation and human trafficking). She hopes to focus on feminist and multicultural health psychology specifically on the impacts of gender based violence and community violence in children. Currently working at Brookline Community Mental Health Center.

*Interests:* currently looking at cognitive effects of women on antiepileptic medication. She is a bicultural Indian American and fluent in Bangla. Her parents immigrated to the U.S. from Calcutta, India.



### Cara Gorham

MSW candidate, Simmons College  
BS in Biology, Boston College

*Prior Experience:* 2 years as a Resident Assistant at the Lesley University Threshold Program for young adults with diverse special needs; 1 year as a residential counselor for adults with developmental disabilities

*Interests:* Developing support groups, mentoring programs, and other resources for individuals with disabilities and their loved ones.



### Ameer Naik

MA candidate in child development, Tufts University.  
BA, Washington University

*Prior Experience:* Worked as an inclusion counselor for children with behavioral disorders. I've also been a psychology research assistant and a child development teaching assistant.

*Interests:* child and family program and policy work, baking, traveling.



### Michael Ching

Pediatrician. MD and MPH, UCLA; AB, Harvard

*Prior Experience:* Born and raised in Honolulu, studied health insurance and access for children at UCLA. Did his pediatric residency in the Community Health & Advocacy Training Program. Eight years in LA helped him forget New England winters. Moved back to Boston for fellowship in Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics at Children's Hospital Boston.

*Interests:* current research is on ADHD and communication between parents, teachers, and clinicians. Mike lives in Chestnut Hill with his wife and two children, and enjoys long distance running and riding the T.



### Hivren Ozkol Kirali

Doctoral candidate in Clinical Psychology, Middle East Technical University, Turkey.

*Prior Experience:* Currently works as a research assistant at the Boston Trauma Center at JRI.

*Interests:* Research and work in trauma and grief in people with developmental disabilities.



### Lisa Puccia

Family Fellow

*Prior Experience:* Chairperson for the Tewksbury Special Education PAC for the past (4) years. Working closely with local and state representatives to secure funding for children with disabilities within the town of Tewksbury.

*Interests:* My husband and I are the proud parents of (4) children, one of whom has Autism. In our spare time our family loves to play basketball, veg out, eat pizza, and watch movies.



### Robin Crowley

RN, BSN. Pediatric Nurse, Staff Level II Children's Hospital, Martha Eliot Health Center; BS in Nursing, University of Massachusetts

*Prior Experience:* provides nursing care to a culturally diverse patient population including many children with neurodevelopmental and related disabilities who are also impacted by socio-economic difficulties. Worked on Voter Registration at MEHC, Patient Education, Bilingual Poster on HPV vaccine.

*Interests:* Child Advocacy



### Margaret Manning

PhD in Clinical Psychology, UMass Boston  
BA, Boston College

*Prior Experience:* Worked at MGH/LADDERS, a multidisciplinary clinic that specializes in autism and developmental disabilities, and at Children's Hospital in the Department of Psychiatry. Currently completing her post-doctoral fellowship in psychology in the Developmental Medicine Center at Children's.

*Interests:* Autism, assessment and therapy with children and families. The Red Sox, running, and reading.



### Kristen Reynolds

DPT, MGH Institute of Health Professions (2009)  
BS in Kinesiology, James Madison University (2006)

*Experience:* Currently an intern at Active Motion Physical Therapy. Gymnastics coach at YMCA of the North Shore.

*Interests:* Member of Pediatric and Sports Physical Therapy sections of APTA. Yoga and pilates for rehabilitation.