CHILD & ADOLESCENT
PSYCHIATRY

Research-Driven
Treatment Focused
Child-Centered
Child and adolescent psychiatry is a medical subspecialty that involves working with children, adolescents and their families with emotional and behavioral illnesses.

Child and adolescent psychiatry:
- Is a stimulating and rapidly evolving field
- Uses a knowledge of neurological, biological, psychological and social factors to treat patients
- Provides opportunities for prevention and early intervention to improve quality of life

Child and adolescent psychiatrists:
- Make a major difference in children’s lives
- Spend meaningful time with their patients
- Combine art and science to treat their patients’ emotional, behavioral and physical illnesses
- Establish long-term relationships with patients and their family members
- Fulfill the tremendous needs of millions of children and adolescents suffering from mental illness
WORK/LIFE BALANCE

The field offers opportunities that support career and family, such as:

- Highest number of job offers per resident on graduation
- Highly competitive salaries
- Excellent work-life balance
- Flexibility with different practice environments including part time work
- Global opportunities

PRACTICE OPTIONS

The field offers practice opportunities with outstanding job opportunities and remuneration, including:

- Private practice in solo or group settings
- Research and teaching
- Clinical and leadership roles in community health settings
- Consultation to schools, hospitals, courts or other agencies
- Advocacy for child mental health and public policy
AACAP is a medical membership association established by child and adolescent psychiatrists in 1953. Now more than 8,500 members strong, the AACAP is the leading national medical association dedicated to treating and improving the quality of life for the estimated 7–12 million American youth under 18 years of age who are affected by emotional, behavioral, developmental and mental illnesses. AACAP supports research, continuing medical education and access to quality care. Child and adolescent psychiatrists are the only medical specialists fully trained in the treatment of mental illness in children and adolescents.

TRAINING

TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS
Residents complete three years of general psychiatry residency training (including internship), plus two years of child and adolescent psychiatry specialty training.

INTEGRATED PROGRAMS
Residents complete five years of training in general psychiatry and child psychiatry at the same time.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS
Training programs are available for those interested in both pediatrics and child and adolescent psychiatry. Programs are also available for pediatricians to train in child and adolescent psychiatry. For more information, visit www.tripleboard.org.

REGISTERING FOR THE MATCH
Contact the NRMP at www.nrmp.org. Applicants can find a list of participating programs and match information on the website.

The Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) maintains a listing of all child and adolescent psychiatry training programs; to find a program near you visit the ACGME website at www.acgme.org/adspublic.

LEARN MORE

The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) is a professional medical organization comprised of more than 8,500 child and adolescent psychiatrists. Membership is free for medical students and $70 for residents. Membership Benefits include:

• Free subscriptions to the Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and AACAP News
• Mentorship, fellowship and award opportunities
• Discounts on AACAP meetings and publications
• Representation on national advocacy issues
• Access to online resources
• Much, much more!

Visit the AACAP website for additional information on careers in child and adolescent psychiatry and learn how to get involved. www.aacap.org

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