



“Kennedy Hope Academy has been a dream come-true for our family. We are amazed by the wonderful care that is provided to our son 365 days a year.”

- A grateful parent

About McLean Hospital

U.S. News & World Report consistently ranks McLean Hospital the nation’s top psychiatric hospital. Located in Belmont, Mass., McLean is the largest psychiatric facility of Harvard Medical School, an affiliate of Massachusetts General Hospital and a member of Partners HealthCare.

About Franciscan Hospital for Children

Franciscan Hospital for Children is New England’s largest pediatric rehabilitation hospital. It offers a broad range of programs and services for children with disabilities, including excellent medical and rehabilitative services.

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Kennedy Hope Academy

A residential school for children and adolescents with special needs





Program Description

Kennedy Hope Academy is a 17-bed residential school, providing special education and state-of-the-art treatment for children and young adults, ages 5 to 21, who have severe challenging behaviors, autism spectrum disorders, developmental disabilities, neurological disorders and/or co-occurring psychiatric illness.

The year-round school is a collaboration between Harvard-affiliated McLean Hospital, a world-renowned mental-health provider, and the Franciscan Hospital for Children, a leader in medical and rehabilitative services for children.

The school is located in newly renovated facilities at Franciscan Hospital for Children in Boston, Mass., and features individual and shared bedrooms, bathrooms, a spacious kitchen, outdoor playground, well-equipped classrooms, a computer laboratory and sensory stimulation rooms.



Program Highlights

- Applied behavioral analysis (ABA) and positive behavioral supports—techniques that emphasize the least-restrictive and most-effective treatment approach.
- Interdisciplinary approach, including special education, social pragmatics, speech, language and occupational therapy, psychopharmacology and medical services.
- Family education and support.
- Newly renovated educational and residential space.
- Community-based recreational activities.

Highly Trained Staff

A multidisciplinary staff of clinicians, special educators, behavioral analysts, a nurse and a psychiatrist is specifically trained in treating children and adolescents with developmental, psychiatric and behavioral disorders. Staff members work closely with family members to establish and maintain individualized therapeutic and educational goals. They bring empathy and compassion to each student's care, while ensuring the most positive learning experience possible.

Program leaders are:

Rui Carreiro, MEd

Program Director

Nicole Abenaim, EdM, BCBA

Director of Clinical Services

John Julian, MD

Medical Director

Licensing Approvals

Residential services are licensed through the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. Franciscan Hospital for Children is licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The school's curriculum is approved by the City of Boston School Committee.

Learn More

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