

Bridgewell Appoints Erin Kennedy as Nurse Prescriber

Position to Help Ease High Demand for Pediatric Psychiatric Providers

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[Bridgewell](#), a Lynnfield based nonprofit dedicated to supporting and helping individuals with intellectual, developmental and psychiatric disabilities and other life challenges, is pleased to announce the appointment of Erin Kennedy as a nurse prescriber in its Chelmsford outpatient clinic. With pediatric providers in high demand, Kennedy will increase Bridgewell's ability to provide accessible psychiatric care for children in Chelmsford and the Greater Lowell area.

"We are thrilled to have Erin join our clinical team," said Kimberley J. Haley, LMHC, Bridgewell Director of Clinical Services. "With her years of medical experience and deep commitment to continued care for children with mental and behavioral health challenges, I am confident that Erin will help Bridgewell increase its necessary services to the local community."

As a Board Certified psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, Kennedy has 18 years of experience in providing quality mental health treatment to children and adults with a wide range of diagnoses. Before working as a nurse prescriber in the Chelmsford clinic, Kennedy received training at Bridgewell and served as a clinical nurse leader at Bay Ridge Hospital. She has also previously worked in psychiatric and operating nurse positions at Anna Jacques Hospital, Choate Emergency Services and Johns Hopkins Hospital. Throughout her career, Kennedy has performed assessments of psychiatric disorders, diagnostic interviews and mental status examinations, coordinated individual and family psychotherapy, and organized the nursing and medication treatment for patient communities throughout Massachusetts.

Kennedy is a graduate of Rivier University and the University of Massachusetts Lowell, where she earned her master's and bachelor's degrees in nursing respectively.

For almost 60 years, Bridgewell has partnered with an ever-growing community of visionaries, leaders and front-line practitioners in Massachusetts and beyond to cultivate innovative ways to improve the lives of people with a wide range of disabilities. Bridgewell is committed to delivering a quality continuum of care, including adult autism services, day habilitation and work programs, residential home programs, substance use disorder treatment and prevention, affordable housing and behavioral health care.

Bridgewell has more than 1,300 employees at facilities in 25 towns on the North Shore and Merrimack Valley including Lowell, Chelmsford, Haverhill, Danvers and Lynn.

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