

Meet our newest team members!

Gabrielle Werner-Speech

Gabrielle grew up in Livingston, NJ and graduated from Livingston High School. Following graduation she was accepted to Duquesne University's 5-year Masters Program in Speech Language Pathology. At Duquesne, she was a Division I swimmer, and an active volunteer with children who have special needs.

Karol Espejo-Licensed Social Worker

Karol previously served as an elementary school counselor for the BRIDGE Inc. in the Caldwell/West Caldwell School District. Karol has provided therapy to children, adolescents, adults and families. In her current role, Karol has created and implemented classroom curriculum on topics including racial diversity, cultural competence, community inclusion, self-esteem and mindfulness among others. Karol has experience working with diverse populations and varying presenting problems. Prior to working in New Jersey, Karol resided in Maryland where she worked as a therapist at Family Services Inc. through the Linkages to Learning Program treating children and families. In her work with children and families, Karol is particularly keen on ensuring parents feel supported in the therapeutic process. Karol earned her Masters of Social Work from the National Catholic School of Social Services at the Catholic University of America, and a Bachelor's of Science in Public Health from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Iryna Gutsulyak- School Social Worker

Iryna Gutsulyak joined us in April of 2020. She is a certified school social worker at Lincoln and Washington Elementary Schools. Prior to joining Caldwell-West Caldwell Public Schools, she was a pre-K and K-12 social worker in various schools in New York and New Jersey. She has a Bachelor and Master Degree in Social Work from Rutgers University and is currently working on a Post Master's certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis at Caldwell University.

Cassie Porter - School Psychologist

Cassie graduated with a Bachelors degree in Psychology from Ohio University, Masters in Clinical Psychology with a School Psychologist Certificate from Montclair State University. She is currently working on a PhD in Forensic Psychology from Walden University. Since becoming a School Psychologist in 2015, she has filled various maternity leave positions in districts such as Jersey City, Montclair, and Secaucus. She has also served on various I&RS teams in these schools, volunteered as a mentor for 6th and 7th graders through the Sister-to-Sister Mentor program. And also served as a RESPECT team member working closely with Student Assistance Counselors to help educate students on anti-bullying, learning styles, substance abuse, self-image, and coping skills.

Judy O'Hagan – Secretary

Judy has worked in education for the past 20 years. She began working in Caldwell-West Caldwell in the Fall of 2017 at Grover Cleveland Middle School as Secretary to the Principal, and most recently as Guidance Office Secretary. Judy joined the Special Services staff in July of 2020. We are thrilled to have her on board! At home, Judy loves to hike and spend lots of time outdoors with her family.