

The Persephone Project – Institute for Dialogic Practice/NYC

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We are accepting referrals

The Persephone Project offers an innovative, gender-sensitive, therapeutic approach to girls and young women and their families. We specialize in working with the most severe crises, including serious depression, psychosis, and eating problems.

We believe in responding to these signs as early as possible and involving the family and social network. Central to the process is listening to and responding to the girl or young woman so that she can feel heard, respected, and validated.

We have extensive experience working in college and university mental health settings, inpatient psychiatry, emergency and crisis services, community mental health, and private practice.

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About the Instructors

Mary Olson, PhD LICSW is an internationally-recognized family therapist and Fulbright Scholar. She is the founding director of the Institute for Dialogic Practice and teaches at the Smith College School for Social Work. She has written numerous articles and book chapters on dialogue in psychotherapy. She is member of the American Family Therapy Academy and maintains a private practice with offices in Northampton, MA and New York City.

Nazlim Hagmann, MD is a practicing psychiatrist with a specialty in trauma and psychosis. She is also a faculty member at the Institute for Dialogic Practice. Throughout her career, Nazlim has had a particular interest in understanding and finding alternative and more humane ways to work with young people in extreme states. She maintains a private practice in New York City.