

Located in Cherry Hill, NJ

*One CAPU Teacher for  
Children Ages 5-17 years*

### The Education, Inc. difference:

“They are not satisfied with the kids simply attending school — they are only satisfied when the *youth are engaged* with the teachers as well as the other students during the lessons.”

**CHALLENGE** Kennedy University Hospital, as a state-designated Children’s Crisis Intervention Service, is mandated to provide educational services to each child who is a patient on the unit. The hospital had worked with one vendor since the creation of the program in 1992, however when the teacher from that program decided to retire, the company notified Kennedy that it would no longer be affiliating with the inpatient psychiatric program. Heather Jones, Program Director, reached out to other unit directors to look at best practices and “Education, Inc. was the name that came up most frequently in the group.”

**SOLUTION** When Heather contacted Education, Inc., a director of our programs, Rachel Bird, went to New Jersey in person to meet with the Kennedy inpatient leadership team. As Heather relates, “We were delighted with ‘the pitch’. Rachel was very reassuring that EI could meet our needs, even with the rapidly approaching school year.”

As Education, Inc. began the program within the hospital, Heather reported that she and her team were “amazed at the difference between our prior vendor and EI. The developmentally appropriate integrated lesson planning, engaging teaching methods and dynamic staff were huge changes from the ‘same old-same old’ from years prior. The feedback from the youth also indicated that the program was well-received by our patient population. Rating of the educational programming on the unit has not been outside of the parameters of ‘good’ or ‘very good!’”

“ The EI teachers are a **vital part of the multidisciplinary treatment team**, providing information of their direct observations of youth during class time that impact the treatment planning process. ”