



WALDEN BEHAVIORAL CARE

Located in Waltham, MA

One Full-Time Teacher for
Adolescents Ages 12-17 Years

The LearnWell difference:

"I have been impressed by [the teacher's] ability to meet the needs of all the patients...[The teacher] has been a *great asset* to our adolescent programs, and the partnership with LearnWell in general has added value!"

CHALLENGE Walden Behavioral Care runs partial day, inpatient and residential adolescent eating disorder programs. The patients within these programs tend to be unique in that many of them learn well above their grade levels and may even be taking AP (Advanced Placement) college-level courses. The administrators at Walden Behavioral Care also faced a challenge of how to fit both therapy and advanced academic support into each patient's day.

SOLUTION Walden Behavioral Care made the choice to partner with LearnWell in order to create a program for its unique requirements. To address the challenge of having teaching staff qualified to meet the needs of above average patients, LearnWell created a competency test to ensure their teacher was able to provide the appropriate level of academic instruction.

LearnWell and Walden then created a plan to extend programming for partial day patients that allowed each adolescent to receive adequate therapy and academic time each day. This also helped the patients' parents by allowing them to pick up their children from the program later in the day. In addition, as an unexpected benefit, LearnWell significantly reduced Walden's expenses for academics.

“ I have been impressed by [the teacher's] ability to meet the needs of all the students, especially since they tend to be high achieving and overloaded with AP classes! She has made the process very **smooth and efficient for us, families trust the process**, and the opportunity to receive help with school work and have designated time for it has **allowed the patients to focus better on their treatment.** ”

