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## WRAMC Child and Adolescent TelePsychiatry Services

The Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Services entered the Telepsychiatry service arena in 1998 as a result of DoD funded research. Since that time CAPS TelePsychiatry has seen approximately 70 patients and has performed over 200 patient-oriented encounters for children ranging in age from 15-18.

Attention Deficit issues and Depression accounted for the majority of cases, although nearly every diagnosis category has been represented. Clinical interactions ranged from initial screening to on-going therapeutic management. Surveys have revealed consistently high clinician and client satisfaction.

Careful equipment design for the referral site was critical for functionality and acceptance. Three discreet cameras are integrated into the therapeutic environment to produce excellent resolution and tracking, allowing a non-invasive interview. Data culled revealed more “information” than is otherwise collected during a traditional face-to-face encounter.

This technology allows quality specialty service to be extended to families in Pennsylvania (Carlisle Barracks) and in Maryland (Aberdeen Proving Grounds). Soon to be included in the network are sites in Petersburg, VA (Ft. Lee-Kenner Clinic) and New York (Ft. Drum).

For maximum usability, the referral site is also designed to accommodate adult services.

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