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Erin is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who has been with JPA since 2014. At JPA, she's the Director of 9thGear, JPA's social-emotional program supporting middle school students and teachers through the unique challenges of transitioning to high school. As a Mental Health Consultant in JPA's C2K program, she provides consultation and training to educators and administrators at multiple schools throughout Chicago. Additionally, she's a member of JPA's New Light group practice providing psychotherapy to children, adolescents, adults, and families. Previously, she worked as a staff therapist providing individual, small group and classroom group therapy for elementary students at KIPP Ascend Primary Charter School.

She previously studied at the University of Seville in Spain and earned her BA at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Women's Studies and Spanish. After graduating, Erin returned to Spain as an assistant English teacher in a high school. Prior to joining the clinical team at JPA, she worked as a bilingual child, adolescent, and adult psychotherapist at a community mental health center in Chicago.

Erin earned her MSW at Loyola University Chicago. Her specialties are child and adolescent development, trauma, women's issues, parenting and caregiver support, and play therapy. She's a member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW).