

Jessica A. Wojtalik, PhD

Biosketch

Dr. Wojtalik's research interests and goals surround the advancement of psychosocial interventions that can meaningfully improve community functioning for people experiencing schizophrenia and other severe mental health conditions. Dr. Wojtalik has a particular interest in cognitive remediation interventions for people with early course schizophrenia. She has over a decade of experience researching and providing Cognitive Enhancement Therapy (CET), a social work-developed cognitive remediation intervention, for people with schizophrenia and Autism. Beyond cognitive remediation, Dr. Wojtalik has recently begun a collaborative research effort to examine the effectiveness of trauma-focused interventions for individuals with severe mental illness. Much of Dr. Wojtalik's research in these areas have been informed by the integration of social work and cognitive neuroscience. She considers such an intergration a novel direction to advance direct mental health practice for people experiencing conditions with a strong neurobiological basis, such as schizophrenia and Autism.