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Kaplan Construction completes Boston Psychoanalytic Society & Institute's 12,540 s/f learning center

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The Boston Psychoanalytic Society & Institute (BPSI) engaged Kaplan Construction to renovate a 12,540 s/f historic building as the education-focused organization's new learning center. Working with Schwartz/Silver Architects and owner's project manager Design Technique, Inc., Kaplan provided interior and exterior renovations to Colby Hall, located at 141 Herrick Rd. and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Construction started in early March and BPSI relocated in early December 2014.

BPSI is an Institute which provides post-graduate training for psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and other highly trained graduates of mental health programs, interested in psychoanalysis and psychotherapy. Psychoanalysis is an individualized, engaged, affordable and high-quality form of treatment focused on producing meaningful change over time. BPSI is committed to the greatest degree of ethical and committed care in order to alleviate the suffering of individuals, families, and society. Through its community offerings and affiliations with local universities, BPSI has become a cultural center, offering a rich intellectual contribution to Newton and its surrounding communities.

Built in 1866, Colby Hall is a Romanesque Revival, Second Empire stone masonry building with wood framed floors, roof, and stud partitions. Kaplan renovated and reconfigured the building's three floors to accommodate BPSI's program spaces, and converted the attached vaulted chapel to a library and multi-purpose room to host lectures, dinners, and functions. Off the entrance is a casually furnished Community Room with an attached kitchenette that is being used as communal gathering space for students, members and faculty.

In addition to construction management, Kaplan provided pre-construction services, including exploratory work, budget review estimates, preparation of deduct alternates, and preliminary schedules.

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