# Edith B. Jackson, M. D

## Résumé

Edith Jackson, l'un des véritables pionniers dans les domaines de la pédiatrie et la psychiatrie comportementale des enfants, est décédé à l'âge de 82 ans le 5 Juin 1977, à Denver, dans son sommeil. Elle avait été soigneusement active et du bien jusqu'à sa mort.

Edith Jackson est né en 1895, et a reçu son baccalauréat ès arts de Vassar en 1916 et un doctorat en médecine de l'Université Johns Hopkins en 1921. Après un stage de deux ans, d'abord en médecine et en pédiatrie, elle a été importante avec le Dr Martha Eliot dans le développement de la New Haven rachitisme étude pour le Bureau des enfants des États-Unis entre 1923 et 1928 alors qu'elle occupait le rang d'un instructeur en pédiatrie à l'École de médecine de l'Université Yale.

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- EDITH B. JACKSON, CLINICAL PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF PEDIATRICS and Psychiatry, Yale
  University School of Medicine, psychoanalyst and pioneer in the efforts to introduce psychoanalytic
  concepts into the mainstream of child care, died quietly in her sleep on June 5, 1977, in Denver,
  Colorado, at the age of 82. Her death ends a half century of dedicated clinical service and teaching in
  pediatrics and psychiatry. Few individuals maintain as steadfast and important a professional role as she
  did.
- Born January 2, 1895, in Colorado Springs, Edith Jackson grew up in a Quaker family whose members
  were leaders in community affairs. Her father, William Sharpless Jackson, a railroad executive, actively
  supported the movement for improving the status of native American Indians. It is understandable that
  Edith Jackson became a strong advocate for the causes she believed to be important.
- She graduated from Vassar College in 1916. Her characteristic warmth and quality of caring were appreciated b
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### Edith B. Jackson Child Care Program

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#### **Program and Philosophy**

The Edith B. Jackson Child Care Program, Inc. (EBJ) offers young children a safe, nurturing environment in an atmosphere of continuity and consistency of care. Based on the knowledge that young children are best cared for in small groups, EBJ's ratios reflect that knowledge, and maintains individualized care within family-like groupings. Through an interestingly varied curriculum, children have maximum opportunities to learn and grow through hands-on experiences. EBJ's approach to early education takes into consideration the developmental stages of the young child and strives to provide activities and materials which will best realize individual happiness and potential. We feel that trusting, satisfying relationships with caregivers establish the healthy foundation of growth for each child. The low turnover of EBJ's staff ensure the continuity in the program

essential to sound child care. The days of care are planned to balance individual and group play, quiet and active times, indoor and outdoor choices of play. EBJ is an inclusive program.

#### Background

The Edith B. Jackson Child Care program was established in 1972 by a group of Yale parents and faculty members in response to the growing need for quality care for children of students, staff, and faculty at Yale. It was named in honor of Dr. Edith Banfield Jackson, a member of the Yale Department of Pediatrics from 1923 to 1959. Dr. Jackson was dedicated to improving the care of infants and children worldwide. Among her many accomplishments in raising the level of care of new mothers and their infants, she was instrumental in establishing "rooming-in" and brought attention to the nurturing needs of the young family as a single unit. Dr. Deborah Ferholt, pediatrician and Associate Professor of pediatric nursing, in consultation with Dr. Sally Provence, Professor in the Yale Child Study Center and Pediatrics, was instrumental in developing the EBJ model. The strong support of the Yale Child Study Center, under the director of Dr. Albert J. Solnit, contributed to EBJ's establishing itself as a safe, nurturing program. With Lola Nash as its first director, the program offered child care for young children whose providers lived in graduate housing apartments. Growth in popularity created a restructuring of EBJ in 1989 to provide center-based care. The nurturing aspects of family-setting care-small groups, continuity and consistency of care, and mixed ages--still remain the important qualities for which EBJ is so well known.