

## WELCOME TO THE HEART-BASED CENTER BASEL

Heart-based. Structured. Here for Families.

# Offer for families

At the Heart-Based Center, I support families with children and adolescents during challenging times – with both compassion and structure. My approach combines cognitive behavioral therapy with a warm, resource-oriented perspective. Together, we create a space where all family members – especially children and adolescents – feel seen, heard, and valued.

We look together at current stressors and recurring patterns in everyday family life and explore practical, realistic solutions. At the heart of this work is the relationship – between parents and children, between siblings, and also the relationship each person has with themselves.

Therapy is not only about solving problems. It's about deepening understanding, finding new ways of relating to one another, and growing together as a family.

I work in both German and English with families, children, and adolescents of all ages.

I support children and adolescents facing a wide range of psychological challenges. My core areas of focus include depression, anxiety disorders, chronic stress, trauma-related symptoms, and sleep problems. Other important topics include managing intense emotions, behavioral difficulties, and coping with parental separation or divorce.

### What therapy can offer you:

- **Orientation:** Understand what is going on beneath the surface — emotionally and behaviorally.
- **Perspective:** Recognize patterns that keep you feeling overwhelmed or stuck.
- **Relief:** Reduce symptoms of stress, anxiety, or emotional strain.
- **Structure:** Build effective coping tools you can actually use in everyday life.
- **Support:** Work through life's challenges in a space that is respectful and non-judgmental.
- **Progress:** Set realistic goals and take meaningful steps toward change.
- **Empowerment:** The confidence to move forward with more trust in yourself

Therapy means stepping onto a clear, honest, and mindful path that we walk together. You bring your experiences; I bring structure, tools, and a commitment to understanding what matters to you. You are welcome to arrive just as you are.

Let us start where you are — and move forward from there.



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## Your psychologist:

### Selina Ackermann

After completing my Master's degree in Psychology, I had the opportunity to engage in a multi-year PhD project at the University Hospital Basel, focusing on doctor-patient communication in emergency medicine. Following this, I spent 2.5 years in the United States, where I significantly deepened my English language skills. Upon returning, I continued working in academic research for several years.

Over time, however, my desire to work more directly with people and support them through emotional challenges became increasingly clear. This led me to pursue advanced training to become a federally licensed psychotherapist in Switzerland, with a specialization in cognitive behavioral therapy – an evidence-based and structured approach that resonates with me both professionally and personally.

I completed my clinical training at the outpatient clinic of the Psychiatric Services Baselland. In this role, I gained broad experience beyond individual therapy – from crisis intervention to leading a DBT group therapy program, and conducting forensic psychological assessments. A particularly meaningful part of my work was supervising junior colleagues. It made me realize how valuable it is to be present for others – with structure, clarity, and heart.

Today, I'm grateful to bring this wealth of experience to the Heart-Based Center – a place where professional expertise and authentic human connection go hand in hand.

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## The Heart-Based Center

The Heart-Based Center is a health center for heart-based medical and therapeutic counseling and support. Heart-based medicine is a skill that can be taught, acquired, and studied like any other specialty. The multi-professional team is guided by the philosophy and findings of the Heart-Based Medicine Foundation, which scientifically researches, validates and communicates the energy potential and healing power of love and human-centered medicine. The heart-based offer includes therapy, counseling and coaching.



## I look forward to seeing you

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