



Center for Child Development Referral Guide

The Center for Child Development is an **evaluation and care clinic** serving children up to 18 years of age with developmental concerns. We also treat some children following their diagnoses.



Common problems or concerns evaluated:

- Attention or memory problems
- Autism
- Behavioral or emotional difficulties due to developmental or learning problems
- Cognitive delay and learning problems
- Delayed speech or language development
- Evaluation of children adopted from other countries
- Nutritional concerns/feeding difficulties
- Psychological and developmental concerns secondary to trauma
- Selective mutism
- Slow meeting of developmental milestones

Concerns and services **not** treated or provided by the CCD include:

- Autism-specific therapy (ABA)
- Care for severe and pervasive mental disorders
- Constipation
- Genetic counseling
- Neonatal follow-up before age 3 for babies who have been in the NICU
- Neuropsychological testing
- Psychiatry
- Sleep disturbances
- SSI evaluations



Treatment plans are specific to each child and can include:

- Medication management for ADHD and anxiety
- Psychological (behavioral) therapy to address emotions and behaviors that are secondary to developmental delays and interfere with a child's functioning (limited availability)
- Occupational and physical therapy
- Speech/language therapy
- Referral back to school district with new information or recommendations
- Referrals to other specialists



Our team consists of:

Psychologists, speech-language pathologists, physical therapists, occupational therapists and medical providers. Children may see any combination of providers, depending on their presenting concerns.

Referral Process for Center for Child Development



Making an appointment

- Families should call the Mental and Behavioral Health Access Center at (414) 266-3339.
- Referrals are preferred, but the CCD does not require a physician referral to see a patient unless a referral is required by insurance.
- To ensure each child receives the evaluation and care they need in order to reach their optimal potential, we carefully review the information families share with us. **If we are not an appropriate referral for a patient, we always provide the family with resources that are a better fit for the patient.**
- Wait times for services vary. Families will be informed of wait times for services determined to be a fit for their child.



Our website provides a wealth of resources to share with families to help them respond to their child's academic and developmental struggles. Visit childrenswi.org/CCDresources.

Physician referral

(may be required by insurance)

- **Internal referral via Children's Epic**
Send an ambulatory referral to Center for Child Development (CCD).
- **External referral via Epic**
Send to CHW MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH. Include Center for Child Development in the notes/comments.
- **Via fax**
(414) 266-3735
- **Call the Mental and Behavioral Health Access Center**
(414) 266-3339

Meeting patients' needs

If you have questions regarding the appropriateness of a referral to our clinic, we welcome your calls and emails.

Contact:

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- If you are part of the Children's Wisconsin system, we ask that you submit your question in an eConsult.
- If it is determined that we are not an appropriate referral for your patient, we will provide you with resources that are a better match.

If your patient is struggling with a more immediate need (expulsion from school, needing ADHD medication right away), please seek more readily available behavioral therapy or pediatrician resources in addition to requesting an evaluation at the CCD. We are unable to accommodate short-notice appointments for new patients.

Our team will review all information provided by families and will determine the most appropriate course for answering their questions and addressing their concerns for their child. Not all questions require the use of psychological assessments; sometimes, we can answer families' questions by sitting down with them and their child for a thorough interview and review of past evaluations and current services.



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