



Kennedy Krieger Institute

This is where **HOPE** happens.





Since 1937, Kennedy Krieger Institute has been improving the lives of children of all ages from Maryland, across the U.S., and around the world, especially those who think, learn, move, feel, and experience life differently. Focused almost exclusively on nervous system diseases and disorders of the brain and spinal cord—everything “neuro”—we match each child with a personalized care plan that may include an interdisciplinary team and customized treatment.

With one in six U.S. children—more than 12 million—affected by a neurological condition, our research, clinical trials, exceptional patient care, and educational programs are critical and life-changing. We surround patients, students, and families with compassion, expertise, and unwavering support because this is where hope happens.



PATIENT CARE

Evaluation and Treatment

NEARLY
30,000
PATIENTS SERVED

(in 2025)

99,272
TELEHEALTH
APPOINTMENTS



7% ages 0-2 62% ages 3-14 18% ages 15-20 13% ages 21+



RESEARCH AND TRAINING

Programs and Studies

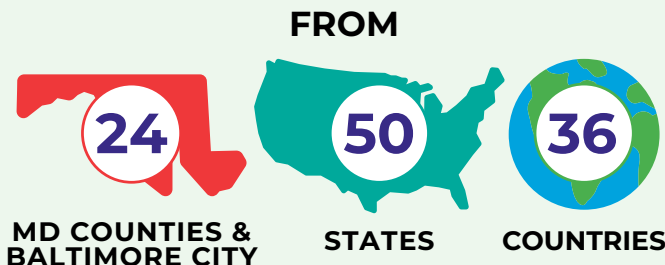
NEARLY
800
ACTIVE RESEARCH
STUDIES



196
RESEARCHERS

1,145
TRAINEES

IN 34 DISCIPLINES



We have an **inpatient hospital** and **outpatient centers** that provide medical, psychological and neurorehabilitative care.

Our **16-bed Neurobehavioral Unit** is one of the only programs in the country treating children with severe behavioral disorders.

Our **Specialized Transition Program** operates as a **day hospital**, offering children the therapies and medical treatments they need, as well as **classroom instruction**.

Kennedy Krieger is home to a unique collaboration of **experts in rare diseases** from various disciplines. Our clinicians, genetic counselors, research scientists and rehabilitation professionals work together to provide **optimal interdisciplinary care** for patients.

All numbers are from fiscal year 2025, unless stated otherwise.

Researchers include:

Dr. Amy Bastian, Chief Science Officer and Founder of the Center for Movement Studies, is exploring how to help children with motor disorders, such as cerebellar ataxia or post-stroke hemiparesis, move more easily so they can more fully experience the world.



Dr. Anne M. Comi, Director, Hunter Nelson Sturge-Weber Syndrome Center, and her team discovered the gene that causes Sturge-Weber. Their ongoing work is improving the early diagnosis and treatment of brain involvement in the neurological condition.



80+

INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS



OUR AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION INCLUDE:

- Autism spectrum disorder
- Behavioral disorders
- Bone disorders
- Brain injury and concussion
- Cerebral palsy
- Communication disorders
- Developmental disorders
- Down syndrome
- Epilepsy
- Feeding disorders
- Learning disorders
- Long COVID-19
- Muscular dystrophy
- Neurogenetics and rare neurogenetic diseases
- Rehabilitation
- Sleep disorders
- Spina bifida
- Spinal cord injury and paralysis
- Sturge-Weber syndrome
- Tic disorders



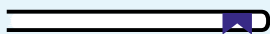
SPECIAL EDUCATION Schools and Programs



COMMUNITY Programs and Resources

485 STUDENTS

FROM MORE THAN
**15 SCHOOL DISTRICTS
IN MARYLAND,
VIRGINIA & D.C.**
(in 2025-2026)



Lower/Middle School

High School

LEAP

D.C.-Area School

Southern Md. School



750 SCHOOL STAFF

including **teachers** and
clinical specialists,
providing robust
support for students

955 PATIENTS & FAMILIES

received legal
help from
Project HEAL



965

CHILDREN
with special needs
placed in **LOVING**
foster or respite
CARE since 1987



145



COMMUNITY TRAINING SESSIONS

conducted by MCDD

29



ADAPTIVE SPORTS PROGRAMS

for children and adults

We educate children with **highly complex conditions**—in some cases, our students have been unable to receive services anywhere else.

We offer **five schools for students with autism spectrum disorder and/or other neurodevelopmental disorders** in Baltimore, Prince George's County, and St. Mary's County.

Our school interdisciplinary teams include **teaching staff members and licensed clinical specialists** from a variety of fields. This ensures a **collaborative approach to our students' success**.

Our schools operate **11 months a year** and serve a **variety of student needs**. Some students prepare to return to their home schools, while others work toward a **diploma or certificate of completion**.

Neurodiversity at Work supports 50 individuals across five counties in Maryland in meaningful, community-based programming, bolstering engagement, employment and volunteering.

We offer community and early childhood **development and education programs** for children with and without disabilities.

Through our **Resource Finder**, patients and their families learn about available resources to help with at-home care, transportation and other needs.

The **Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities (MCDD)** at Kennedy Krieger Institute focuses on professional training, community service, information dissemination and research.

At Kennedy Krieger Institute, this is where hope happens every day, for children and families.

Through powerful patient journeys and the compassion of dedicated donors, lives are transformed. Together, we can reach more patients, students, and families and build brighter futures.



"It was a long 5.5 years, not knowing what we were dealing with."

– Emmy's parents

After years of uncertainty, Emmy's parents found hope from the team at Kennedy Krieger that never gave up in their search for answers about the rare disease their family called Emmy Syndrome.

To read more, visit: KennedyKrieger.org/Emmy



"We partner with Kennedy Krieger because it supports families and changes lives."

– Dr. Bryan O. Buckley

CareFirst and its dedicated employees, who call themselves "different makers," have been committed supporters of Kennedy Krieger Institute for the past decade.

To read more, visit: KennedyKrieger.org/CareFirst



"Kennedy Krieger didn't give me my old life back. They helped me build a hopeful new one."

– Glenn Rosenthal

A rare spinal cord condition suddenly made it difficult for Glenn to move his left leg. At Kennedy Krieger, he received the care he needed to get up and running again.

To read more, visit: KennedyKrieger.org/Glenn



"When you give to Kennedy Krieger Institute...you're contributing to the transformation of lives."

– Shellie Williams

Kennedy Krieger's Chief Nursing Officer Shellie Williams, MSN, MHA, RN, CRRN is known for her tireless dedication to the Institute, which has inspired her children to follow in her footsteps.

To read more, visit: KennedyKrieger.org/Shellie

Want to learn how you can get involved to help kids and families?
Visit KennedyKrieger.org/Foundation or call 443-923-7300.

Interested in more information about Kennedy Krieger?
Visit KennedyKrieger.org or use the QR code.



Kennedy Krieger Institute is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a separate fundraising entity, Kennedy Krieger Foundation. Kennedy Krieger has a strong partnership with Johns Hopkins Medicine. Through this relationship, we share faculty members, collaborate on research and welcome Johns Hopkins' patients for ongoing care.

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