# Center for Development and Learning at Kennedy Krieger Institute

## Who We Are

The Center for Development and Learning is an outpatient medical program for the comprehensive evaluation and treatment of children and young adults who have problems in language development, attention, learning, behavior, or school adjustment.

## Who We Serve

The Center for Development and Learning serves children ages birth through 21 with neurodevelopmental disabilities and behavioral disorders, including:

- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorders
- Autism spectrum disorders
- Behavioral disorders
- Communication/speech/language disorders
- Intellectual disabilities
- Learning disorders

## **Our Clinical Services**

## Preschool Language Program

We offer evaluation and treatment services for children with a variety of disorders and delays, including speech and language delays, motor delays, social delays, generalized delays, and autism spectrum disorders. Evaluations typically include medical and neurologic examination, developmental testing, behavioral assessment, and psychosocial assessment. We provide families with the results and any therapeutic recommendations, so they may share them with their child's primary care provider or preschool. We also offer counseling and medication treatment for behavior disorders.



### School Aged Program

School Aged Program offers evaluation and treatment services to children and young adults experiencing problems with learning, attention, or behavior in school or at home. Through medical diagnosis, psychosocial assessment, and developmental assessment, we identify the area of difficulty, as well as treatment and management approaches.

### **Medication Management Program**

We offer services to school-aged children in need of medication treatment because of problems with attention or behavior in school or at home. Evaluations are available for medical diagnosis and for ongoing medication treatment for attention deficit hyperactivity disorders and related behavioral problems.

We are all born with great potential. Shouldn't we all have the chance to achieve it?



## **Our Team**

We have an interdisciplinary team who conduct evaluations and provide treatment services, including:

- Pediatricians and pediatric neurologists specializing in neurodevelopmental disabilities, as well as developmental and behavioral pediatrics
- Registered nurse practitioners certified in pediatrics

## **Our Treatment Approach**

### **Testing and Evaluation**

Every child receives a comprehensive initial evaluation or consultation that includes an in-depth history, physical and neurologic examinations, and developmental and behavioral observation. Based on the nature and scope of the reported problems, each child will receive additional developmental and behavioral testing. If necessary, we may also recommend evaluation by related departments within the Kennedy Krieger Institute.

#### **Recommendations and Referrals**

After we identify the area of difficulty, we will recommend treatment and management approaches.

#### Follow-up

We require periodic appointments for medication treatment so that we can monitor and review the effects of any medication. We will provide follow-up if ongoing developmental observation or treatment is needed, and we may recommend additional treatment or therapy to assure the child's full potential is achieved. "Going to the Center for Development and Learning was [the] very best thing I have ever done for my child and our family. Do not hesitate to have your child tested or treated there. This is a top-of-the-line facility, with top-of -the-line doctors and staff."

–Trish G.

## **Contact Information**

#### Center for Development and Learning at Kennedy Krieger Institute For more information or to speak to an intake coordinator, please call 443-923-9400, or toll-free at 888-554-2080. TTY: 443-923-2645 or Maryland Relay 711, or email Intake@KennedyKrieger.org.

#### KennedyKrieger.org

**Physicians & Healthcare Professionals** To make a referral, call our Physician Referral Line at **443-923-9403**.

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