

The Unity Clinic at Kennedy Krieger Institute's Center for Child and Family Traumatic Stress

a resource for the d/Deaf and hard-of-hearing community*

Who We Are

Finding mental health treatment for children who have experienced trauma and are d/Deaf or hard of hearing, or have a caregiver who is d/Deaf or hard of hearing, can be difficult. That's why the Center for Child and Family Traumatic Stress developed the Unity Clinic. Focused on helping families with children with developmental, emotional or behavioral disorders, the Unity Clinic is committed to serving children and families who exhibit a variety of reactions to traumatic events, conditions or situations.

These traumatic events, conditions or situations may include:

- Bullying
- Death or loss of a loved one
- Divorce
- Domestic violence
- Medical trauma
- Natural disaster
- Neglect
- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Witnessing community violence

Our services include:

- Evaluation
- Diagnosis
- Mental health care

We offer services in American Sign Language (ASL) and through signed interpretation provided by a certified interpreter working with a therapist.

Who We Serve

The Unity Clinic serves children from infancy to age 21 who are d/Deaf or hard of hearing, or have a caregiver who is d/Deaf or hard of hearing; may have experienced trauma; and are exhibiting a variety of reactions, including:

- Acting out at home or at school
- Withdrawal
- Academic difficulties
- Emotional or behavioral disorders
- Difficulties interacting with peers
- Depression, mood swings or irritability

We also serve caregivers or any family members who are d/Deaf or hard of hearing and whose child has experienced trauma.



Our Team

Our team provides mental health and psychiatric services to children and families who have experienced trauma or may be at risk for exposure to trauma. Our caring, experienced mental health professionals are trained in d/Deaf culture and in helping children with emotional and behavioral disorders resulting from trauma. We strive to meet the cultural and linguistic needs of our clients and their families.

Our team members have been trained in trauma treatment and include:

- Licensed clinical social workers trained in d/Deaf culture
- Psychiatry and medication management
- Psychologists

In addition to our clinical services, we help clients identify and advocate for community resources and support services in schools and in the community.

*Kennedy Krieger Institute recognizes that the word "deaf" can refer to both a condition and a culture. Kennedy Krieger spells the word as "d/Deaf" to be inclusive of both hearing status and cultural identity.

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

Our Approach

Our comprehensive care includes evaluation, diagnosis and treatment services tailored to the cultural and linguistic needs of our clients and their families. We offer outpatient psychiatric assessment, psychological evaluation, and individual, family and group therapy, as well as medication management.

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“Coming to the Unity Clinic has been very supportive and helpful. I’ve seen a tremendous difference in my child. I really appreciate how they meet his needs.”

– caregiver of a Unity Clinic client

Contact Information

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For more information, please contact **443-923-5900**. TTY users, please contact us at **443-923-2645**, or dial **711** to make a Maryland Relay call.

Physicians and Healthcare Professionals

To make a referral, contact our intake coordinator at **443-923-5980**.

Clinic Location

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