

# Deafness-Related Evaluations and More at Kennedy Krieger Institute

## Who We Are

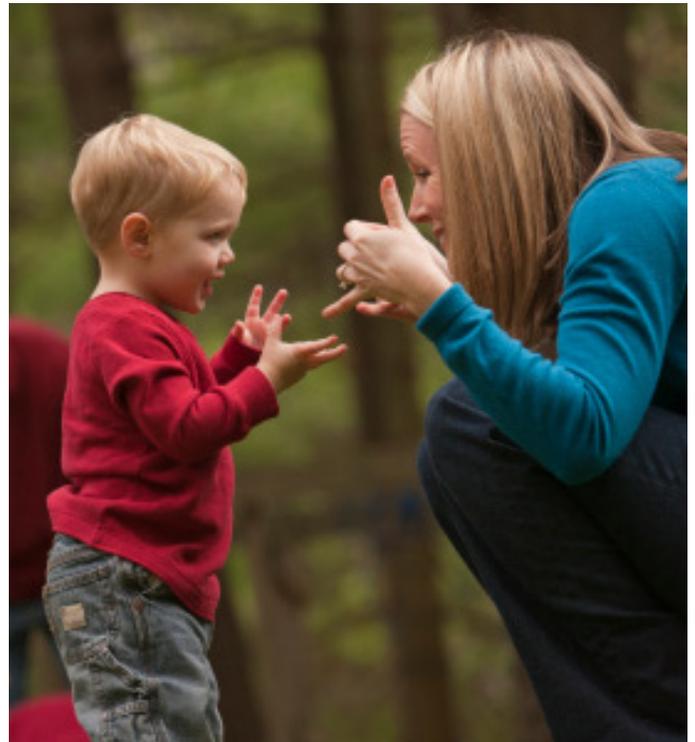
In the Deafness-Related Evaluations and More (DREAM) Clinic, we offer a range of comprehensive neuropsychological services to deaf and hard-of-hearing children who are not meeting developmental milestones and who are struggling in school, demonstrating behavioral issues, or exhibiting social problems. We also work with their physicians, families, schools, and other agencies.

Based in the Department of Neuropsychology at Kennedy Krieger Institute and one of the largest programs of its kind in the country, the DREAM clinic provides accessible assessment services for children who are deaf or hard of hearing, particularly those with additional medical or developmental disorders like those often seen at Kennedy Krieger.

## Who We Serve

We offer outpatient neuropsychological assessments for infants, children, and young adults ages 1 to 21 years with hearing loss or deafness. We also work with children raised in bilingual environments, such as American Sign Language (ASL) and English, who need evaluations.

We see individuals with any type of hearing loss, including conditions caused by medical issues or genetic causes. We also offer neuropsychological testing for children whose families are considering cochlear implant surgery, help them plan for postoperative intervention strategies, and provide follow-up evaluations to track progress afterwards.



We value accessible communication. Whether your child expresses himself through ASL, speech, or other methods, we work with families to ensure the best neuropsychological evaluations.

## The Evaluation

A neuropsychological assessment is recommended for children who are not meeting developmental milestones and who are struggling in school, demonstrating behavioral issues, or exhibiting social problems. Our primary goal is to understand a child's strengths and weaknesses

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Every child is born with great potential.  
Shouldn't every child have the chance to achieve it?



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so that we can better assist parents, physicians, and others who work with the child, whether at home, at school, or in other settings.

After the evaluation, we review our findings with the family, talk about the implications, and discuss recommendations based on each patient's strengths. Next, we formulate a plan to guide them to the most appropriate professionals and services. Families receive a written report that describes test results and details recommendations tailored for the individual.

### Our Team

Our interdisciplinary team includes neuropsychologists and psychologists who are fluent in ASL. Our team often works with other disciplines (such as medicine, neurology, otolaryngology, audiology, psychiatry, etc.) to answer specific referral questions.

We also routinely work closely with Kennedy Krieger's Audiology Clinic and the Family Center's Unity Clinic, which help children with hearing problems who have also experienced trauma. We are committed to training and are actively involved in mentoring and teaching the next generation of professionals to work with deaf and hard-of-hearing children in an accessible manner.

### Additional Services

- Consultations and reviews of previous evaluations
- ASL interpreters, if needed
- Recommendations for educational and IEP issues
- Videophone for easy communication

### Contact Information

#### Deafness-Related Evaluations and More

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 443-923-9400, or toll-free at 888-554-2080.

TTY: 443-923-2645 or Maryland Relay 711

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#### Physicians & Healthcare Professionals

To make a referral, call our Physician Referral Line at 443-923-9403.

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