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The Children's Institute

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About The Children's Institute

When we opened our doors in 1902 as the Memorial Home for Crippled Children, our founders made a promise — to provide the highest quality of compassionate and innovative care, regardless of a family's ability to pay.

Today, as The Children's Institute, we have become one of the nation's leading providers of pediatric rehabilitation services. Each of our three components — The Hospital, The Day School and Project STAR — continues to remain steadfast in our commitment to be responsive to the changing and increasingly complex needs of those we serve.

Our vision is to become a center of excellence in the region and in the nation. The members of our world-class staff are regarded as pioneers in the development and delivery of leading-edge, transdisciplinary treatments and services for children with special needs.

But perhaps the greatest measure of the impact we have can be seen on the faces of the children and families who have come to us for help and have found hope.



The Hospital at The Children's Institute

Our patients and their families are at the heart of everything we do. Our Hospital staff has expertise in all aspects of pediatric rehabilitation and work as a team to deliver innovative and motivational treatment to each child. We focus on the goals of the patient and family together with treatment objectives developed by the clinicians. Caregiver teaching begins at admission and is continually provided to prepare each child for lifelong success.

Programs and treatments provided by The Hospital include:

- Inpatient and outpatient services
- Innovative, interdisciplinary rehabilitation programming
- Diverse pediatric medical specialties
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Speech/language therapy
- Respite care
- Assistive and adaptive technology
- Psychology services
- Rehabilitation nursing
- Recreational therapy
- Clinical nutrition services

In addition, The Children's Institute provides treatment for a variety of diagnoses — from injury and illness to developmental disability. Since children's needs vary, we offer individual treatment options.

Some of the inpatient and outpatient programs we offer are for patients with the following diagnoses:

- Autism
- Brain injury
- Cerebral palsy
- Diabetes/obesity management for children and adolescents
- Functional feeding disorders
- Orthopedic injuries
- Prader-Willi Syndrome/behavioral disorders
- Reflex Neurovascular Disorder (RND) or chronic pain
- Spinal cord injury

Insurance Information

The Children's Institute accepts most major insurance plans. A physician's prescription and insurance referral are needed before receiving outpatient treatments. For specific information, call Patient Access and Financial Services at 412.420.2362 or 877.433.1109. Inpatient referrals should call 412.420.2115 or 412.420.2356.

The Day School at The Children's Institute

The Day School is a state-approved private school for children ages 2-21 who are challenged by autism, complex and severe neurological impairments, and/or cerebral palsy. We were the first school — and one of only two in Pennsylvania — to be approved by the National Commission on Accreditation of Special Education Services (NCASES).

At The Day School, the needs of our students are the priority of every member of our classroom team. Our team of teachers and therapists works with students and their parents to determine personalized learning goals based on each child's strengths and weaknesses. These programs are individually designed to address their unique needs and maximize their cognitive, personal, social and functional capabilities.

All of the students at The Day School benefit from:

- Small, highly structured, nurturing and supportive learning environment throughout the entire school day.
- Highly trained staff, committed to respond to each student's unique needs.
- A diverse array of methods and materials, which are practical in nature and are designed to develop skills needed in real-life experiences.
- A school-wide philosophy of positive reinforcement to promote appropriate learning and behavior.
- Communication methods that are useful, reliable and understandable.
- Guided social experiences in the school and in the community.



Project STAR

All children have the right to grow in a safe, nurturing, lasting family. Project STAR at The Children's Institute offers adoption, foster care and intensive family support services for children with special needs and their families. Project STAR is licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare.

Project STAR focuses on:

- Providing intensive family support services to ensure that families with special needs stay intact.
- Providing short- or long-term foster placement with families for children who cannot remain with their birth families.
- Coordinating adoption and adoption-focused activities for children who cannot return to the care of their birth parents.
- Offering special programs and activities that help bring families together — adoptive, foster or families with a child or parent with special needs.

To better support our children and families, Project STAR has locations in Pittsburgh and Beaver County:

Pittsburgh Office

467 S. Trenton Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221
412.244.3066

Beaver County Office

1598 Virginia Avenue
Monaca, PA 15061
724.775.0209



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Established in 1902, The Children's Institute is an independent, nonprofit, licensed organization dedicated to promoting the well-being of children, young people and their families and to providing services that meet their special needs. The Children's Institute is made up of three components:

- **The Hospital**

Inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation

- **The Day School**

A state-approved private school for children ages 2 to 21

- **Project STAR**

Family placement, family preservation and family enrichment services

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