



Center for
Developmental
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Our Services

Connecting your family with the services you need.

The Center for Developmental Services exists to make the care of children with special needs easier and more effective by uniting specialized service providers in one location.



One Location

Headquartered in downtown Greenville, CDS brings the expertise and value of various partner services to one location. Often, children with diagnoses require help from several resources to address life-long challenges. CDS brings these resources together in one location for better access to these services.



Outreach

Although many of our families live in Greenville County, over 50% come from surrounding areas, some even as far as Georgia and North Carolina. CDS also attends numerous health and resource fairs to inform parents, pediatricians, educators, and others about our partnership services. If you would like CDS to participate in your next community, civic or faith-based event, please contact our office at (864) 331-1318.



On-site Resources

CDS has wonderful resources available to help keep children engaged and at ease. The meditation room creates a hideaway for nursing mothers and a playground provides the perfect break for siblings needing to stretch their legs. In addition, the Bon Secours Resource Center contains a library of children's books, DVDs, computers, and games.



Family Programs

Families may spend several hours at CDS for various appointments, so we try to provide as much support for them as possible. Educational seminars and parent engagement opportunities help families connect to even more resources in the community.

Another program available is Case Management for those who qualify for services through the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN). Our intake coordinators work with your medical providers to collect vital records that help with the DDSN eligibility process. If determined eligible for DDSN services, and there is a need for service coordination, Center for Developmental Services is on the DDSN Qualified Provider List for case management to individuals who reside in Greenville County.

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CLARITY

Clarity: The Speech, Hearing and Learning Center is a non-profit, independent center that partners with the community to empower people to overcome speech, hearing and learning challenges through evaluation and treatment. Clarity has been serving the Upstate since 1948 and strives to make services affordable. Insurance can be filed for most services; they accept private insurance, Medicaid, CareCredit, self-pay, and offer sliding scale scholarships through the Clarity Cares Fund.

Speech & Language

Clarity's Speech-Language Pathologists provide diagnostic assessment, consultation, and treatment of various speech and/or language problems for people of all ages. Clients are referred to the Speech-Language departments due to concerns for articulation, fluency (stuttering), language development, oral motor function, developmental delay, and social/pragmatic language skills.

Learning & Psychology

Clarity's Learning and Psychology Department provides psychological and psychoeducational evaluations, learning intervention, and counseling to children and adults. Their highly trained and experienced specialists evaluate, provide diagnoses (when appropriate), develop treatment plans, and provide intervention for multiple areas of concern, including developmental delays, learning/academic skill development, intellectual functioning/cognitive processing, attention, executive functioning, social skills, emotional functioning, and/or behavioral functioning. Evaluations provided by Clarity can be used by school-based psychologists for educational planning and decision making.

Hearing & Audiology

Clarity's Hearing & Audiology staff are dedicated to helping people of all ages who have hearing concerns. They provide comprehensive hearing evaluations, hearing aid sales, fittings, and follow-up services for the most advanced digital hearing aids available.

ASET (Autism Spectrum Evaluation Team)

ASET is a multidisciplinary team of professionals who work together to provide children with a truly comprehensive evaluation. Team members include experts in autism spectrum disorders from the following fields: psychology and speech-language pathology. Depending on the needs of the client, sometimes an audiologist is also part of the team.



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GHS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

The Greenville Health System has four distinct outpatient departments within CDS.

Kidnetics

Physical Therapy: KIDNETICS offers pediatric physical therapy for children with movement/posture disorders and/or gross motor delays. The main focus is to increase a child's independence of age appropriate movement through space, taking into consideration quality and function. Each child is evaluated and a treatment plan is formulated based on that child's individual needs. Adaptive equipment such as wheelchairs, standers, walkers, and crutches are sometimes part of that treatment plan. To secure that equipment, collaboration with a medical equipment vendor is necessary. The PT's work closely with certified orthotists when the children need braces or cranial molding bands.

Occupational Therapy: KIDNETICS' pediatric occupational therapy focuses on helping children develop the skills they need to grow into and thrive as functional, independent adults. Physical impairment or other issues can hold children back from progressing with self-care, play, and school skills. The goal is to help children adequately progress and to challenge them appropriately while building their confidence in their skills and abilities.

Speech-Language Therapy: KIDNETICS' speech language pathologists evaluate and treat children with a broad range of speech and communication disorders. Services are provided in a child-centered and child-initiated manner through individual and group intervention. The therapists specialize in a broad range of disorders and comprehensive evaluations that are provided for each child in order to develop an individualized treatment plan. The therapists work closely with the parents of each child to determine specific goals, the appropriate type of intervention, and the primary focus of therapy.

KIDNETICS also offers a variety of specialty programs including:

- Aquatics Therapy
- Interactive Metronome
- Kidtalk and Motion
- Feeding Team Assessments and Treatment
- Special Needs Car Seat Evaluations
- Handwriting Group
- Social Skills Group
- Birth-to-Three Clinic
- Muscular Dystrophy Clinic
- Community and Service Integration Program
- Pectus Excavatum & Carniatum Program
- Pelvic Floor Program
- Vestibular Rehabilitation Program
- Cochlear Implant Program
- Craniofacial Clinic
- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Clinic

Pediatric Developmental-Behavioral/ Psychology

These specialists provide medical and developmental evaluations as well as psychological, neuropsychological, and educational tests to develop effective management plans in consultation with parents and professionals. The Neonatal Developmental Follow-Up Program (NDFP) offers monitoring and support for infants who have been identified as being at risk for developmental delays. In addition, the Autism Wonders Team evaluates and treats children with autism. There are no eligibility restrictions for children ages birth to eighteen. The cost is variable; private insurance and Medicaid are accepted.

Pediatric Prosthetics and Orthotics

The caring clinicians of GHS Center for Prosthetics & Orthotics provide a full range of pediatric orthotic and prosthetic devices specifically designed for your child. Their team of board certified orthotists and prosthetists have advanced training and certifications, with specialization in management of orthopedic, neurologic, and developmental areas. They are the preeminent facility for treating infants with plagiocephaly, utilizing the only Starscanner system in the Upstate. Another focused specialty is bracing treatment for idiopathic scoliosis and pectus carinatum. Due to their unique relationship in the community, they work alongside physicians, therapists, nurses, early interventionists, and other allied health professionals. Individualized assessments can also be performed in collaboration with your outpatient and school based therapists.



Wonder Center

A therapeutic day treatment for children ages birth to six years old with medical and developmental problems that require daily nursing care. They are staffed by certified pediatric nurses and a child development specialist who provide a fun, enriching, and inclusive environment for medically-fragile children. Since the program is under contract with the SC Department of Health & Human Services, children may attend as long as their medical condition warrants the need for nursing care through the Medicaid Medically Complex Children's Waiver. Anyone may recommend a child for admission, but orders from a primary care physician must be included for care to be provided. The program is also readily available for parents needing respite care. Children in the Wonder Center are seen for OT, PT, and ST by the Kidnetics therapists.

For more information, visit www.ghschildrens.org.

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FAMILY CONNECTION

Family Connection of South Carolina is a statewide organization that helps to empower parents and families by making connections, raising awareness and promoting inclusion of those with disabilities and special healthcare needs.

Raising Awareness

Family Connection of South Carolina offers programs and services to ensure that parents, professionals and caregivers have access to available resources to help their children reach their full potential. Community events are held statewide to raise awareness of the strength and determination of our children and to help others see that they are living rich, full lives. Many resources and a wealth of information are available today.

One Stop for Families

Family Connection is the point of contact for those with disabilities or special healthcare needs throughout their journeys, from birth to adulthood. Our work focuses on five key areas: Parent Support, Healthcare, Education, Training and Advocacy. Family Connection staff are trained to help parents navigate each stage of their child's journey and chart a course for success.

Making Connections

Parent-to-parent support is the heart of Family Connection of South Carolina. Each year, we connect hundreds of families in our state to "mentor" parents who have had similar, shared experiences.

For more information, call (864) 331-1341 or visit www.FamilyConnectionSC.org/referral/

Available programs & services:

- One-on-one support for parents and caregivers of a child with a disability by a trained parent navigator.
- Education and Training to include a variety of workshops, webinars and other opportunities for parents, professionals and caregivers.
- Latinos Making Connections, where Spanish-speaking parents and caregivers receive support and information on all of our programs and services in Spanish.

Specific services include:

- **Family Support:** One-on-one support for parents and caregivers of children with disabilities by trained parent navigators.
- **Healthcare:** Assistance from a staff expert for families and professionals who are navigating health care systems, such as Medicaid, TEFRA, appeals and managed care information.
- **Education:** One-on-one training and consultation to help families navigate the special education system, empower parents to effectively problem-solve, and connect families to community resources that address their needs.
- **Training:** Learning opportunities for family members, professionals and self-advocates.
- **Advocacy:** Self-advocacy and parent leadership training as well as leadership opportunities for parents and youth.

THRIVE UPSTATE

KidVentures is the early intervention program of Thrive Upstate. Early interventionists provide special instruction to families of children birth to age 5 with developmental delays or disabilities. The children are determined eligible for services through BabyNet and/or the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN).

The early interventionist and family will develop an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) in order to identify priorities, resources, and concerns, then determine service needs. The outcomes established on the IFSP will be addressed with the child and parent during weekly visits in the child's natural learning environment. A Curriculum Based Assessment will be completed and continuously updated in order to monitor the child's developmental progress.

The early interventionist also becomes the child's primary service coordinator by:

- Assisting with applications for respite, Medicaid waivers, and other programs
- Making referrals to community partners for additional services such as OT, PT, and ST
- Assistance with transitioning to specialized preschool programs
- Assistance with obtaining Autism services
- Encouraging socialization through play groups and connections to family support groups



The goal is to enhance a child's learning and development and guide the parent into becoming the best advocate for their child. Services are provided in Greenville, Laurens, and Pickens Counties at no cost to the families.

For more information call (864) 331-1427 or email kidventures@thriveupstate.org.

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MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIP

Medical Legal Partnership (MLP) takes an integrated upstream approach to addressing and preventing health-harming civil legal barriers to patients' health. In a MLP, lawyers collaborate with healthcare providers to ensure the health of vulnerable patients and families by addressing unmet health harming needs in conjunction with medical care.

The SC Medical-Legal Partnership (MLP) is a partnership between three agencies: Greenville Health System (GHS), Furman University, and South Carolina Legal Services (SCLS). Through this partnership, a health care provider can identify a potential health harming legal need, and the patient can be directly referred to a lawyer located at CDS. This MLP currently provides legal services for children with developmental disabilities and special needs in low-income families who are patients of GHS healthcare providers.

The MLP offers a wide range of civil legal services through South Carolina Legal Services for eligible families. Some examples include:

- Guardianship/Conservatorship
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Social Security Disability Insurance/Disabled Adult Child Benefits (SSDI)
- Housing – conditions, landlord disputes, eviction
- Health Insurance
- Academic Support/IEP Representation
- Transition health care needs
- SNAP/WIC
- Child Support
- Family Law
- Many other civil areas of law

The SC MLP office is located on the second floor at CDS. Referrals can be made by a GHS health care provider by calling the MLP at (864) 331-1328. Families not seeing GHS providers may contact SCLS directly by dialing 1-888-346-5592, through www.sclegal.org, or apply for legal services online at www.lawhelp.org/sc/online-intake.

INVESTMENT PARTNERS

CDS is grateful for the significant contributions of these community partners. Each have been with us since our inception, and our doors would not be open today without their continued support.

Greenville Health System

Through visionary leaders at the Greenville Health System, the GHS Children's Hospital funded our initial renovation of the building at a cost of \$2.5 million. That vision continues to be a reality today with CDS serving over 7,500 children each year.

First Presbyterian Church of Greenville

As owners of the building, First Presbyterian Church of Greenville provides CDS with use of our 35,000-square foot facility at no charge. This critical support allows us to carry out our mission to the disability community more sustainably.

United Way of Greenville

From our earliest beginnings, the United Way has been critical in bringing other organizations to the table to form our collaborative partnership. Their annual campaign drive in the community each fall supports our programs for the children and families we serve.



Bon Secours St. Francis

Bon Secours St. Francis Health System partners with CDS by providing various health services to the community we serve. Bon Secours sponsors our Family Resource Center, provides bilingual health education sessions, and utilizes their mobile dental services on-site during CDS annual events.

The Bevis Family

How CDS has impacted an entire family through their daughter, Elbie



When Perrin and James Bevis welcomed their 5th child into the family, they found out that little Elisabeth had Down syndrome along with significant medical complications.

Elisabeth (nicknamed Elbie) was very fragile. After her first surgery, Elbie required a feeding tube into her stomach and a broviac line into her heart.



Back row: Bentley, James, Nielly. Center: Perrin. Front row: Henry, Elbie, Charlie

By six months of age, Elbie was referred to GHS Developmental/Behavioral Pediatrics, a partner at CDS. During her appointment, the family was greeted by Family Connection, another CDS partner, who helped guide Perrin and James through the new world they were trying to accept and understand. At the appointment, they found out that Elbie's inner core strength was weak and she would need occupational therapy (OT), physical therapy (PT), and speech therapy (ST). The family had to learn a new way to pick her up and to interact with her fragile body.

The family had an option to do in-home therapy. However, they loved the comforts of CDS and the friendliness of the staff so much that they felt it was worth the hour drive into Greenville. Perrin also enjoyed being around other parents who had children with developmental delays, as it kept her from feeling secluded. The decision was easy, and they began to set goals for Elbie with the therapists at GHS Kidnetics.

For OT, one of Elbie's goals was to wear glasses because she had sensory issues with things on her head. For ST, they worked on swallowing,

word identification, and repeating sounds. For PT, she learned to crawl, walk, and slide down a slide. During one PT session, the therapist noticed Elbie's ankles were too flexible and had difficulty staying in-line. By the next week's appointment, the GHS Prosthetics & Orthotics team across the hall was involved to observe and fit Elbie for ankle braces. It's this collaboration that Perrin valued most for her daughter. It's an entire team working with the family at the child's own pace.

After 2½ years, the Bevis family still comes to CDS once a week. It's a highlight for her children because of the welcoming, kid-friendly environment and fun activities available. Their favorite place is in the Bon Secours St. Francis Resource Center. Here, her children read books from the library shelves, do research on the computers, and challenge each other with the peg maze board on the wall. Perrin, herself, looks forward to the quiet time she rarely gets while her children are entertained.

Perrin is now a mentor to other families and an advocate for the centralized services that make CDS unique.



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