An overview of Developmental Pediatrics and Rehabilitation Services (DPR)

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There are many types of DPR services offered at the Chedoke Site of McMaster Children’s Hospital. Some of these services may be appropriate for your child.

Developmental Pediatrics and Rehabilitation Services

Location: Chedoke site of McMaster Children’s Hospital
565 Sanatorium Road, Hamilton, ON

Hours: We are open from 8 am to 5 pm

General inquiries: Call 905-521-2100
• Evel Building ext. 74920
• Holbrook Building ext. 77008
• Intake Service ext. 77950

Website: www.mcmasterchildrenshospital.ca

Parking at Chedoke is a flat rate of $5. No charge to ‘drop off’ (less than 15 minutes). Coin payment is required to exit parking lot. Change machines are located in the main entrances of the Evel, Holbrook and Wilcox buildings.

Services at the Chedoke Site

- Cleft Lip and Palate Team
- Technology Access Clinic
- Infant-Parent Program
- Specialized Developmental and Behavioural Service
- Children’s Developmental Rehabilitation Programme
- Developmental Pediatricians
- Preschool Communication Services
- Audiology Services
- DPR Developmental Pediatrics and Rehabilitation
- Autism Spectrum Disorder Service

Chedoke Buildings
1. Empire Building
3. Holbrook Building
4. Wilcox Building
6. Bruce Building
7. Building 74
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We help families who live in Hamilton and provide services from birth up to age 18. The services you receive will depend on the needs of your child and family.

Cleft Lip and Palate Program (CLP)

Children with cleft lip and palate have many needs that change as they grow and develop. Our services are available to meet your child’s needs throughout his or her development.

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- From birth to 2 years
- 2 to 6 years, and
- 7 to 22 years.

Our team members will see your child regularly. We will try to anticipate his or her needs to prevent possible problems or deal with them early on.

For referrals to DPR

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Community Resources - see next page
Working together

Our care is family-centred. This means that you and your family are an important part of the health care team. We will work together to plan your child's care.

How you can help us

You can be involved in your child's health care by:
- Sharing information about your child
- Telling us what's important to you and your child
- Asking questions, especially when you don't understand
- Helping plan how the care for your child will happen here at the centre, at your home and/or in daycare if your child attends
- Sharing concerns about your child or the plan of care
- Telling us about any changes in your child or his/her needs
- Talking to us and filling out surveys when available
- Being on time for appointments
- Not bringing your child to an appointment when he/she is sick
- Calling ahead of time to cancel if your child is sick or you can't come (refer to DPR contact information on page 11)

How we will help you and your child

We will be involved in your child's care by:
- Asking you questions to get to know you and your child
- Sharing information with you about your child's strengths and challenges
- Giving you information on your child's progress
- Helping you understand the challenges your child faces
- Showing you things that you can do to help your child
- Responding quickly when you or your child needs help

Developmental Pediatricians

If you want to know ‘Why is my child developing differently from other children?’ and ‘What can be done to help my child?’, Developmental Pediatricians can help.

To answer these questions we will observe and examine your child, and gather information from other professionals such as therapists, teachers and psychologists. Technical tests can also provide valuable information about your child’s development.

To find the best way to help your child, we need to fully understand:
- Your child’s usual life
- What challenges he or she faces, and
- What kind of support is already being helpful.

Infant-Parent Program (IPP)

We support families of young children (up to 3 years of age) who are at risk because of developmental, medical or other problems.

Our team members can help your family adjust to having a baby or toddler who may have special needs. We will work with you to set goals and solve problems.

Our goal is to help your family reach its best potential.
Preschool Communication Services (PCS)

We provide speech and language services to children up to 5 years of age, and their families. As part of the ‘Early Words’ services in this region, we can:

- Assess your child’s speech and language development
- Treat speech and language difficulties
- Offer programs for parents and other caregivers
- Provide information about other services and resources
- Work with community partners such as early learning and care centres and Early Words programs

Specialized Developmental and Behavioural Services (SDBS)

We help families of:

- Children and teens with developmental disabilities
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A health professional from our team will work closely with you to determine your child’s needs and arrange services.

The services your family receives may include:

- Assessing your child’s physical and psychological development
- Consultation
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We will help your family get the services and support needed to reach your goals.

Technology Access Clinic (TAC)

We provide Augmentative and Alternative Communication Services (AAC).

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