The Center on Human Development and Disability (CHDD)

The Center is dedicated to the prevention and treatment of developmental disabilities through research, training, outreach, and clinical services both at CHDD and in the community. The University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) at CHDD is part of a nationwide network of university-based centers that provide interdisciplinary supports and services to people with disabilities. It is guided by the principles and values that encourage independence, productivity, and inclusion of people with disabilities in community life.

Getting Acquainted

Most clinical service, outreach, training, and research programs at CHDD serve individuals with developmental, learning, and related behavioral problems and their families. Service is provided by professionals from the following fields: audiology, developmental pediatrics, employment services, genetic counseling, nursing, nutrition, occupational therapy, pediatric genetics, physical therapy, psychology, social work, special education, and speech and language pathology. An interdisciplinary team approach assures comprehensive and integrated services.

Referring a Family

Anyone who is concerned about an individual’s developmental status may make a referral to CHDD. Referrals often come from parents, nurses, physicians, teachers, and social service staff. Teens and adults may refer themselves. To initiate a referral, call the phone number listed next to the clinic or program.

Paying for Services

Standard fees are charged for services at CHDD. Most forms of private and public health insurance are accepted. For details, contact the specific clinic where you wish to make an appointment. Families must follow all requirements of their insurers for referrals and pre-authorizations.

Finding the Center

The CHDD is located directly behind University of Washington (UW) Medical Center. The street address for the UW Medical Center is 1959 NE Pacific Avenue, Seattle, WA 98195. A fee is charged in campus parking lots.
Clinics and Services

Biochemical Genetics Clinic
206-598-1800
This clinic offers diagnosis, evaluation, and long-term management plans for individuals with metabolic disorders. Family support activities are offered to assist with compliance with treatment. Genetic counseling about the heritability of these disorders is provided to all families, and prenatal diagnosis is offered to families for subsequent at-risk pregnancies.

Child Development Clinic
206-598-9346
This team-based clinic provides autism diagnostic services, developmental assessments and therapeutic recommendations for children from birth to adolescence with or at risk for developmental disabilities. The clinic includes professionals from audiology, developmental pediatrics, psychology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, nursing, nutrition, social work, and speech and language pathology who assess the child’s health and developmental status during a two- to three-day evaluation. The team also provides diagnostic referrals to support services.

Congenital Hypothyroidism Clinic
206-598-1800
This clinic provides developmental screening for children identified through the state’s newborn screening program and diagnosed with congenital hypothyroidism. Children receive periodic assessments to evaluate developmental progress and need for intervention. Services include occupational therapy, psychology, and developmental pediatrics.

EEU Classes at the Haring Center
206-543-4011
This program offers a state-certified program of specialized education. Services are provided by an interdisciplinary team that includes a classroom teacher, speech and language pathologist, occupational or physical therapist, and other professionals. Children from birth to age 7 are referred to the program by parents, professionals, school districts, and community agencies. Each classroom includes children with disabilities as well as typically developing youngsters. Families receive support services.

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) Diagnosis and Prevention Network
206-598-7666
This program offers multidisciplinary assessment to individuals of all ages who have been exposed to alcohol prenatally and who may have developmental, learning, or behavioral concerns. It provides diagnostic referrals to support services. Additional clinics are located statewide.

Genetic Medicine Clinic
206-598-4030
This clinic provides assessment, consultation, testing, genetic counseling, management and follow-up for adults, children and families at risk to have or who have been diagnosed with a genetic condition. It brings together a team of experts from neurology, medical genetics, pediatrics, and genetic counseling. Areas of expertise include: cancer genetics, connective tissue disorders, genetic skin disorders, Turner syndrome, Neurofibromatosis, cardiomyopathies, and autism. Eligibility for the clinic may include dysmorphic or atypical facial features, as well as severe neurological symptoms, such as intellectual and other developmental disabilities, seizures, movement disorders, unexplained muscle weakness, or abnormal brain scans or muscle biopsies.

Infant Development Follow-up Clinic
formerly known as the High Risk Infant Follow-up Clinic
206-598-9348
This clinic provides developmental follow-up of infants and children designated as high risk due primarily to prematurity, low birth weight, and/or prenatal exposure to drugs. The goal is to provide early identification and referral for early intervention for neurodevelopmental and neurobehavioral problems.

Pediatric Audiology Clinic
206-598-1800
This program provides assessment, consultation for dietary management and health supervision, and evaluation of treatment outcomes to children and adults with PKU. A focused health and wellness curriculum facilitates treatment compliance and supports self-management skills. Long-term planning and follow-up help prevent adverse consequences.

UW Autism Center Clinic
Seattle: 206-221-6806    Tacoma: 253-692-4711
This clinic provides assessment, consultation, testing, genetic counseling, management and follow-up for adults, children and families at risk to have or who have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders. Available services include:
• Applied Behavioral Analysis
• Developmental Pediatric
• Early Childhood Intervention
• Speech & Language Intervention
• Infant Clinic
• Diagnostic Services

UW Employment Training Program
206-543-6387
This program provides adults with developmental and other disabilities with training and placement in competitive part-time and full-time jobs with employers in King County.

Check out this website for family-focused CHDD Clinic information
http://depts.washington.edu/chdd/families.html