Child Development Program

The Child Development Program at Weill Cornell Medicine is dedicated to providing integrated, collaborative care for a diverse population of children with a wide range of strengths and difficulties.

We provide evaluation, treatment and referral for conditions including: delays in motor and language development, autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy, and school-related problems including Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). In addition, we develop plans to address behavioral difficulties including temper tantrums, sleep problems and feeding disorders.

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We provide diagnostic evaluations and ongoing care for infants and children with developmental delays, disorders and behavioral difficulties. We also provide recommendations for therapy, schooling, educational accommodations and medication management.

Parent Coaching

Mary Ward, Ph.D.

Dr. Mary Ward, our behavioral psychologist, offers assistance and guidance regarding:

- Sleeping
- Feeding
- Toileting
- Discipline
- Daily schedules
- Parent-child communication
- Other behavioral issues

Dr. Ward collaborates with parents to define goals, teaches agreed-upon strategies, and coaches parents to use those strategies independently. Her approach is non-judgmental, relationship-focused and presumes parent competence.

Diagnosis & Treatment

We diagnose and treat the following conditions:

- Autism spectrum disorder
- Motor coordination disorders and dyspraxia
- Language disorders
- Behavioral disorders – ADHD and ODD
- Sensory processing disorders
- Learning difficulties
- Genetic disorders with associated developmental delays

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Resources

Healthy Children – Ages & Stages
American Academy of Pediatrics information regarding early milestones
Autism Speaks
A national advocacy group for people with autism and their families

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)
- ADHD and Teens: Information for Teens

National Center for Learning Disabilities

What Sets us Apart

We are affiliated with the Komansky Children’s Hospital at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, the no. 1 ranked children’s hospital in New York City on the 2017-2018 US News & World Report Best Children’s Hospitals Survey.

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