

Your child's treatment team

Pediatrics

A board-certified pediatrician monitors each child and leads the treatment team. These pediatricians are very experienced in the care of children with special needs. Attending physicians are:

- Eileen Fox, MD
- James Fields, MD
- Thomas Thurston, MD

24-hour nursing care

Each patient is assigned to a hospital unit where the watchful eyes of our nursing staff follow the children 24 hours a day. The nurses monitor each patient's health status and teams up with the therapy staff to develop a plan of care for each child. The unit nurse ensures our direct care staff are following the therapeutic goals and guidelines established for each patient to help them reach their fullest potential during the admission. These services are provided 365 days a year:

- Development of individualized plans of care
- Physical and functional assessment
- Administration of medications and treatments
- Administration and monitoring of tube feedings
- Post-operative care and pain management
- On-going behavior modification/development of self care skills
- Evaluation of progress
- Patient/family education
- Assistance with transition into the community



Social services

The social worker is the family's direct line to the treatment team during their child's inpatient admission. Each social worker locates community and financial resources, helps coordinate team meetings and supports the family. Social services leads a mobile screening team that allows families to complete the intake process in their own community. During this process, a social worker introduces families to resources available throughout the state and services provided by the McCarty Center that include inpatient and respite care. Services available include:

- Information and referral
- Education of patient, family, public and community
- Support groups
- Case management
- Liaison activities between the treatment team, family and community
- Discharge and after-care planning