

Child Development Clinic partners

We work closely with other individuals and organizations to ensure the best outcomes for all children:

- Primary care providers
- Specialty care providers (genetics, neurology, mental health)
- Children's Integrated Services (CIS)—Early Intervention (EI), Nursing and Family Support, and Early Childhood and Family Mental Health
- Early care and education—Early Essential Education (EEE), childcare, Head Start and Early Head Start
- Schools and special education
- Children's Personal Care Services and Developmental Services
- Vermont Family Network
- Parent-child centers
- Vermont Blueprint for Health, Community Health Teams
- Other local programs for infants and young children



Where is the Child Development Clinic?

The Child Development Clinic serves all regions of Vermont. Please contact our central office in Burlington to find the clinic location nearest you.



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Children with Special Health Needs
108 Cherry Street, PO Box 70
Burlington, VT 05402
healthvermont.gov/family/cshn/cshn.aspx

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While all children grow and develop at their own pace, some children may lag behind their peers in play, motor skills, communication, language, or social skills—at a rate that may concern parents and providers. There are many possible causes of differences in a child's development. These range from developmental disorders such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), cerebral palsy, intellectual disabilities, genetic disorders, learning disabilities, hearing or vision impairments, and the effects of medical illnesses or injuries.

What is the Child Development Clinic?

Every child should be screened for developmental concerns by their primary care provider. The Child Development Clinic provides developmental evaluation for children who are thought to have a developmental concern, cognitive disability, or autism spectrum disorder, or a known condition affecting development. The Child Development Clinic can:

- help make a diagnosis
- work with primary care and specialty care providers
- assist with early intervention and education recommendations
- assist with care coordination, including: team meetings, organizing services, referrals for community supports, and help completing applications

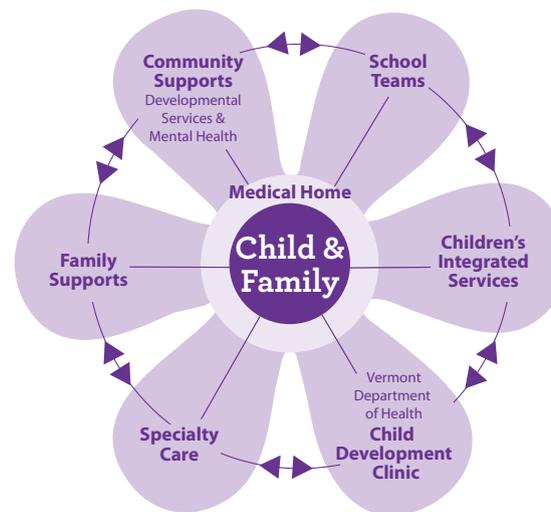
The Child Development Clinic is a service of the Vermont Department of Health (VDH).

Who can get services?

The Child Development Clinic evaluates young Vermont children (generally up to age 8 years) who are thought to have some kind of developmental difference or developmental disability. *Please call us to discuss referrals or other resources, even if the child is older than 8.*

How do we begin?

With parent permission, anyone (primary care providers, schools, community agencies & families themselves) may make a referral to the Child Development Clinic. Call our central office in Burlington and speak with the intake staff. It is very important that the child's primary care provider is aware of the referral. The Child Development Clinic team will determine if a Child Development Clinic evaluation is appropriate for the child's needs.



Who will work with my child?

Your child and family will be seen by a combination of the following clinicians: medical social worker, board-certified developmental pediatrician, nurse practitioner, and neuro-psychologist or psychologist. There are also occasions when a physical therapist, occupational therapist, or child psychiatrist are consulted. The members of the clinic team are selected according to your child's age, developmental stage and where in the state your child lives.

What happens at an appointment?

The appointment will involve talking with the clinic team and play-based testing of your child. This will give us information to create a plan for your child. Observations and recommendations are discussed with parents/guardians during each appointment. There is time for families to ask questions and express concerns. When needed, a language interpreter will be provided.

A summary report of the appointment with recommendations is then sent to your family. With parent permission, the results will be shared with your child's primary care provider, and with other medical, social service, or educational providers.

How much does it cost?

There is no cost to families for visits to the clinic.



Our tests, such as this one to measure height, are play-based and fun for kids!