

WAISMAN RESOURCE CENTER

Conveniently located in space adjacent to the clinics waiting room, the Waisman Resource Center (WRC) provides free and confidential information and assistance about resources for children, youth and adults with disabilities and/or special health care needs. Families that are visiting the Waisman Center can learn about services, organizations, parent support groups, books, articles, fact sheets, videos, web sites, and details about specific conditions. The WRC is part of a statewide network of centers with a mission of offering a uniform system of information and referral to families. The WRC's toll free number is 1-800-532-3321.

FINANCIAL CONCERNS

The total charge for a Waisman Center visit will depend on the range of services received. In addition to charges for professional services provided at the Waisman Center, additional expenses, such as laboratory fees, may be incurred. Billing for clinical services is handled through the University of Wisconsin Medical Foundation and/or University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics. Some of the Biochemical Genetics lab work is billed through the Waisman Center. Many health insurance policies and Wisconsin Medical Assistance will cover CSU services, but the type and extent of coverage vary greatly. Please review your policy carefully. When an HMO is to be billed for the service we must have an authorized referral. When Medical Assistance is to be billed for the service, we must have either an authorized referral or a written denial from the HMO before we can provide services.

If possible, Waisman Center staff will assist clients and/or their families in securing financial assistance if needed.

PARKING & DIRECTIONS TO THE WAISMAN CENTER



Waisman Center
University of Wisconsin-Madison
1500 Highland Avenue
Madison, WI 53705-2280
Waisman Clinics Information: (608) 263-3301

Parking: Clients, patients, and visitors should park in stalls outlined in blue and hang a visitor's permit from rear view mirror (obtain permit from lobby desk if you did not receive one prior to your visit). After 4:30 p.m. or on the weekends, parking permit not required except for handicapped stalls.

Entrance: Enter building in north tower at main clinics/lobby doors. Turn right to reach lobby.

Directions
From the east—follow University Avenue through campus and then go off to the right on Campus Drive; stay in the right lane and turn right at the University Bay Drive/Farley Avenue intersection.

From the west—follow University Avenue and turn left at the University Bay Drive/Farley Avenue intersection.

After making the turn (from either direction)—Continue straight over the hill; the road at that point becomes Highland Avenue. The Waisman Center is at the bottom of the hill on the left, across the street from UW-Children's

Hospital and UW Hospital and Clinics.

A GUIDE TO CLINICAL CARE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES



IN COLLABORATION WITH



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For more than 35 years, the Waisman Center has provided comprehensive services and supports to people with disabilities and their families. Currently the Waisman Center provides clinical care through 10 specialty clinics that are operated in collaboration with UW Hospital and Clinics and several UW-Madison Departments.

Professionals from many disciplines at the University of Wisconsin-Madison work together in Waisman Center clinics, combining knowledge in the following areas: audiology, biochemical and clinical genetics, nursing, nutrition, occupational therapy, orthopedics, pediatrics, pediatric neurology, pediatric rehabilitation, physical therapy, psychology, social work, and speech and language. On a visit to the Waisman Center, clients will most likely be seen by professionals representing a number of these areas.

Many health concerns bring people to the Waisman Center from throughout Wisconsin, as well as neighboring states and other parts of the country. A child may be "at risk" for a developmental problem; a person may evidence a mild, moderate, or severe developmental disability; or a child with a developmental disability may face compounded difficulties in a family with complex service issues. Most services focus on the needs of children with developmental disabilities from birth to age 21.

The primary clinical services provided at the Waisman Center include:

- screening or evaluation
- diagnosis
- treatment or intervention
- follow-up assistance or support
- information and referral
- access to the Waisman Resource Center

Throughout the service delivery process, professionals work with families and community personnel to identify the needs of each client and family. These considerations include the involvement of school psychologists, teachers, social service agency personnel, residential and vocational providers, therapists, and physicians.



The Waisman Center is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge about human development, developmental disabilities, and neurodegenerative diseases.

CLINICS

Biochemical Genetics Clinic

(608) 263-5993

Director: Gregory Rice, MD

Coordinator: Sandy van Calcar, RD, MS

The Biochemical Genetics Clinic serves people who have suspected or known hereditary metabolic disease, especially "aminoacidopathies (such as phenylketonuria or PKU), organic acidemias, and defects of fatty acid metabolism.

Professionals in pediatrics, nutrition, genetic counseling, and nursing provide initial diagnostic/confirmatory services and longitudinal care. Follow-through is also provided to clients who require careful nutritional supervision. The clinic staff works closely with the Wisconsin Newborn Screening Program as well as staff from other disciplines in the Clinical Services Unit of the Waisman Center and UW Hospital and clinics.

Cerebral Palsy and Neuromotor Development Clinic

(608) 263-7335

Directors: Michael Ward, MD—Pediatric Rehabilitation

Tina Iyama, MD—Developmental Pediatrics

Coordinator: Traci Bates, RN

Children who have cerebral palsy or other neurodevelopmental problems receive continuity of care in this clinic. They receive comprehensive evaluation, long-term treatment, follow-along care and reevaluation by the core interdisciplinary staff along with orthopedists and other medical specialists. Strong relationships with the families of clients and linkages with other community service agencies are in place. Since the majority of clients have multiple handicaps, their needs are complex and require a high degree of coordination between groups to insure that services meet commonly recognized and agreed-upon goals.



Greg Anderson

Communication Aids and Systems Clinic (CASC)

(608) 263-2522

Director: Julie Gamradt, MS, CCC-SLP

Program

Assistant: DiAnne Genrich

CASC provides augmentative alternative communication and computer access services. Using assistive technology, the staff (speech language pathologists and occupational therapists with specialized training) provide consumer-centered services to help people with disabilities and neurodegenerative diseases develop written, spoken, or computer-based communication skills needed to reach their full potential. Interdisciplinary services include: direct outcome-focused evaluation and intervention, consultation, technical support, student training, and outreach.

The Communications Aids & Systems Clinic is an affiliate of the Trace Research and Development Center of the UW-Madison.

REFERRAL & APPLICATION

Waisman Center clinics accept referrals from any source, including self-referrals.

If you have general questions, please call (608) 263-3301. Inquiries and referrals may be made directly to each clinic. The application procedure sometimes involves an assessment of individual needs prior to the arrangement for an appointment. Staff schedule appointments as soon as possible after receiving the referral. Several clinics have waiting lists for services.

CLINIC HOURS: 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Developmental Disabilities Clinic

(608) 263-5815

Director: Anna Dusick, MD—Developmental Pediatrics

Coordinator: Erin Olheiser, M.A., LPC

The Developmental Disabilities Clinic offers specialized diagnostic and assessment services to persons who have, or are suspected of having, developmental problems. This includes such concerns as developmental delays, need for educational programming, challenging behaviors, or disorders of communication, motor, or social-emotional development. Assessments are provided by specialists who work closely together to provide comprehensive and integrated evaluations. Family members and community personnel have an important role on this team; their input, questions, and opinions are indispensable. As a part of each evaluation, family members and staff meet together to review findings and formulate recommendations.

Autism Spectrum Disorders

Children who are referred to diagnose or rule out an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) receive an interdisciplinary assessment that includes, at a minimum, a medical diagnosis and observational assessment. Brief and more extensive diagnostic visits include a variety of standardized tests. The team of autism experts includes a variety of disciplines including Developmental Pediatrics, Psychology, Speech-Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Nursing, Audiology, Nutrition and Social Work.

Feeding Development Team

(608) 263-5947

Director: Anne Bradford Harris, PhD, MPH, RD

Intake

Coordinator: Lynn Havemann, MEd

The Interdisciplinary Feeding Clinic, under the auspices of the Developmental Disabilities Clinic, provides developmental feeding consultations for infants and children with special health care needs or children at high risk for feeding issues because of newborn health status. The Feeding Clinic team is composed of specialists who work collaboratively to provide interdisciplinary assessments (including behavioral, oral motor, nutritional), initial recommendations and full clinical reports as well as referral to and coordination with community resources.

Fragile X Clinic

(608) 890-0148

Director: Gregory Rice, MD

Contact: Lindsay Zetsche

The Fragile X Clinic provides evaluations, treatment, and support for children with fragile X and their families. During the individualized clinic visit, a multidisciplinary team focuses on improving functional outcomes and quality of life for children with fragile X syndrome and their families.

Genetics Clinic

(608) 262-2507

Director: David Wargowski, MD

Clinic Coordinator: Sue Kalscheur

The genetics staff, consisting of physicians and genetic counselors, provides services to persons who have genetic disorders or birth defects, and to their families. Services include a General Genetics Clinic, which functions principally in diagnosing the cause of complex processes, as well as several specialty clinics and special programs. Specialty clinics include the Bone Dysplasia Clinic (disorders of bone growth), Sensory Deficits Clinic (deafness and blindness), and the Cancer Genetics Counseling Program. Other special programs include a stillbirth assessment service and a teratogen information service. In addition, counselors are involved in clinics serving families with members with clefting, cystic fibrosis, Prader-Willi syndrome, etc. Finally, the genetics staff travels to outreach sites throughout the state, where they provide clinical care as well as education and training for professionals and the public.

Phonology Clinic

(608) 263-5798

Directors: Joan Kwiatkowski, MA
Lawrence D. Shriberg, PhD

Web Site: <http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/phonology/>

The Phonology Clinic provides speech therapy services for preschool and school-age children. Younger children may have severely reduced speech intelligibility due to speech-sound deletions and substitutions; older children may have unusual error patterns or persistent speech sound distortions. Individualized treatment programs are based on the child's communication profile, which includes the results of a comprehensive phonetic/phonologic/prosodic analysis and information on cognitive, psycholinguistic, language comprehension, language production, oral-motor, and psychosocial development.

Spasticity and Movement Disorders Clinic

(608) 263-7335

Director: Taryn Bragg, MD

Contact: Traci Bates, RN

In the Spasticity and Movement Disorders Clinic, children and young adults with neurological disorders causing abnormalities of muscle tone are evaluated by a multidisciplinary team led by Leland Albright, MD. Each patient is seen by skilled professionals representing neurosurgery, psychiatry, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and nursing. An individualized and comprehensive plan of care is then developed by the team members, with input from families and patients. Treatments may include oral medications, botox injections, orthopedic operations or neurosurgical procedures, including intrathecal baclofen, deep brain stimulation or other procedures.