



Maryville

Caring for Children. Strengthening Families.

Maryville Children's
Healthcare Center

Children's Healthcare Center (CHC)

- ▶ 16 bed Transitional Care Unit
 - ▶ Non-for profit
 - ▶ Care for medically fragile and/or technology dependent children
 - ▶ Serve children from newborn to age 21
 - ▶ 24 hour skilled nursing care, 365 days a year
 - ▶ Staffed by: Nurses, CNAs, nurse practitioner, director of nursing, child life specialist, medical case manager, patient sitters, and, health unit coordinator, two pediatricians, dietician.
 - ▶ Grant funded respiratory therapist, massage therapist, and physical therapist.

CHC Continued...

- ▶ Healthcare facility established under the Alternative Health Care Delivery Act [210 ILCS/3] and licensed by the Illinois Department of Public Health and approved provider for the Division of Specialized Care for Children.
- ▶ CON approved on November 2007
- ▶ Opened in June 2008
- ▶ Located in Northwest Chicago



Admissions From:

- ▶ Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
- ▶ Loyola University Health System
- ▶ Advocate Lutheran General
- ▶ Advocate Christ Children's Hospital
- ▶ La Rabida Children's Hospital
- ▶ Rush University Medical Center

Children Who are Medically Fragile

- ▶ The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services defines Medically Fragile/Technology dependent children as youth under the age of 21 who, because of the severity of their physical illness or disability would require the level of care appropriate to a hospital, or skilled nursing facility. They require intensive medical care coordination.
- ▶ There are 2 million medically complex children in the United States, accounting for 6 % of the total pediatric population, accounting for 40% of Medicaid spending.

Children Who are Medically Fragile:

- ▶ Have complex medical conditions which result in specialized medical care that require skilled nursing level care to sustain the life of these children.
- ▶ Have limited mobility and require special health care support due to paralysis or chronic disease.
- ▶ Require skilled nursing, therapy services, and management by multiple health professionals.
- ▶ May have developmental, behavioral, and emotional conditions in addition to their significant physical problems.
- ▶ May have a condition that is life threatening, an acute chronic infectious disease, or a terminal illness.
- ▶ Are entitled to education.

Medical Care at the CHC

- ▶ Ventilator care
- ▶ Apnea monitoring
- ▶ Trach care
- ▶ PICC and central line care
- ▶ Medication management
- ▶ Post-op care
- ▶ Feeding tube management
- ▶ Oxygen and/or high humidity
- ▶ Central nervous system monitoring
- ▶ Wound care/dressing changes
- ▶ Orthotic management



Coordination of Care

- ▶ Transport children to medical and therapy appointments at their home hospitals, and with their primary care pediatricians and their medical specialists.
- ▶ Facilitate telehealth visits for ongoing care with medical specialists.
- ▶ Collaborate with Durable Medical Equipment (DME) providers to obtain each child's individualized medical supplies.
- ▶ Work with wheelchair vendors and orthotists, and medical specialists to obtain specialized equipment including adaptive wheelchairs, orthotic braces, hearing aids, glasses, cochlear implants.
- ▶ Work with Department of Children and Family Services and the Illinois Court Systems to support children in care.
- ▶ Work with Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) to secure home health care upon discharge, DME supplies, and ongoing resources for children and families.

Child Centered Care



- ▶ Child life specialist (CCLS) collaborates with local schools, therapists, and hospitals to implement wholistic, developmental, and play-based goals into each child's daily routine.
- ▶ CCLS and medical case manager work with Chicago Public Schools to get IEPs for each child over the age of three, so each child attends school.
- ▶ CCCLS and medical case manager work with Illinois Early Intervention (EI) services to develop IFSPs for each child under three, so children can receive EI therapy services directly at Maryville.

Caring for the Whole Child

- ▶ Birthday parties for each child
- ▶ Pre-COVID outings to the movies
- ▶ Outings to events when community partners donate tickets, such as to Bulls and Bears games.
- ▶ Holiday events and parties.
- ▶ Therapy room/playroom on site.
- ▶ Adaptive playground outside.
- ▶ Donors provide developmentally appropriate toys and activities throughout the year.



Family Centered Care



- ▶ Nurse educators work with families and caregivers to teach them to medically care for their child when the child is discharged home.
- ▶ Caregivers train directly at bedside with their child, as well as in the teaching lab, where they are able to practice utilizing real medical equipment on medical mannequins.

Payments



- ▶ Services at the CHC are covered by Medicaid programs for many children.
- ▶ Some children at the CHC have private insurance from companies such as:
 - ▶ Blue Cross Blue Shield
 - ▶ Cigna
 - ▶ Aetna
 - ▶ Youthcare/Centene

COVID Precautions

The CHC has remained open through out the COVID pandemic.

- ▶ Increased cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting of all areas
- ▶ Pre-screening before any scheduled with families and care providers
- ▶ Daily screening, monitoring, and temperature checks of children and staff
- ▶ Staff wear face masks at all times
- ▶ Limiting in-person contact with families; utilizing Zoom for visits



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