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## **The Inside Scoop: Meeting Children's Medical Needs in Their Home, School and Community**

Building A Supportive Team

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# New York State's First and Only Pediatric-Day Respite Center



- Capacity- 40 Full-Time Equivalents
- Three Separate Infant & Toddler Class Groupings
- Four Half-Day Preschool Groups
- Open year round
- Operates M – F from 8:00 am – 5:30 pm
- 2:1 Child to Staff Ratio
- Pediatric Nursing Team
- Four NYS certified early education / special education teachers on staff





## Tradition of Innovation



1988- Sisters of Saint Joseph Foster Care



2001- Nursing Supervised Child Care Home



Today- Daystar's Comprehensive Pediatric Day-Respite Center



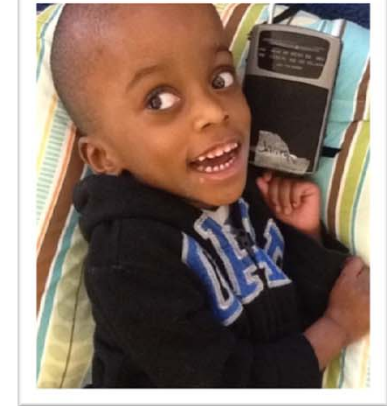
# Mission



To joyfully celebrate children with special healthcare and developmental needs and enrich their lives by promoting each child's individual healthcare, developmental, and psychosocial goals in an encouraging atmosphere of their peers, and to strengthen and support their families.



# Joyfully celebrating children with special health care needs



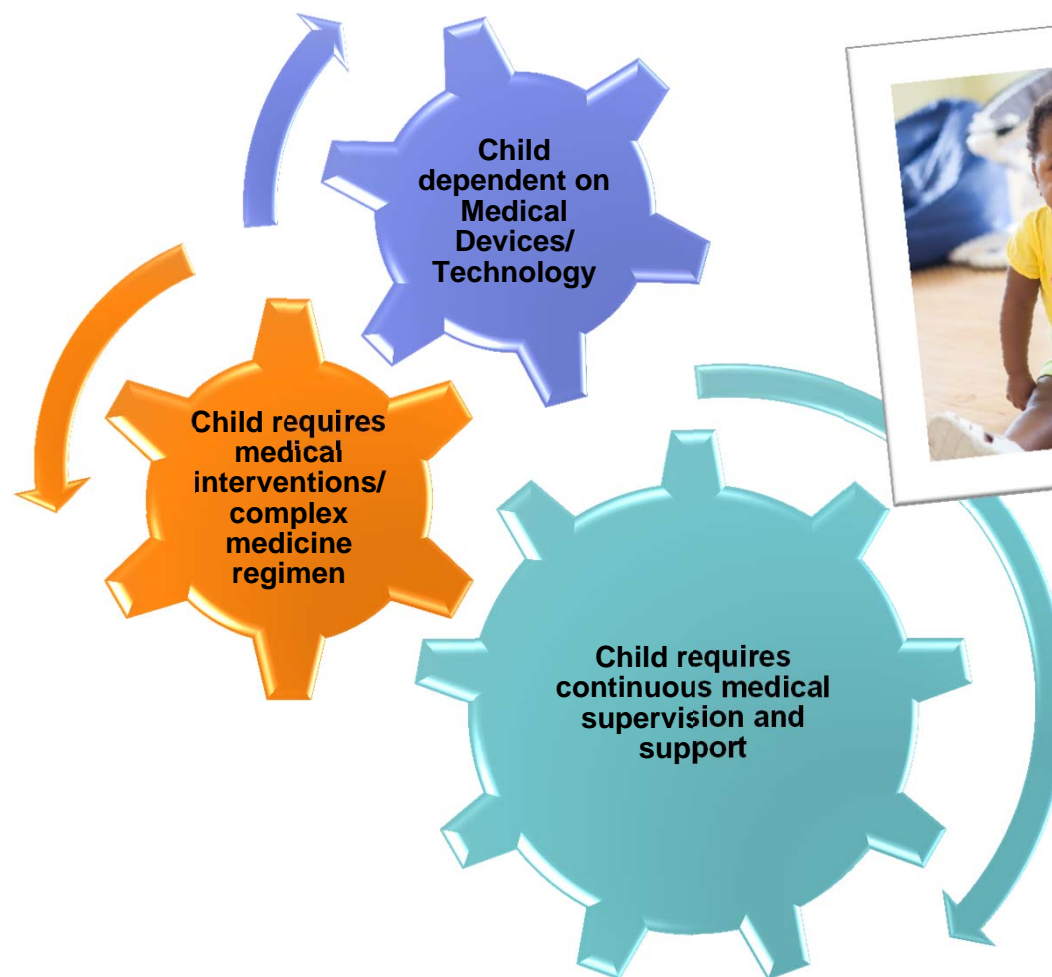
# Experiencing the joys of childhood



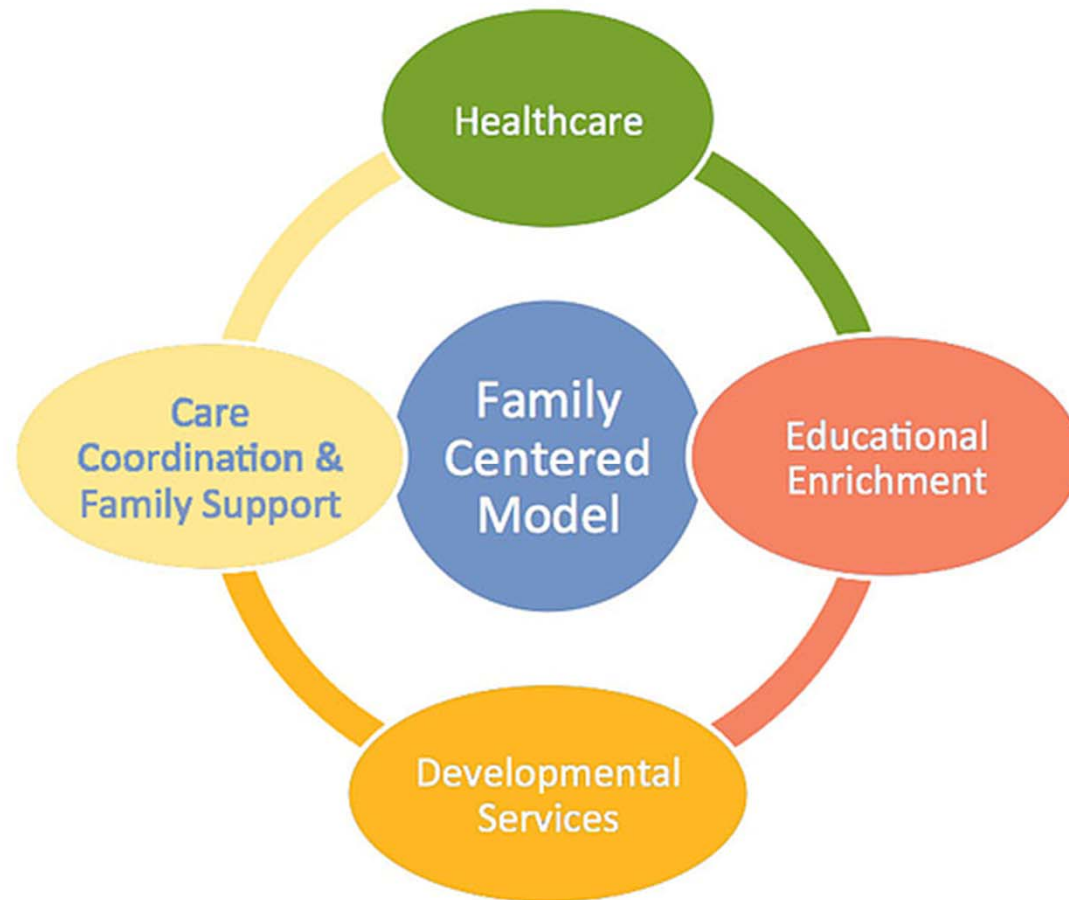
# Who We Serve



Infants 6  
months old  
to  
Preschoolers  
5 years old



# Multidisciplinary teams provide comprehensive services and supports





# Healthcare: Skilled Pediatric Nursing

## Healthcare

- ❖ Administer medications and provide medical interventions
- ❖ Manage medical technology and devices





# Healthcare: Skilled Pediatric Nursing

- ❖ Provide daily health checks and continuous medical supervision
- ❖ Collaborate with parents on management of medical needs and compliance with medical appointments and orders.



# Healthcare: Skilled Pediatric Nursing

- ❖ Nursing care administered in the classroom within a typical routine



# Healthcare: Skilled Pediatric Nursing



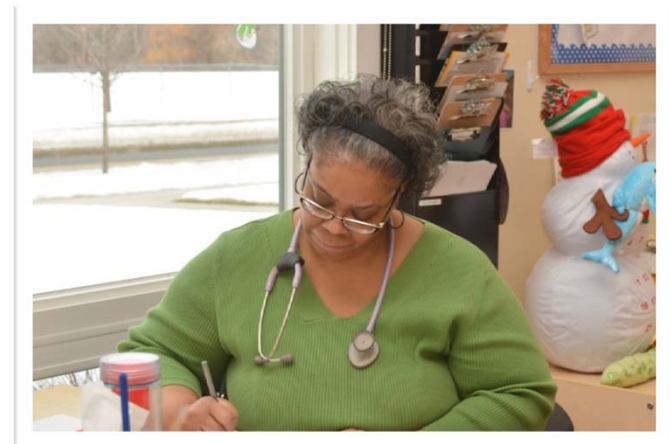
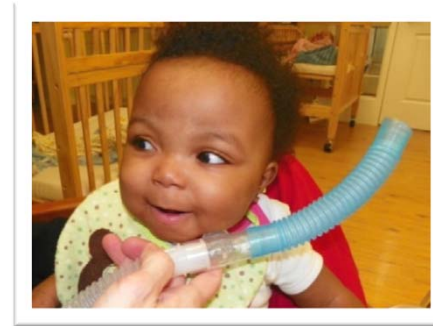
- ❖ Rest time may include medical monitoring and use of medical equipment
  - Oxygen
  - Pulse oximeter
  - Positioning
  - CPAP machine

# Healthcare: Community Partner



- **Golisano Children's Hospital**

- Medical Advisory Board
- Alignment with best practices
- Coordinated care with hospital discharge and admissions
- Case management team includes members from subspecialty medical providers, care coordinators, and social work
- Child Life team
- On-site clinical pediatric services





# Educational Enrichment :SEEDS program

Educational  
Enrichment



- ❖ Three inclusive classrooms serving 40 children with special health care needs
  - Infants
  - Toddlers
  - Preschoolers
- ❖ Superior child to staff ratio of 2:1



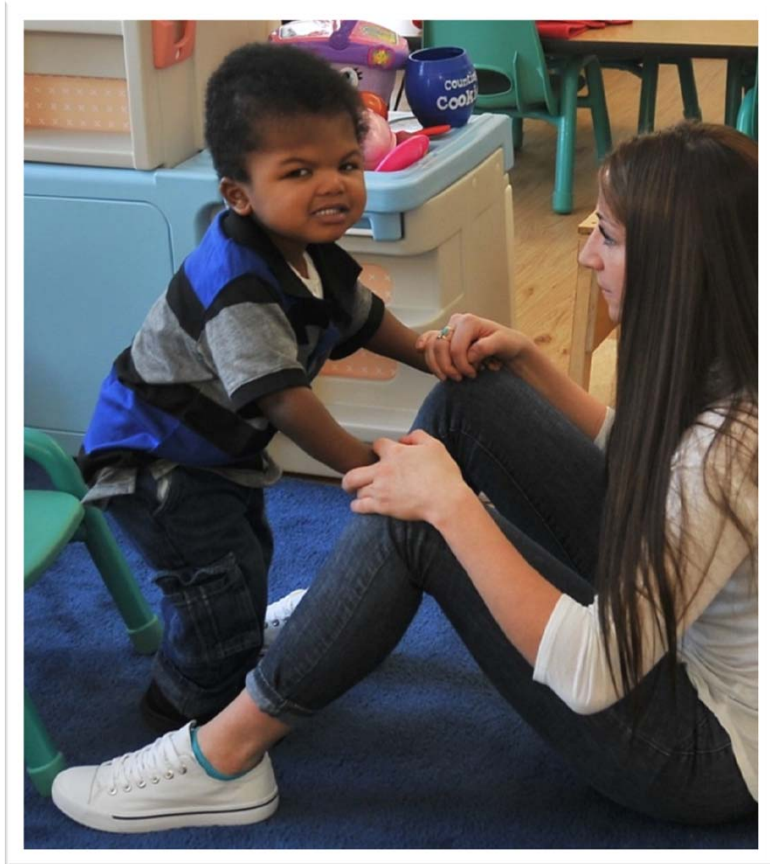
# Educational Enrichment: SEEDS

- ❖ Early Childhood Education programming with structured group lessons and predictable routine



# Educational Enrichment: SEEDS

## Individualized Practice



# Educational Enrichment: SEEDS



## Music Therapy

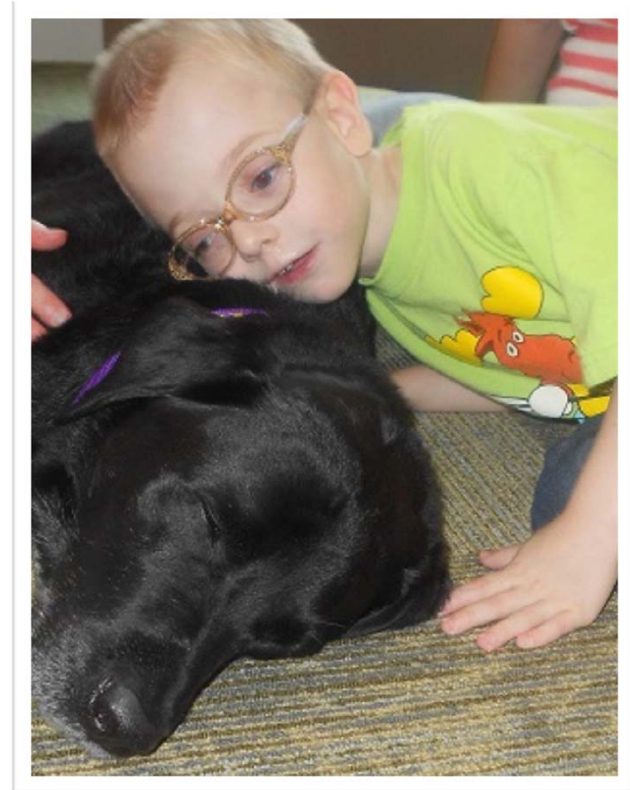




# Educational Enrichment: SEEDS



**Literacy program :** Every Child Ready to Read®



**Pet Therapy**

# Educational Enrichment: SEEDS

## Socialization

- ❖ Opportunities for socialization and peer engagement



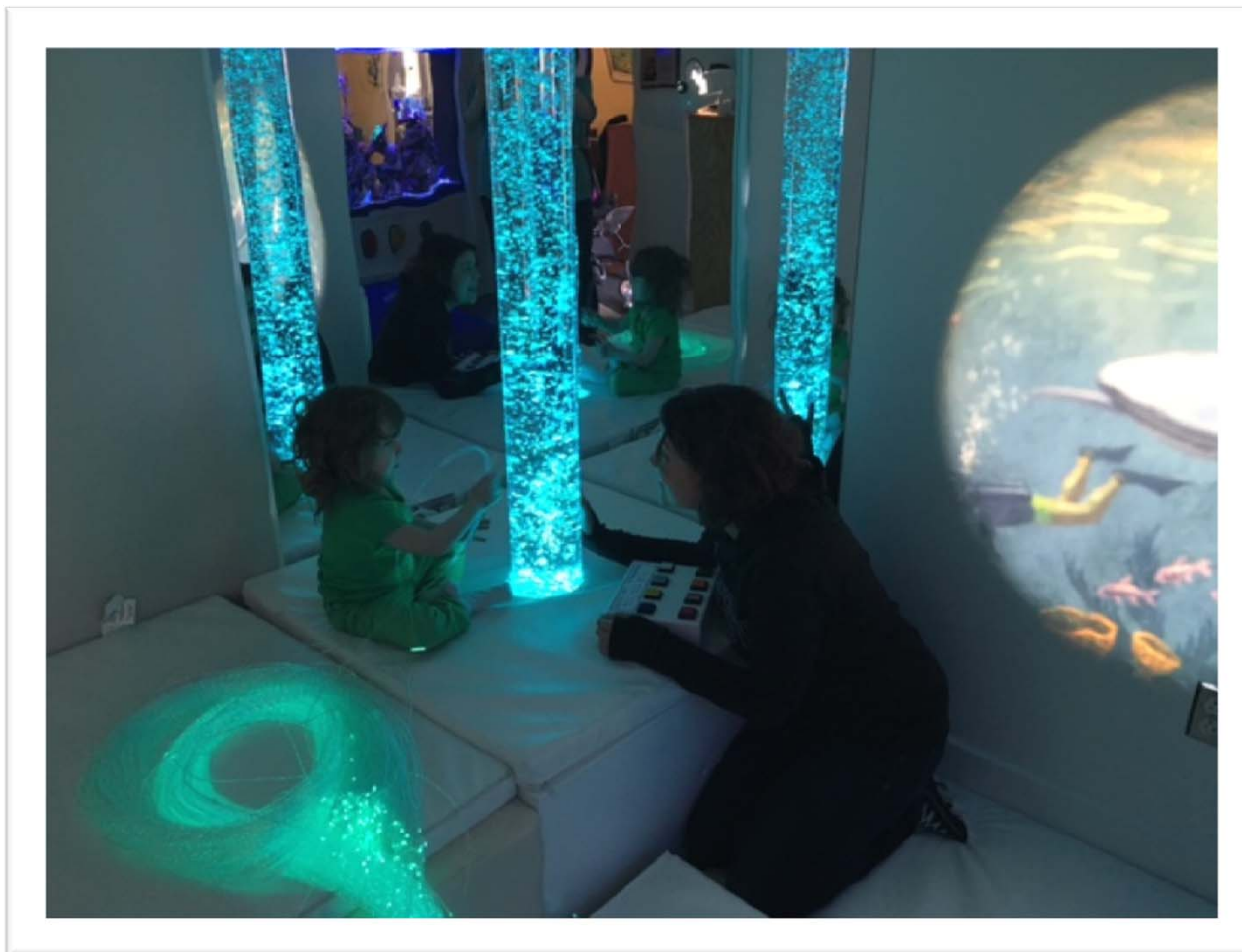
- ❖ Integrated classes represent all levels of development





# Educational Enrichment: SEEDS

- Linda Zarrella Sea Saw Multisensory Room



# Educational Enrichment: Community Partner

## Office of People with Developmental Disabilities



- Refer potential candidates to Daystar
- Provide funding for center based respite services through Medicaid waiver programs
- Provide training opportunities for Daystar staff
- Partners in parent engagement and training



# Developmental Services

## Developmental Services

- ❖ Early Intervention Services may be delivered at home or at Daystar
- ❖ Individualized Family Service Plans identify goals and monitor progress



# Developmental Services



**Partner with Monroe County Early Intervention Program**

**Services include:**

- ❖ Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy
- ❖ Special Education, Teacher of the Visually Impaired, Teacher of the Deaf
- ❖ Assistive Technology
- ❖ Nutrition
- ❖ Social Work



# Developmental Services

Daystar hosts an average of 400 therapy sessions per month

Delivered by 32 therapy partners from four agencies





# Developmental Services



❖ Coordinated Care Model includes input from family as well as medical, therapy and educational teams.

e.g., therapeutic feeding for specialized needs

- Swallow study evaluation from GI
- Medical orders from GI and PCP
- Therapeutic directives from Speech Language Pathologists
- Nutrition consults
- Family input and experience
- Daystar input and experience

# Developmental Services



Consistent use of  
adaptive equipment  
improves outcomes

# Developmental Services

- Preschool program



# Developmental Services: Community Partners

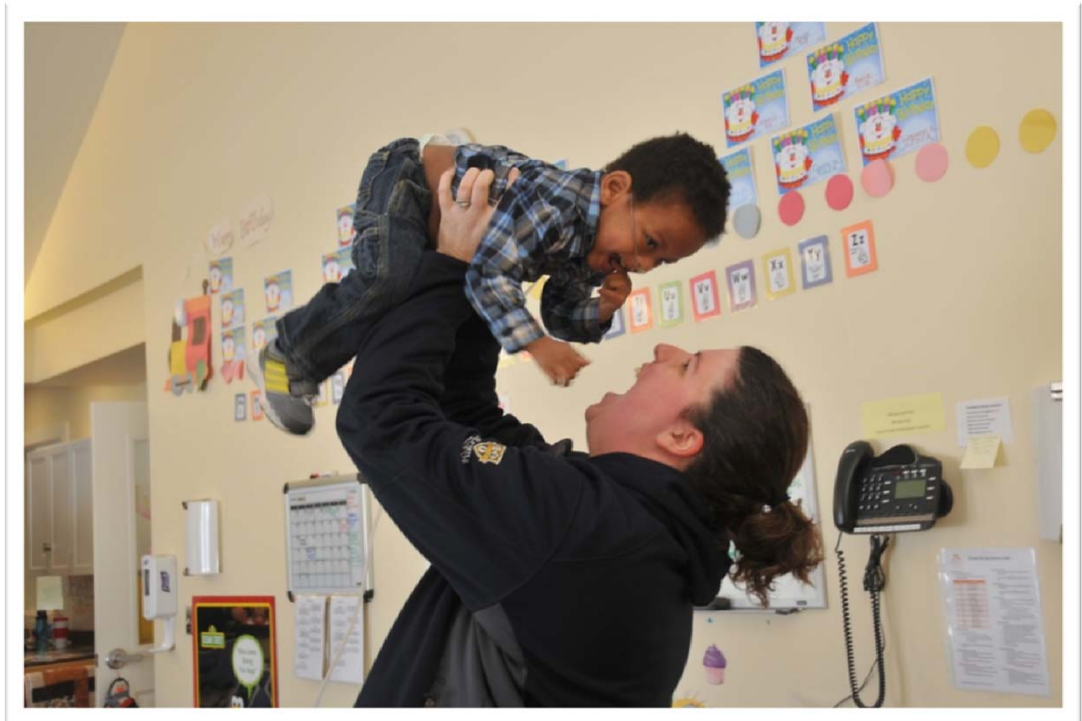
- Monroe County Early Intervention
- Local Early Intervention Agencies
  - Bright Start Pediatric Services
  - Clinical Associates of the Finger Lakes
  - Liberty Post
  - Step by Step Pediatric Therapy
- CPSE and CSE chairs from 13 school districts
- Specialized and typical preschool programs
  - Mary Cariola Children's Center
  - CP Rochester
  - Communication Place for Hearing and Speech
  - Universal Pre-Kindergarten





# Family Support Services

Care  
Coordination &  
Family Support



# Family Support Services

Family Training  
and Education  
Programs

Medicaid Service  
Coordination



# Family Support Services: Community Partners

- Compassion Net
- Medical Motors Transportation









# A Place Where Love Shines



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