

The Team

The PDC team includes the following professionals:

- Executive Director
- Program Director
- Developmental Specialists
- Psychologist
- Speech Pathologists
- Occupational Therapists
- Physical Therapists
- Nurse
- Social Worker
- SSP Team
- Administrative Assistant
- Billing Manager
- Bookkeeper

PDC Consultants Include:

- Behavioral Specialist
- Hearing / Deaf Specialist
- Vision Specialist
- Nutritionist



Towns Served

PDC serves the towns of:

Pittsfield, Lenox, Lee, Richmond, Hancock, Dalton, Lanesboro, Washington, Peru, Hinsdale, Windsor, Cheshire, Becket, and Tyringham.

Cost

PDC's screenings and developmental assessments are at no cost to families.

While insurance covers most of the cost for early intervention services, families may be assessed an annual fee for therapeutic services through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Families covered by MassHealth will not be charged.

PDC is a Non-Profit Agency Funded By:

- The Department of Public Health
- The Department of Education
- Third Party Insurers
- MassHealth
- Private Donations



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WE BELIEVE ALL CHILDREN ARE A GIFT



We Believe all children have the right to our respect, not because of who they are, but just because they are.

All Children have something special to give to their families, to their friends, and to their communities.

Our mission is to empower those who face special challenges to be able to give to their greatest potential.

All children **Are A Gift** in and of themselves.



The Program

The Pediatric Development Center is an early intervention program providing therapeutic services for children between birth and three years of age living in Central Berkshire County.

PDC is a DPH certified and OCCS licensed agency offering family support, education and therapeutic services for young children who are eligible for early intervention services in Massachusetts.

PDC is Berkshire County's Specialty Service Provider (SSP) for young children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

As a "family-focused" program, we believe a concern about a child's development affects the entire family.

Our goal is to assist each child in developing to their maximum potential, while supporting the family in any way we can.

Services

PDC provides a wide range of services for children and their families.



For Children:

- Intake/Screening
- Developmental Assessment
- Home visits
- Center based therapy
- Developmental playgroups
- Consultation with specialists
- Monitoring at-risk infants
- Play And Learn Program (PAL)
- STAR Program
- SSP Program for Autism Services

For Families:

- Ongoing support and guidance
- PDC Parent Night Support Group
- Individual or Family counseling
- Referral to community resources
- Coordination with other agencies
- Educational materials and programs
- Sibling groups
- The Premie Project

For the Community:

- Consultation services to community agencies
- Workshops on developmental topics
- Parent Network
- Services within community settings
- Student Internships

Referrals

Referrals to PDC may be made by concerned parents, pediatricians, medical specialists, social service agencies, child care providers, hospitals and medical centers.



A referral entitles a child to an initial screening and a developmental assessment, if the parent/s are interested in these services. If a child is eligible and the parent would like services, they are welcomed as a new "PDC family."

The program provides services for children who are:

- given a diagnosis
- medically fragile
- delayed in motor development
- delayed in expressive and/or receptive speech/language
- demonstrating behavioral concerns
- considered at-risk for developmental delays

Together with parents, the PDC team creates an individualized program to meet the needs of each child and family.

