



# The Family Partnership

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## Unified Therapy Services

Our Unified Therapy Department provides health and developmental screening and developmental therapy services within the framework of The Family Partnership's mission and vision.

### ELIGIBILITY

Families participating in any of the programs offered by The Family Partnership are eligible for any of the therapy services. All services are at no cost to the families, although insurance will be accessed.

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Children's developmental skills are comprehensively evaluated using evidenced based assessment tools. Therapy interventions are determined with an interdisciplinary team approach by experienced and licensed or board certified therapists. Dental, vision and hearing screens are also regularly provided as deficits in these areas can affect children's ability to learn.



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## THERAPIES PROVIDED

### Occupational Therapy

Occupational Therapy uses functional and meaningful activities to promote optimal development of:

- Motor skills
- Sensory processing
- Feeding, dressing, grooming
- Vision and perception
- Cognition and school readiness
- Adaptive coping skills and healthy interactions



### Physical Therapy

Physical Therapy services help children develop the appropriate motor skills to move safely through their environment with increased confidence at home and at school. These skills include:

- Strength
- Endurance
- Balance
- Postural stability
- Gait training
- Coordination



### Speech & Language Therapy

Speech and Language Therapy uses developmentally-appropriate play activities in a language-rich environment to improve:

- Vocabulary
- Articulation
- Expressive language
- Receptive language
- Feeding skills
- Auditory processing
- Stuttering



## SCREENINGS PROVIDED

Developmental delays and health conditions can impact a child's growth and learning readiness. Screening is an important part of providing high-quality child care and early education. All children enrolled in either of our multicultural therapeutic preschools participate in the following screens. This information is provided to parents and can be used for their child's kindergarten enrollment.

### Developmental Screening

Children are screened with comprehensive, standardized developmental screening tools to identify needs and to individualize approaches to development and learning. Screening would also indicate if a child would benefit from further testing and intervention services (occupational therapy, speech-language therapy or physical therapy) which can be provided on-site.

### Hearing Screening

Hearing screening includes evaluating the mobility of the ear drum and its ability to hear sound, assessing the presence of fluid in the ear and testing the child's hearing ability and frequency levels. The audiologist regularly visits each program in order to screen and monitor children she has some concerns about before referring them to their medical provider for a more in-depth exam.

### Vision Screening

Vision screens evaluate the child's functional skills in: distance visual acuity, near point visual acuity, ocular alignment and ocular motor function. The occupational therapists on staff are responsible for screening and rescreening before they make a recommendation for a more in-depth ophthalmology exam. This is especially important to rule out visual deficits for those children who present with fine motor or visual motor concerns.