



CHILDREN'S THERAPY CENTER

2022 Capital Budget Request

\$1.15M for Building Purchase

6419 Lakewood Drive West, Tacoma WA 98467

CTC serves 3,000 children with special needs ages birth to 18 across King and Pierce counties with physical, occupational and speech therapy; Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) services; and parent education and support.



There are few funding options for services for children ages 3-18. A capital investment will support CTC's overall ability to fully fund high-demand services for this age group.

This capital investment provides great value to families and taxpayers:

BENEFITS for Families

- ✓ consolidates our birth-to-three and 3-18 programs into one location
- ✓ centrally located for easy access
- ✓ safe and secure location
- ✓ larger space provides needed room for physical, speech and occupational therapies and to meet increased demand for services

BENEFITS for Washington

- ✓ about 30% of children exiting our birth-to-three ESIT program require no further special education in schools, saving over \$2 million in taxpayer dollars every year
- ✓ our programs enhance and support the work of the school districts by helping children develop a broader functional skill set that includes emotional regulation, managing transitions, and building healthy relationships

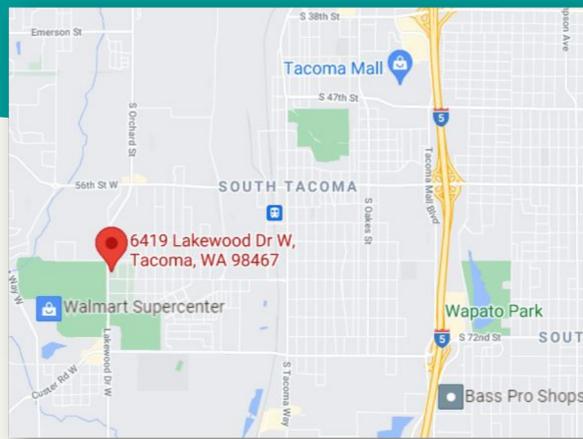
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"CTC changed our lives. For the first time, I wasn't alone. I still tear up thinking about the first time my son signed 'Mommy' and reached out to me."



**6419 Lakewood Drive West
Tacoma, WA 98467**
Purchased November 2021



After many years searching for a suitable location, Children's Therapy Center's (CTC) purchased this property in early November 2021 so that we could **consolidate our programs in a single, centrally-located, and accessible location** where families in the Tacoma area can access a **comprehensive range of pediatric services** throughout their child's formative years. We outgrew our Hosmer site several years ago and have been renting additional space at Foursquare Church in Tacoma to house our birth-to-3 ESIT team.

Capital support would help offset the cost of providing pediatric therapy to children with special needs ages 3-18.

- Not every child who would benefit from therapy qualifies for special education services provided by schools.
- Many children with special needs require additional support and services beyond what school districts can provide.
- CTC is one of 20 neurodevelopmental centers (NDC) in Washington. We accept more children with Apple Health/Medicaid, and more children over the age of 3, than any other NDC in the state. NDCs offer quality speech, occupational, and physical therapy for young children with neuromuscular or developmental disorders.
- We currently fundraise for our 3-18 program from private donors. The waitlist for our 3-18 program in Tacoma currently stands at 416 children.

In Tacoma...

- We serve nearly 600 children annually (with the ability to serve more children and offer more services from our new building)
- 55% participate in the birth to three Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) program
- 52% are Black, Indigenous, or people of color
- 65% have Apple Health insurance as their primary or secondary insurance.
- 15% of children are from JBLM families

FAMILY SUPPORT AT CTC MAY INCLUDE:

- Helping parents learn to feed their **premature infant** and establish a nurturing bond
- Helping **young children** with developmental delays develop communication skills to convey their needs and motor skills so they can play and learn
- Helping **older youth** with autism establish social connections with peers and become more successful in school and at home.

...and we are growing!



The number of children served by Children's Therapy Center's Tacoma teams **increased by nearly 60%** in the five years prior to the pandemic, from 500 children annually in 2014 to nearly 800 children per year in 2019.