



CHILDREN'S THERAPY CENTER

2023 Capital Budget Request

\$1M for Building Purchase

6419 Lakewood Drive West, Tacoma WA 98467

CTC serves 3,000 children ages birth to 18 with developmental delays or disabilities 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 limited funding options for services for children ages 3-18 years old. 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

- ✓ 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

For more information about this project, please contact Alli Auldridge, Community Engagement Director, alli.auldridge@ctckids.org (206-294-3044).

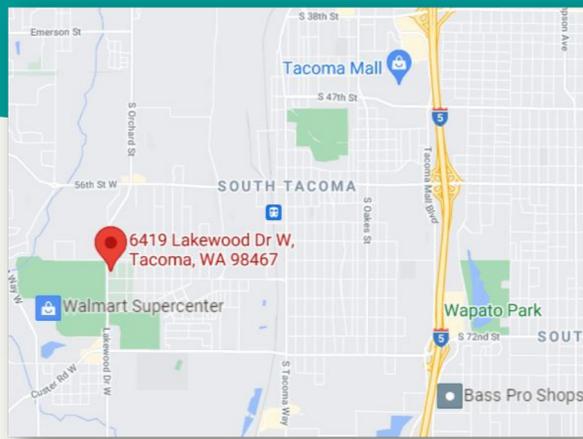
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"CTC changed our lives. For the first time, I wasn't alone. I still tear up thinking about the first time my son signed 'Mommy' and reached out to me."

Parent of a 3-year-old



6419 Lakewood Drive West
Tacoma, WA 98467
 Purchased November 2021



DEMAND FOR CTC SERVICES IS HIGH

Self-reported data from the families that CTC works with include:

- 71% low-income
- 51% BIPOC
- 68% with Apple Health as their primary or secondary insurance
- 25% dual language learners
- 15% military families from Joint Base Lewis McChord

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.

Our Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) program focuses support for families in historically marginalized communities who may not otherwise have access to linguistically and culturally appropriate services. Our 3-18 program recently added a Family Navigator support position to help link families of older children to essential community resources in our service areas including school districts, behavioral health organizations, and financial support programs.

Capital support would help offset the cost of providing pediatric therapy to children ages 3-18 years old with developmental delays or disabilities.

- We currently fundraise to cover the cost of services for our 3-18 program.
- Beyond birth-to-three services, we know there are many children who continue to need support in order to thrive yet (a) they do not qualify for the services the school district provides and/or (b) they require additional support beyond what the school district can provide.
- CTC is uniquely situated to support these families and our Tacoma location services 174 children and youth in the 3-18 program.
- CTC is one of 20 neurodevelopmental centers (NDC) in Washington. NDCs serve a critical function by providing and promoting quality neurodevelopmental services for children and youth with special health care needs. CTC's service area encompasses 300 square miles in the diverse and densely populated South King and Pierce counties.

CTC does not limit the number of families served who utilize Apple Health/Medicaid because we believe all children referred for services should have access to them, regardless of financial status. We support children during the critical birth-to-three window and our commitment remains strong to serving families in the **3-18 year** span of development.

...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.