

Centre for children with Autism

Communication DEALL Program

The program focuses on early intervention for children with developmental language disorders such as

- Pervasive Developmental Disorder
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Specific Language Impairment
- Developmental Verbal Dyspraxia

The individualized therapy program provides motor, social, emotional, cognitive and communication training by a team of speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists and special educators.



Occupational Therapy Services Within ComDeall Program-

Pediatric Occupational Therapy Practitioner within the department provide support to infants, toddlers, children and youth, as well as to their families. We ensure that they are provided with the best possible start during some of the most crucial developmental phases of their lives.

Our services centers on helping children develop the skills they need to grow into high functioning, independent adults. The variables that may be hindering a child's ability to progress normally will vary depending on the

child, and occupational therapist to help determine the underlying causes of delayed social or cognitive development. The therapist then explore potential solutions and design a suitable therapy plan.

The skills of pediatric occupational therapy practitioners are viewed as critical, since the longer a child goes without mastering the skills required for success and independence, the more the problem can compound as they get older. Some of the general developmental areas addressed include cognitive skills, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, self-care tasks and social skills.

Occupational therapist often incorporate play into their interventions to help motivate children. This tactic helps to reduce potential anxiety they may experience through the process. This involves games, puzzles, toys, songs and physical exercises. Through working with pediatric occupational therapists, children are not only enabled to develop critical skills, but they often also build upon their levels of confidence and self-esteem.



Special Education Services Within ComDeal Program-

Special educator plans and delivers educational instruction to children with autism spectrum disorders and other disabilities. The overall goal is to help children learn mechanisms for coping with their disorder and techniques to help them adapt to their communities. Services include - reading, writing, math, comprehension and communication skills to disabled students. The special educator also helps instill basic life skills by promoting classroom structure, rules and procedures. For example, children are taught to follow directions, interact with peers and communicate effectively.



Physiotherapy Department

Clinical services are provided to children and adults with-

- ❖ **Developmental Delay**
- ❖ **Abnormalities in muscle tone**

- ❖ **Neurological disability such as cerebral palsy or acquired brain injury**
- ❖ **Mobility and Physical issue due to a syndrome.**
- ❖ **Postural imbalances**
- ❖ **Stroke**
- ❖ **Head Injury**



The department provides collaborative services, with Speech Therapeutic Department as well as the Com Deal Unit. Intervention includes assessment using standardized tools and scales, formulating a functional diagnosis, planning of treatment, and implementation of intervention and evaluation of outcome of client's condition.