

# PACT's Medical Child Care for Children with Special Needs

## Who We Are

PACT's World of Care is the only child care center in the Baltimore region for children who require daily nursing care. The center provides a nurturing, safe environment for children with a variety of medical conditions and abilities. At PACT's medical child care center, children enjoy a state-of-the-art, accessible playground; indoor playrooms for active play throughout the year; adaptive equipment, and a multisensory room. In addition, special care is given to infection control to meet the needs of children with complex health conditions. PACT's World of Care is fully licensed and accredited by the State of Maryland.

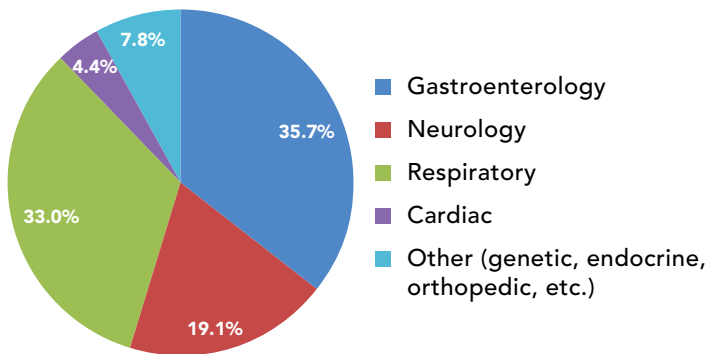
## Who We Serve

PACT's medical child care center is open to children six weeks to four years of age. We welcome infants and toddlers (including preemies) who require daily nursing care, such as those with:

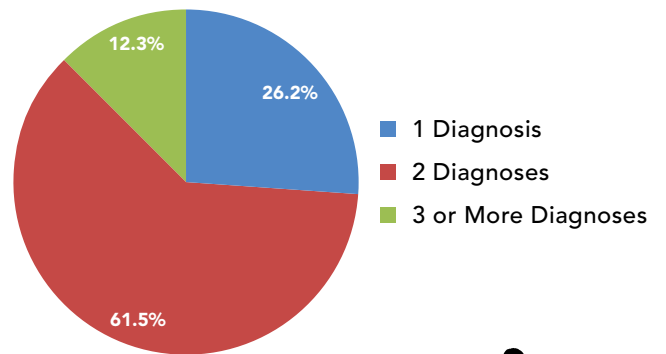
- Respiratory conditions
- Gastroenterology disorders
- Feeding, nutrition, and weight gain needs
- Cardiac conditions
- Neurological disorders, including seizures
- Kidney and renal disorders
- Genetic disorders
- Developmental disabilities requiring speech, occupational, or physical therapy



**Diagnoses of Children  
in Medical Child Care**



**Number of Children with One  
or More Medical Diagnoses**



Providing even the most fragile young children a good start in life.



## Our Approach

PACT's World of Care provides quality child care in bright, well-equipped rooms. PACT's nurses, therapists, social workers, and child care staff provide:

- Gastrostomy tube feedings
- Medication management
- Post-surgical care
- Colostomy care and bladder catheterization
- Maintenance of ports/catheters
- Daily nursing assessments to identify and treat medical concerns
- Coordination with primary care providers and medical specialists
- Physical, occupational, and speech therapy and evaluations
- Family engagement activities including parent support groups, counseling, and home and hospital visits
- Enriching classroom activities to enhance school readiness skills
- Specialized groups (i.e., gross motor, feeding/meal time)

## Our Team

We have a highly trained, nurturing staff that works in partnership with families and medical providers to create the best environment for children with healthcare needs.

Our team includes:

- Experienced pediatric registered nurses (ratio of 1:14)
- Highly skilled, nurturing child care staff (ratio of 1:3 for infants and toddlers and 1:4 for preschoolers)
- On-site team of specialists, including physical, occupational, and speech therapists
- Social worker and early intervention service coordinator

## Early Starts for Children with Autism

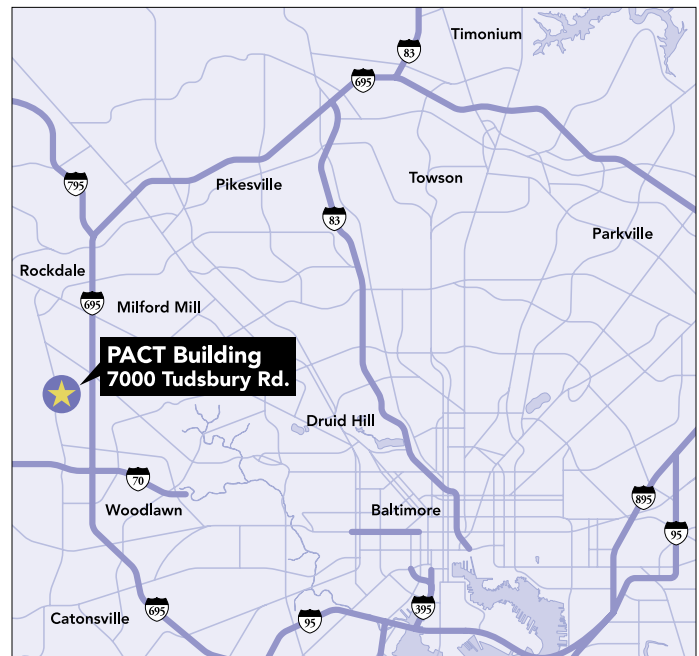
In partnership with the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program, PACT offers Early Starts, a program for young children, 18 to 36 months, who have been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. These children receive an intensive morning classroom experience in the center, led by a speech/language pathologist and an occupational therapist. For the remainder of the day, they join the other children in the child care center, where they benefit from socialization and other inclusive play opportunities. Early Starts is patterned after the Early Achievements model at Kennedy Krieger Institute's Center for Autism and Related Disorders. For more information, please contact Mira Labovitz, OTR, at **410-298-7000** ext. 41874.

## Fees

Medical assistance, child care vouchers, and parent payment are all accepted. PACT can provide assistance to families who need help obtaining medical assistance or child care vouchers.

## Hours of Operation

Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.



## Contact Information

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