

The Children's Program of Signal Centers, Inc.

Early Intervention: This element of the Children's Program provides services to children aged six weeks to three years. The model of instruction is that of "inclusion," in which typically-developing children and those with disabilities learn together. Referrals for the Early Intervention Program most often come through the Tennessee Early Intervention System (TEIS). Payment is derived from public funding sources as well as some private tuition.

Pre-school: Signal Centers' Preschool Program is designed to meet the needs of both typically-developing children and those children with special needs. This program offers comprehensive, developmental classrooms for children aged three to four years of age. Referrals come through the local school systems and nearby school districts. A new transitional classroom for three and four year olds with special needs is also available when it is deemed that additional support is needed in following directions, developing skills in the areas of play, social, and routine.

Pre-Kindergarten: This classroom is offered in partnership with the Hamilton County Department of Education and started through dollars from the Governor's Initiative with the Tennessee Lottery and The United Way of Greater Chattanooga. This program continues with Tennessee's Department of Education funding and The United Way of Greater Chattanooga's support. This classroom is for typically-developing children, and admission is based upon income eligibility.

Support Services for all aspects of Signal Centers' Children's Program include therapies in the areas of:

- speech/language
- vision
- speech
- physical
- occupational
- feeding
- nursing services

All therapies are integrated into the classroom in collaboration with therapists, teachers, and classroom assistants. Parent/caregiver education and training are also emphasized in order to strengthen skills and assist with practice and generalization of skills at home and in the community.

STARS Rating System:

Signal Centers, Inc. has consistently received a Three Star Rating, the highest score possible, since the inception of the program by Tennessee's Department of Human Services. Program components evaluated yearly include staff training, curriculum, classroom activities, accessibility to learning materials, and compliance with health and safety standards.