

Therapeutic Intervention Brochure

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Easterseals Redwood's innovative programs and services encourage abilities to grow so lives can flourish.

MISSION: Easterseals Redwood's mission is to advance 100% equity, access, and workforce inclusion for people with disabilities, people facing disadvantages, and veterans. Our services impact the lives of people throughout their lifespan and the lives of their families, their communities and society at large.

OVERVIEW and HISTORY: The story of Easterseals Redwood is a story of love, dedication and community. Easterseals Redwood was formed when Easterseals Serving Greater Cincinnati and Redwood joined together in August 2022 to expand our services across state lines. Both organizations were founded by parents seeking brighter futures for their children with disabilities. Building on Easterseals' 110-year history and Redwood's 70-year history, Easterseals Redwood continues to enrich education, enhance health, expand employment, and elevate community in the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky region. Together, we are helping more people with disabilities, people with disadvantages, and veterans thrive, through our comprehensive services and compassionate care.

THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTION:

Easterseals Redwood's therapeutic intervention department is dedicated to helping children and adults with disabilities reach their highest potential through therapeutic activities and services provided within Easterseals Redwood programs, through outpatient treatment, or in the home/community.

Occupational Therapy (OT)

Occupational therapists work with children and adults to help them develop, recover, improve, as well as maintain the skills needed for daily living at school, work, or home. These could include:

- Eating with increased independence
- Taking part in play or leisure activities
- Self-care activities like bathing and dressing
- Working
- Completing household tasks like laundry or cleaning

Clients improve their fine and gross motor skills, hand function, motor planning, balance, and coordination through occupational therapy. Occupational therapy can also help children who struggle with self-regulation and sensory processing to complete tasks of learning and function well at school.

Physical Therapy (PT)

Physical therapists work with children and adults to enhance their abilities to move and perform functional activities in their daily lives. PTs evaluate, diagnose, and treat individuals of all ages who have medical problems or other health-related conditions that limit their abilities to move. Treatment focuses on improving an individual's muscular control, ambulatory skills, and ability to perform movement of the body. Each client's ability to participate in daily work and play/leisure activities is enhanced through physical therapy.

Physical therapists also assist families with the acquisition and use of wheelchairs, specialized seating, and durable medical equipment.

Speech-Language Pathology (SLP)

Speech-Language pathologists evaluate, diagnose and treat speech, language and communication disorders in children and adults. They provide training and education to families/caregivers and other professionals and work collaboratively to assure that the overall needs of an individual are met.

Easterseals Redwood specializes in the area of Augmentative and Alternative Communication, which allows individuals with limited verbal speech to communicate using low through high-tech communication systems. Other treatment interventions that are used help to develop skills for:

- understanding messages (*receptive language*)
- sharing thoughts, ideas, requests, needs and feelings (*expressive language*)
- using verbal and non-verbal communication with others socially (*social communication*)
- producing speech sounds correctly (*articulation*)
- expressing messages in a fluent manner (*fluency*)
- organizing thoughts, paying attention, planning or problem solving (*cognitive communication*)

Our philosophy is that effective communication is the key to success in all life endeavors.

Early Intervention

Services for children birth to three years of age are provided through a contract with First Steps, Kentucky's Early Intervention System (KEIS). Infants and toddlers reach developmental milestones through play experiences and instructional programs designed and implemented by early childhood specialists and therapists. Team-directed services focus on helping families and caregivers understand the special needs of the child and how to enhance their development through activities that can be embedded into the family's daily routine. Children receive early intervention services in the home or in the community (childcare centers, libraries, early education classrooms). Services include developmental intervention, occupational and speech therapy as well as assistive technology services.

Assistive Technology

Easterseals Redwood Assistive Technology Resource Center (ATRC) serves the Northern Kentucky region as one of five Kentucky Assistive Technology Services (KATS) Network centers in the state. The ATRC provides device demonstrations, device loans, and device reuse as well as training and technical assistance, public awareness activities, and information and referral related to assistive technology. The AT Team provides AT assessments for all ages.

Behavior Supports

Children and adults improve social interactions and quality of life by learning new, functional behaviors to replace existing, challenging behaviors. A behavior support specialist works collaboratively with the child, adult, staff, and family to complete a functional assessment. Then they develop and implement a behavior support plan, modify environmental influences, and monitor progress in everyday settings.