

We'll *treat* you like *family*

Community Health Services' Department of Pediatrics provides care to children and families, starting from pregnancy and birth, through infancy and childhood, and into the teen age years. Our pediatricians and nursing staff are available to assist families with care and advice for all childhood illnesses, assist with management of chronic illnesses, such as asthma and provide check-ups and preventive care. Working hand in hand with parents and families, it is our mission to help assure that every child reaches his or her full potential – making Hartford's next generation its strongest and brightest ever.

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Preventive care from the beginning

CHS' pediatricians begin caring for children before they are born, working closely with CHS' Women's Health Department to help families prepare for their newest family member. We help families with important newborn decisions, offering advice and information about breast feeding, and other newborn care issues. We also see each of our newborns and mothers within 12-24 hours of birth at Hartford Hospital and coordinate the baby's nursery care, discharge and follow up.

Continuing care

Through infancy, CHS' pediatricians see babies regularly for check ups, vaccinations, and care for illnesses when necessary. Strongly committed to preventive care, we ensure all children receive their immunizations on time so that our children and our community are protected against such vaccine-preventable illnesses such as whooping cough, polio, measles, and chicken pox. We also screen our children regularly for anemia, lead poisoning and tuberculosis.

Planning for their future care

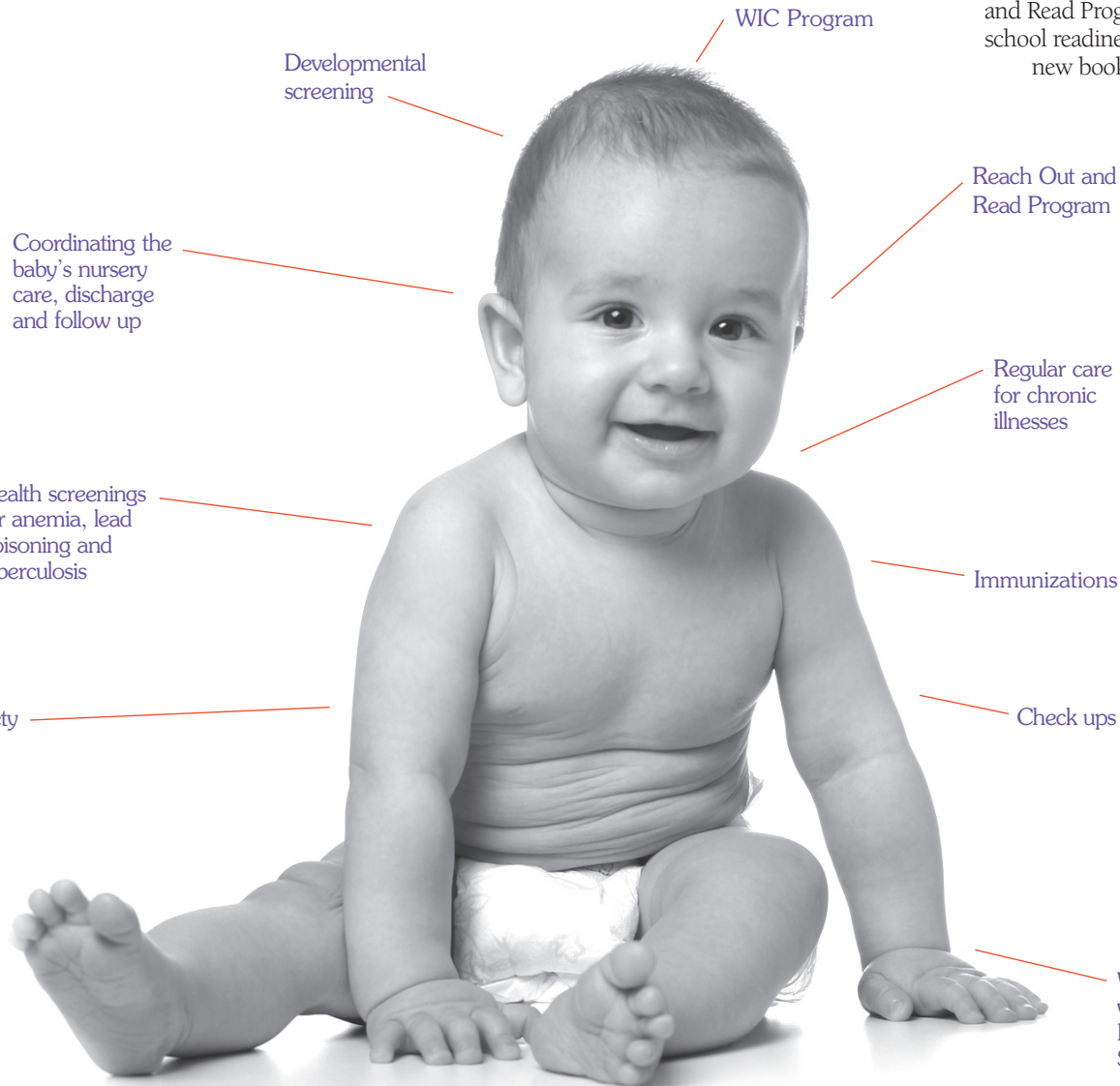
At CHS, we are committed to the concept of "anticipatory guidance" or helping families anticipate children's growth and development and the problems that may arise **before** the problems occur. CHS staff works with families to ensure children are safe in their homes and community, educating families about the importance and proper use of children's car safety seats, smoke detectors, bicycle helmets, and home hot water temperatures to help prevent needless childhood injuries.

Nurturing healthy minds

Your child's learning and development are important to us. CHS' pediatric clinicians assist families by performing regular developmental screens during the toddler years and we work closely with Connecticut's Birth to 3 and Head Start Programs to help children not fall behind. One of the proven ways for children to be ready to start school is to get them interested in books from the very beginning. This is why CHS was one of the first to join the Reach Out and Read Program in Connecticut - a program to assist school readiness, providing children with their own new book to bring home at every check up from age 6 months until they start school.

Always there for you

CHS' Department of Pediatrics is open Monday – Friday with same day appointments available for illnesses. Our nurses are also available for advice during business hours. For emergencies at night and on weekends, our doctors are available by telephone. We also offer appointments for check ups, as well as school and sports physicals, usually within two weeks. We also provide regular care for chronic illnesses, such as asthma, seizures, diabetes, and attention deficit disorder. For children requiring hospital care, our pediatricians admit and care for children at Connecticut Children's Medical Center and work closely with CCMC's specialists caring for all diseases of children.



We work closely with CCMC's specialists

Child safety education

Health screenings for anemia, lead poisoning and tuberculosis

Coordinating the baby's nursery care, discharge and follow up

Developmental screening

WIC Program

Reach Out and Read Program

Regular care for chronic illnesses

Immunizations

Check ups

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