Interdisciplinary Evaluation Clinics

Our clinical services include diagnostic evaluations, re-assessments and consultations. Our interdisciplinary teams provide services for individuals with:

- Autism spectrum disorder
- Developmental delay
- Developmental disabilities with co-occurring behavioral issues
- Down syndrome
- Intellectual disability
- Williams syndrome

The Nisonger Center team addresses complex concerns related to developmental disabilities and can assist with treatment planning.

Contact Us

To schedule an appointment at one of our clinics, please call 614-685-6701.

Nisonger Mission

The mission of The Ohio State University Nisonger Center is to work with communities to value and support the meaningful participation of people with disabilities of all ages through education, service and research. The Center provides assistance to people with disabilities, families, service providers and organizations to promote inclusion in education, health, employment and community settings. The Ohio State University Nisonger Center is part of Ohio State’s Neurological Institute, a nationally recognized neuroscience program. More than 180 faculty members in the departments of Neuroscience, Neurology, Neurological Surgery, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Nisonger Center are united in bringing the most modern, effective, evaluations and therapies to Ohio State patients.
Interdisciplinary Developmental Clinic
AGES 1–5

Purpose
To provide a comprehensive, interdisciplinary evaluation of a child’s developmental skills and needs with emphasis on medical diagnosis, including recommendations for parents and service providers.

Persons served
Families with children up to age five who have concerns about their child’s development.

Services
The clinic’s diagnostic evaluation includes observations of the child, interviews with the caregivers, standardized and functional assessments and a physical exam. When indicated, recommendations to additional healthcare specialists and referrals to community resources are provided. The evaluation requires two clinical visits.

School-Aged Autism and Developmental Clinic
AGES 6–22

Purpose
To provide families with diagnostic evaluations, reevaluations or consultations of school-aged youth. The clinic assesses a student’s developmental strengths and needs. Parents are able to discuss their concerns with an interdisciplinary team that provides diagnoses and recommendations in relation to social, behavioral and academic skills.

Persons Served
This clinic assesses students with or suspected of having Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, including Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Services
The evaluation consists of a clinical interview with the parents and other care providers and an assessment of the child’s developmental abilities and/or behavioral needs. Developmental/behavioral assessments consist of structured and unstructured play-based observations and interactions and standardized testing. During the follow-up appointment, assessment results and recommendations are discussed with parents to develop supports and services. Parents or guardians are provided with a developmental and behavioral profile of the child and recommendations and/or relevant diagnoses. The evaluation requires two to three clinical visits.

Staff
Disciplines participating in our clinics include:
• Audiology
• Clinical Psychology
• Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics
• Medical Dietetics
• Occupational Therapy
• Physical Therapy
• Social Work
• Special Education
• Speech-Language Pathology

Our clinics provide training to graduate and post-graduate students in a variety of fields related to developmental disabilities. Interdisciplinary teams are composed of faculty and trainees from these disciplines.

Payment
All major insurance programs, Medicaid and Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps are accepted.