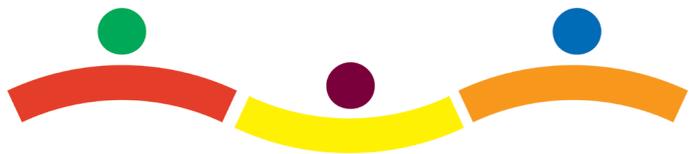




**Services  
for  
children**

**with special  
health care  
needs**



**CHILDREN'S**  
Rehabilitation Service



a division of the Alabama Department of REHABILITATION SERVICES



## Eligibility

Any child or adolescent younger than 21 who is a resident of Alabama and has a special health care need is eligible for Children's Rehabilitation Service. Individuals of all ages with hemophilia are eligible.

## Family Participation

Families participate in the cost of services for their child based on a sliding fee schedule and by using any Medicaid or insurance coverage.

# *Creating Partnerships ~ Building Futures*

*Established in 1935, Children's Rehabilitation Service (CRS) is a division of the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services. CRS is a statewide organization of skilled, well-trained professionals committed to providing quality, individualized services to children and youth with special health care needs in homes, schools, and other community settings.*

*CRS services are available to children and youth in every county in Alabama through a network of 15 community-based offices. The CRS network provides specialty clinic and other services by doctors, nurses, social workers, physical therapists, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, occupational therapists, and registered dietitians. These and other dedicated professionals work together as partners with CRS families to build brighter futures for children and youth with disabilities.*

# CRS Programs and Services

## Clinical Medical Program

*Medical and related services for individuals with:*

- orthopedic conditions
- cerebral palsy
- scoliosis
- vision impairment
- limb deficiency
- hearing loss
- juvenile rheumatoid arthritis
- cystic fibrosis
- seizure conditions
- cleft lip and palate
- craniofacial conditions
- hemophilia
- spina bifida
- traumatic brain injury
- urology conditions



## Clinical Evaluation Program

*Clinical evaluations available:*

- Augmentative Communication/Technology (ACT)
- Feeding
- Hearing Assessment
- Hearing Aid
- Teen Transition
- Seating, Positioning and Mobility

## Other Programs

- Patient/Family Education
- Information and Referral
- Care Coordination
- Parent Connection
- Youth Connection

## Services for Children Enrolled in Clinical Programs

- medications
- appliances
- school assistance
- laboratory services
- hospitalization
- surgery
- transportation reimbursement
- assistive technology
- physician services
- audiological services
- physical therapy
- speech/language therapy
- occupational therapy
- social work services
- nursing services
- nutrition counseling
- low-vision services
- special dental and orthodontic services



CRS participates in **Alabama's EARLY INTERVENTION System** for infants and toddlers and their families. Referrals can be made by calling any local CRS office or the toll-free Early Intervention Child Find hotline at 1-800-543-3098.



**CRS  
quality  
care**

Children's Rehabilitation Service is committed to providing quality services within a system of care that is family-centered, community-based, culturally competent and coordinated with other health and educational resources. This commitment is enormous – in the number of clients served, disabilities and disorders treated, geographic locations and in the scope of staff expertise necessary for success.

More than 10,000 consumers and their families are served each year from every area of the state and from every economic, social and educational background.



# CRS offices

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**ANNISTON**  
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Suite 250, 36207-5710  
256-235-3050 • 1-800-289-9533  
Fax: 256-238-9875

**BIRMINGHAM**  
Community Office (Homewood)  
234 Goodwin Crest Drive 35209  
205-290-4550 • 1-888-430-7423  
Fax: 205-290-4560

The Children's Hospital (TCH)  
1600 Seventh Avenue, South 35233  
205-939-5900 • 1-800-285-9318  
Fax: 205-939-5920

**DOTHAN**  
795 Ross Clark Circle, NE,  
P.O. Drawer 1627, 36302-1627  
334-699-6600 • 1-800-677-9123  
Fax: 334-702-8442

**GADSDEN**  
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256-547-8653 • 1-800-289-1353  
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**HUNTSVILLE**  
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*Children's Rehabilitation Service reaches into every region of Alabama, treating and assisting individuals with special health care needs and their families through 15 local offices and clinics. Each office serves several counties.*

## JACKSON

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251-246-4025 • 1-800-283-8140  
Fax: 251-247-1890

## MOBILE

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251-432-4560 • 1-800-879-8163  
Fax: 251-432-9013

## MONTGOMERY

602 S. Lawrence St., 36104  
334-293-7500 • 1-800-568-9034  
Fax: 334-293-7374

## MUSCLE SHOALS

1450 East Avalon Avenue, 35661-6108  
256-381-1212 • 1-800-285-9924  
Fax: 256-386-7338

## OPELIKA

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334-745-7579 • 1-800-568-8428  
Fax: 334-749-3530

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Fax: 256-480-1472

## TUSCALOOSA

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**T**eamwork, cooperation and understanding are at the very heart of Children's Rehabilitation Service. Families are at the center of a team approach, and friends, neighbors, educators and others in the community are considered partners in the rehabilitation process. Often, local providers also join the team in an effort to provide a comprehensive system of services and supports that allows children and youth with special health care needs to live at home, go to school, play and build relationships in their own communities.

All families are encouraged to identify a primary care physician who can manage all aspects of their child's medical care. This "medical home" is crucial to comprehensive, coordinated services throughout childhood and adolescence.

In addition to requiring health and health-related services, children and youth with disabilities may have other needs. CRS assists families with locating early intervention services, special education and related services, vocational education, mental health services and social services for their children. Families of children and youth with disabilities may also need assistance with family support, transportation, respite care and employment.

The ultimate goal of this teamwork is to transition youth with special health care needs to all aspects of adult life, including adult health care, work and independence.

***CRS teamwork***

# CRS supporting schools



CRS staff members work closely with local school systems to enable children and youth with special health care needs to participate fully in school. Through services such as counseling, specialized therapy, and assistive technology for children and families, as well as disability training for teachers and other school staff, CRS offers the support vital to classroom success.

# CRS consumer input



CRS' commitment to family-centered care is evident in its Parent Connection Program. This program includes paid parent consultants, the *CRS Parent Connection* newsletter and the Parent to Parent Network.

CRS also invites input and feedback from various groups such as local parent advisory committees, the State Parent Advisory Committee, the State Medical Advisory Committee and the State Hemophilia Advisory Committee.

The Youth Connection Program facilitates youth connections and youth involvement in policy development and decision-making through a youth consultant and Youth Advisory Committee.



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