

Therapeutic Nursery

Early Head Start for children and families impacted by homelessness



PACT

Helping Children
with Special Needs



About PACT: Helping Children with Special Needs

PACT's mission is to promote the development of young children with special needs, and their families, through specialized child care, early intervention services, family support services, parent education, counseling and professional training.

Through ongoing staff training and continuous interactions with other providers, PACT keeps abreast of the latest techniques for helping children with complex needs. PACT has taken a leadership role in the field by designing and implementing programs not available anywhere else in the Baltimore area.

PACT was established in 1981 as a private, nonprofit organization and became an affiliate of Kennedy Krieger Institute in 1998. PACT retains its own 501(c)(3) status, has a separate board of directors, and is responsible for securing funding for its programs.





“It still hurts for me to think about being homeless. The one good thing was that my children were at the Therapeutic Nursery. The staff members brightened up my children’s day and were there to listen to my problems. I will always look back on our experience at the nursery with great warmth.”

– Therapeutic Nursery parent

Our Program

PACT's Therapeutic Nursery Early Head Start program offers specialized child care services for children under age 3, and their families, who are experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

The Therapeutic Nursery offers an attachment-based, trauma-informed child care program based on teaching methods and mental health intervention approaches that support strong parent-child attachments and enhance stability in the family.

The Therapeutic Nursery Early Head Start Program is a delegate agency of the Maryland Family Network, and is licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education's Office of Child Care.

Services We Offer

- Comprehensive Early Head Start program
- Quality child care
- Activities to promote parent-child attachment, such as parent-child play therapy, parent training and family engagement opportunities
- Family support and assistance in accessing medical and other community resources
- Access to speech, language, and occupational and physical therapies, as needed

Training Sessions We Offer

- State and national training sessions in infant mental health and parent-child attachment for professionals of all disciplines by nationally-certified experts
- Certification in research-based parent-child interaction assessment tools
- Training sessions on helping children and families cope with trauma
- Family engagement and reflective practice training sessions

Eligibility

The Therapeutic Nursery provides services for children 6 weeks to 36 months old, and their families, who are currently residing in homeless shelters or were homeless and now reside in the community.



Location and Contact Information

Program Location

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Inside the Sarah's Hope family shelter

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