

Blank Children's STAR Center

Letting childhood begin



STAR - Support Teams for Achieving Resiliency

At the STAR Center, we believe every child deserves a happy and healthy childhood. Our experts in child health, development, and welfare have a thorough understanding of how traumatic stress and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) may impact the health and well-being of children. With these principles in mind, they work to increase a child's resiliency and help them get back on path to a happy and healthy childhood.

The STAR Center is a unique community center designed to be child and adolescent friendly and trauma sensitive. To fulfill its mission, the STAR Center houses a Child Advocacy Center and three specialized clinics designed to meet the needs of children and their caregivers.

Child Advocacy Center

Specially trained interviewers talk to children when there is an allegation of abuse or neglect. The multidisciplinary team works in collaboration with law enforcement and the Department of Human Services. Forensic exams are conducted by a pediatrician and a nurse practitioner and can sometimes be used in evidence collection.

“ I honestly don't know if we would have stuck with being foster parents as long as we have without having the Foster Clinic. - **Katie Lenhart, Foster parent**

Often we see children come into our center who have had neglect, physical injury, child sexual abuse... but what we see they carry with them is the emotional component. That is often times what gives them their struggles and what they need the most help with.

- **Dr. Ken McCann, Medical Director, Blank Children's STAR Center**

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Drug Endangered Children Clinic

The Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Clinic serves children who have been exposed to drugs and/or alcohol. The clinic serves children of all ages to monitor their development and guide them in a healthy life.

Growth and Nutrition Clinic

The Growth and Nutrition Clinic is a specialty clinic that helps families whose children are struggling with growth and weight gain. The clinic is run by a pediatrician, pediatric nurse, and a pediatric dietitian, and aims to make the growing health of the child a priority.

Foster Care Clinic

The Foster Care Clinic is a primary care clinic integrated with mental health services for children in foster care. We know these children may have special health care needs and this clinic has been designed specifically to assess and treat those needs. The clinic provides multiple services for children, and education and support for caregivers.

