

About Children's Hospital (www.chnola.org)

Children's Hospital is Louisiana's only full-service hospital exclusively for children, offering a full range of inpatient and outpatient care. A not-for-profit facility, it is governed by an independent board of trustees made up of community volunteers. The hospital has no stockholders and no dividends to pay. Revenue generated is used to operate the hospital and to expand and advance services.



Children's Hospital treats patients in more than 50 specialties, including life-threatening illnesses, routine childhood sicknesses and preventive care. Children's Hospital's medical team is trained to care for the unique healthcare needs of children - children needing more time, more care and more specialized medications and technology than adults.

Children's Hospital facts:

- 235 beds
- 400 pediatricians and pediatric specialists
- 6,800 inpatient admissions annually
- 156,400 outpatient visits a year

Critical care is provided in the hospital's 36-bed Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), and the 18-bed Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) and 18-bed Cardiac Intensive Care Unit (CICU).

The hospital's Jack M. Weiss Emergency Care Center, one of the area's busiest emergency rooms, with a total of 37 exam rooms, is supported by a nursing staff specially trained to handle pediatric emergencies.

Outpatient appointments with pediatric specialists are offered Monday through Friday at the Ambulatory Care Center on the hospital campus and at the hospital's satellite locations: The Metairie Center, Children's Hospital Outpatient Center of Baton Rouge and Children's Hospital Burdin Riehl Clinic in Lafayette, La.

Mission

To provide comprehensive pediatric healthcare which recognizes the special needs of children through excellence and continuous improvement of patient care, education, research, child advocacy and management.

History

In the years following World War II, a polio epidemic affected thousands of children in Louisiana, leaving many severely disabled. Her love and concern for these children led the late Elizabeth Miller Robin, a polio victim herself, to establish a rehabilitation hospital exclusively for children. With the financial support and leadership of a special group of community activists, Crippled Children's Hospital, as it was then called, opened in 1955.

For the next 20 years, the hospital served the community as a convalescent and rehabilitation center for physically handicapped children. In 1976, services were added and the hospital expanded to become a full-service hospital for children. It was renamed Children's Hospital. Since that time, the hospital has continued to grow to meet the ever-changing healthcare needs of the community and to keep pace with advances in pediatric care.

Today, Children's Hospital serves as the Gulf South's leading pediatric medical center, and is dedicated to providing the very best healthcare possible in an atmosphere of love and concern for the whole child.