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The Transitional Care Unit (TCU) at ChildServe is the only pediatric, sub-acute unit in Iowa. The TCU provides care that focuses on the physical, emotional, cognitive, social, and spiritual needs of each child and his or her family. The services are child-focused and family-centered.

See It To Believe It


We invite you to come by and tour the facility and experience our fun and caring environment for yourself.



Cayden came to us just a few weeks after a tragic car accident that caused traumatic brain injury. When he arrived, he could not walk or talk, and he had to be fed through a tube. After nearly six months of intensive physical, occupational, and speech therapy, Cayden was discharged home – walking, talking, and laughing like a four-year old should.

After he went home, he continued to receive therapy on an outpatient basis for several months. While the staff miss Cayden very much, we're also proud to say that he no longer comes to ChildServe, as all of his needs can be provided right in his own community.

Cayden's Story

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Transitional Care Unit

Helping Children and Families
Transition from Hospital to Home

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What We Do

The Transitional Care Unit (TCU) at ChildServe provides a sub-acute level of care for children who no longer require acute hospital care but still need rehabilitation or recovery care and family training to safely return home with their families.

Who We Serve

The TCU has three admission categories: Rehabilitation, Complex Respiratory, and General Medicine.

Conditions

Conditions which frequently require transitional care include, but are not limited to:

- Cardiovascular Disorders
- Complex Respiratory
- Endocrine Disorders
- Gastrointestinal Disorders
- Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders
- Neurological / Neuromuscular Disorders
- Nutritional and Metabolic Disorders
- Orthopedic Injury/Surgeries
- Postoperative Care
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Wound/Burn Care



Qualified Professionals

Our interdisciplinary team of licensed and certified staff provides specialty pediatric care that addresses each child's medical, nursing, respiratory, rehabilitative, and developmental needs. Pediatricians provide continuous coverage and collaborate with specialty physicians to ensure the child's medical care is effectively coordinated.

Planning for Success

Discharge planning begins before the child has even arrived at ChildServe. Upon admission, the care team develops a care plan with discharge goals, and the team meets regularly to discuss progress towards those goals. The length of stay is determined in collaboration between the physician and the family with support and recommendations from others on the interdisciplinary team. Home services may be coordinated by a medical social worker to support families' transition home.

Unique Environment

Our 21-bed unit features five private rooms. Bright colors, fun shapes, and a playful atmosphere contribute to a family-centered environment where children can heal from illness or injury. Children recover as they play in the pool, gym, play rooms for toddlers and teens, and family rooms.

Family Education

Family members are integrated into the child's care from the day the child is admitted until the child is discharged. Families receive individualized training from nurses, therapists, and respiratory therapists throughout their stay to ensure they can support their child's care when they go home.



Specialized Staff

- Pediatricians
- Registered Nurses
- Child Life Specialists
- Occupational Therapists
- Physical Therapists
- Speech-Language Pathologists
- Respiratory Therapists
- Medical Social Workers
- Recreational Therapists
- Orthotists
- Nursing & Restorative Aides



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