The Child Center has used a community approach since 1971 to build a network of care around each child suffering from mental and emotional disorders.

We call it our Circle of Care, and we’ve been using this model to assemble friends, family and competent help around kids. These circles can include parents, siblings, the family doctor, day care providers, schoolteachers, and social workers.

Regardless of the group’s makeup, the goal is simple: to work together to build a brighter future for children with emotional and mental health disorders.

Our Vision
Children will have a future that is bright and full of hope

Our Mission
To create a lifetime of hope and understanding with children and families

The Community Resource Library at our Marcola Road campus offers more than 5,000 titles, including a large section of books for children addressing emotional and mental health topics.

The Crisis Intervention Program for Lane County children and adolescents offers round-the-clock emergency phone and on-site intervention for mental health crises. This is a collaborative program with Looking Glass and Jasper Mountain.

Parenting Education Groups provide parenting education developed by Child Center staff, based on the Collaborative Problem Solving model.

Intensive Community Treatment Services provides intensive mental health treatment services in school, home, and community settings in an intensive, wraparound outpatient format.

High School Intensive Treatment Program gives students group or individual mental health treatment in Lane County public schools.

Co-location of Mental Health and Physical Health makes assessment and treatment available at both medical clinics and public school health clinics in Lane County.

Outpatient Counseling provides individual, group and family therapy for children up to age 18. Children can receive services at home, at our Marcola Road campus, at a public school or in a cooperating clinic.

Intensive Community School-Based Treatment Services provides elementary and middle-school children with integrated treatment and education from Child Center staff within public schools. Services include individual, group and family therapy and mainstreaming support.

Our Intensive Psychiatric Day Treatment gives children ages 3-12 an intensive program integrating treatment and academics at our Marcola Road campus. Services include individual, group and family therapy.

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Child & Adolescent Mental Health Assessment Program
For determining mental health needs of individuals through age 18
The Child Center has an innovative, comprehensive assessment for children and adolescents ages 0-18, who need a mental health evaluation and assistance in developing a treatment plan.

Questions addressed include:
- Emotional & Behavioral Symptoms
- Diagnostic impressions
- Potential medications
- Appropriate intervention techniques
- Self-control & anger issues
- Cognitive functioning
- Executive functioning
- Attachment functioning
- Developmental concerns for ages 0-5
- Risk & Protective factors

The assessment procedures may also include:
- Classroom observation
- Social interaction
- Parent interviews
- Family intervention
- Individual interviews
- CASII
- Assessment of lagging skills and unsolved problems
- Behavioral rating scales

Assessments result in a written report including:
- Full Mental Health Diagnosis
- Treatment recommendations
- Psychotherapeutic intervention techniques
- Family therapy intervention recommendations
- Recommendations to schoolteachers & IEP programs
- Level of service intensity
- Referrals to specific treatment providers

Cost and Payment
Assessments usually take 4-6 hours and are charged on an hourly basis. There are various funding options, including some need-based scholarships. We accept The Oregon Health Plan, most insurance plans, VISA/Mastercard and pre-approved payment plans.

The Child Center’s Assessment Team
The assessment team includes assessment specialists, mental health counselors and behavior support specialists. A board-certified child psychiatrist, special education teachers, speech therapist and nurse are also available for consultation.

The assessment may take several weeks to complete, depending on the type of assessment.

This is an individualized evaluation, meaning your child will receive the type of testing, interviews and observations that are most appropriate.

Step Inside the Circle of Care
Even if you’re not sure which of our services can help your child, call us. We can help.

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