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## OVERVIEW

We are Wisconsin's only independent health care system dedicated solely to the health and well-being of children. Every day, we strive to advance our vision — that the kids of Wisconsin will be the healthiest in the nation. Throughout the state, we provide kids and their families a wide range of care and support— preventive care, routine care for earaches and sore throats, lifesaving advances and treatment options, mental and behavioral health care, foster care and adoption services, child advocacy, safety education and an insurance plan.

Our Milwaukee hospital and administrative offices are located on the campus of the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center in Wauwatosa, Wis., a destination for quality adult and pediatric care, lifesaving research and world-class education for tomorrow's doctors and scientists. Our academic partner, the Medical College of Wisconsin, brings many of the nation's most well-respected doctors to our team. Together we work to ensure that every child and family receives nothing but the best.

We know that kids need healthy families and strong communities to thrive and that we can't do it alone. Because of this, we partner with and support communities to provide patient- and family-centered care in a variety of community settings. We invest millions of dollars every year in programs and services to keep Wisconsin's kids healthy, happy and safe.



## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Children's Wisconsin has been recognized for its excellence as a patient care provider, employer and community partner. Our most recent honors include:

- Ranked among the nation's best by *U.S. News & World Report*
- Proud to be a Level I Children's Surgery Center
- Designated a Magnet® hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center
- Top Workplace by the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*



## OUR HISTORY

### MORE THAN 125 YEARS OF SERVICE TO KIDS

Children's Wisconsin dates back to 1894, when seven women with a shared vision raised enough money to rent a house at 214 Brady Street in Milwaukee and to launch a 10-bed children's hospital. It was the first hospital in the state dedicated solely to children and was founded largely to address the health needs of immigrant children. During its first 10 months in operation, the hospital served 23 children. The number of patients had more than doubled by the end of its second year.

Within five years, the little house on Brady Street could no longer meet the demand for services, and some children had to be turned away. In 1899, the board of directors, now numbering nine, voted to move the hospital to a building at 100 Farwell Avenue.

Demand continued to grow. In 1903, plans for a new building on the corner of 10th Street and Wells Street were approved. The Children's Free Hospital, as it was called, had tripled in size in just 10 years and had become a highly valued part of the Milwaukee community.

With staunch support from the community and friends of the hospital, a major campaign raised the necessary funds for a brand-new hospital in 1923. The 150-bed hospital opened on donated land at the corner of 17th Street and Wisconsin Avenue. This building is known today as Humphrey Hall at Marquette University.

The hospital moved to its current Wauwatosa location in 1988 where, in time, three towers were added.

With the most recent west tower addition, the current capacity is 298 beds.

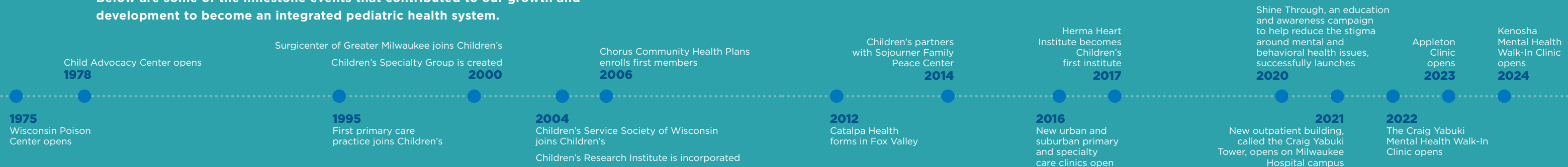
Today, Children's is a fully integrated health system dedicated 100 percent to kids and teens and is one of the nation's top pediatric facilities.

## OUR VISION

*"The kids of Wisconsin will be the healthiest in the nation."*

Our vision reminds us that nothing matters more than our kids. We believe in the boundless potential of young people and the impact they will have on our communities and our nation. We know that we need to be more than a hospital to achieve our vision. We need to provide a holistic approach, healing kids when they are sick but also keeping them well in the first place. We need to care for Wisconsin's kids and families wherever they need us. We need to partner with schools, communities and business leaders to ensure we are always working in the best interest of kids.

**Below are some of the milestone events that contributed to our growth and development to become an integrated pediatric health system.**





# SERVICES AT A GLANCE

## Pediatric hospitals

Children’s Wisconsin is one of the nation’s top pediatric facilities. Our hospitals, located in Milwaukee and Neenah, Wis., provide inpatient care, including transport of critically ill or injured children and intensive care services.

### Milwaukee

- Licensed for 298 beds
- Level I Trauma Center
- Level IV Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- Pediatric Intensive Care Unit

Strategic service lines:

- Cancer and blood disorders
- Cardiology
- Gastroenterology
- Neuroscience
- Newborn and fetal care
- Orthopedics
- Primary care

### Fox Valley

- Licensed for 42 beds
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

## Specialty care

We offer outpatient specialty care in more than 65 medical specialties. This care is available throughout Wisconsin at our hospitals, surgery center, at clinics and by virtual visit in order to provide care closer to home. Additionally, our pediatric specialty providers offer services at other hospitals and clinics through Children’s Specialty Group, a joint venture between Children’s Wisconsin and the Medical College of Wisconsin. The collaboration with other health care organizations allows us to extend our expertise to more patients in all corners of Wisconsin.

## Urgent care

Our urgent care sites are Milwaukee and Kenosha’s only walk-in clinics just for kids. We also offer online urgent care video visits, providing pediatric urgent care through the convenience of phone or mobile device.

## Primary care

We provide preventive and routine care to kids at 20 locations in Southeastern Wisconsin. Behavioral health consultants now work side by side with pediatricians in all primary care locations to create a holistic approach to patient care.

## Mental and behavioral health

Children’s recently expanded its mental and behavioral health care services to include the Craig Yabuki Mental Health Walk-In Clinic, Kenosha Mental Health Walk-In Clinic, school-based mental health, therapy and counseling, early childhood mental health and much more. We have also created a five-year plan called Shine Through to address the mental and behavioral health crisis affecting Wisconsin kids. Shine Through brings to light our important work in detecting needs sooner, improving access to services and reducing the stigma of mental illness.

## Research

The Children’s Wisconsin Research Institute is the most powerful concentration of pediatric research in the region. Our doctors and surgeons are nationally known for their groundbreaking discoveries in the fields of premie and newborn care, heart care and cancer care.

## Child advocacy and social services

Children’s has a long history of advocating for the welfare of children and providing services that support children and their families.

## Chorus Community Health Plans

We offer an HMO health plan for families in 27 Wisconsin counties who are eligible for BadgerCare Plus. We also offer a local health insurance plan, both on the exchange and off the exchange, called Together with Chorus Community Health Plans.

## Statewide services

Children’s provides online health education on topics critical to children and their families. Statewide programs are offered to address injury prevention, heart health, nutrition, parenting and many more. The Wisconsin Poison Center provides 24-hour, toll-free poison information for anyone in Wisconsin.

## School Nurse Program

Full-time registered nurses provide care for kids in six Milwaukee Public Schools, including health screenings, care coordination, health literacy and chronic disease management.

## School-based mental health

Our child and family therapists work with kids in their school environment to:

- Provide individual counseling and group therapy
- Consult with parents and teachers to support a child’s success
- Work with school staff to foster a healthy environment for students

# IN YOUR COMMUNITY

