



Within the walls of La Rabida

For more than 100 years, La Rabida Children's Hospital has been raising the possibilities of children.

Today, La Rabida specializes in the treatment of chronic illness, developmental disabilities and abuse. It is the only children's hospital of its kind in Chicago. Many of its disease management, rehabilitation and abuse and trauma programs are nationally recognized. Its commitment to medical excellence is affirmed with its affiliation with the prestigious University of Chicago.

**Premier Kids:
For the medically at-risk**

The hospital is especially proud of the Premier Kids Program. It increases the odds of a better future for young children who have encountered early medical challenges.

The work of the Premier Kids Program has inspired the generosity of many. In part, the program is supported through the fundraising efforts of The Women's Board of La Rabida Children's Hospital.



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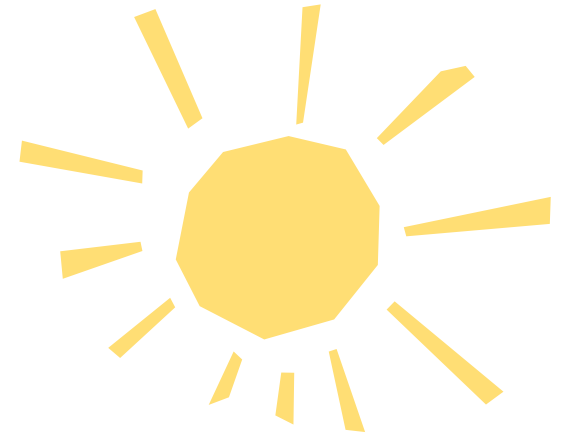
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PREMIER KIDS

The Medical Home For Children
From Birth to Five Years Old



Special attention for kids who need more

The Premier Kids Program of La Rabida Children's Hospital offers primary care for infants and children who are at-risk due to developmental problems and/or medically complex conditions. Targeted and comprehensive medical management early can enhance overall health later.

Children – five years of age and younger – enter our Premier Kids Program after having:

- Graduated from a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) or its follow-up program
- An inpatient stay, following delivery
- Neonatal drug exposure
- Received a diagnosis that may challenge physical, motor, cognitive, and nutritional development plus emotional and social growth
- Met the eligibility requirements of the Illinois Early Intervention System

Under one roof – a medical home

Premier Kids is a hospital-based outpatient program, conveniently providing an array of services at La Rabida's lakeside location. Meeting the definition of medical home, the program delivers care and service that is:

- Family centered
- Comprehensive, holistically addressing the child's needs
- Coordinated
- Team driven
- Culturally sensitive

Each Premier Kid receives routine check-ups, immunizations, and urgent care through a board certified pediatrician who also coordinates the care for the child's unique medical condition. The physician leads an interdisciplinary team of clinicians who work in partnership with each family to identify and then access the services and resources the family requires to optimize their child's health and development.

The goal is for our Premier Kids to reach their fullest potential. It's the mission of our hospital and every member of our staff.

Our Care Team



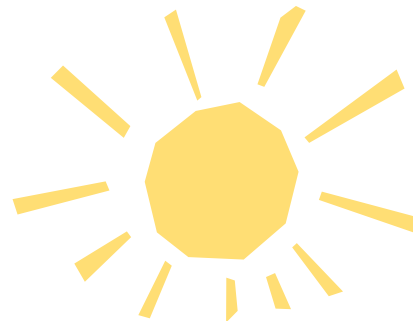
Encircling the family, supporting the child

La Rabida is a home away from home for both the child and family. With skill and heart, our care team nurtures the body, mind and spirit of each Premier Kid. Every child is assigned:

- A pediatrician who has advanced training in a pediatric subspecialty and meets the rigorous credentialing requirements of the University of Chicago
- A family nurse practitioner or nurse who works closely with the child and family and the physician to coordinate care and interventions
- A social worker who helps identify and secure access to community, social service, and educational resources essential to the well being of the child and family. Short-term family counseling is available upon request.

In addition, the care team includes:

- A developmental specialist who performs screenings and evaluations to aid in the creation of treatment plans
- A clinical dietitian who provides nutritional assessments, education and counseling for families



Referrals Welcome



Trusted and Referred by Child Advocates

Today, children are referred to the Premier Kids Program by a variety of Chicago-area sources, including:

- Physicians, case managers, social workers and other clinicians
- Early intervention specialists
- Child welfare workers
- Social service representatives
- Head Start program administrators

Parents and guardians are encouraged to self-refer.

Children likely to gain the most medical and developmental benefit from Premier Kids services will be enrolled in the program. Infants transitioning from a NICU receive priority appointments.

Premier Kids accepts all public and private insurance except HMO coverage.

How to connect

To request more information about the Premier Kids Program or refer a child, please call 773.256.5957 Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Or, send an email to pnorthrop@larabida.org. Messages will be returned within 24 hours or the first business day following a holiday or weekend.