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PRESCRIBED PEDIATRIC
EXTENDED CARE CENTER

What is PPECC?

Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers (PPECC) are non-residential medical facilities dedicated to the care of medically fragile infants and children below the age of 21.

PPECC centers are specifically designed to optimize the development of each child's independence, while helping them reach their full potential.

Daily care at these centers involve medical, nursing, psychosocial, therapeutic and developmental interventions appropriate to the child's medical condition and developmental status.

Our Services

Facility Hours

We are open 7 days a week with GUARANTEED nursing care!

Monday to Friday 8 am to 5 pm, Saturday and Sunday 8 am to 2:30 pm.

We also offer an after-school program (we pickup clients from school and drop them home).

Who we serve

The children we serve are medically or technologically dependent and may include a variety of diagnoses and special needs ranging from Cerebral Palsy, Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), gastrostomy, neurogenic bladder, tracheostomy, oxygen/ventilator dependent, and among many other medical condition.

These children will receive a person-centered plan of care in collaboration with their pediatrician, specialists, therapy provides, and others involved in the overall care and management of this child's health.

Transportation

Transportation to and from the facility is available for each child in our specially designed bus and van to meet the complex needs of each child, including a wheelchair-lift and security harness to safely transport wheelchair-bound children. Oxygen, suction, bag mask devices, and first aid kit are equipped in each vehicle.

Each child is transported with a CPR certified staff to and from the center. These core transport team members assesses and monitors the child's health and well-being during their fun ride with us.



Our Facility

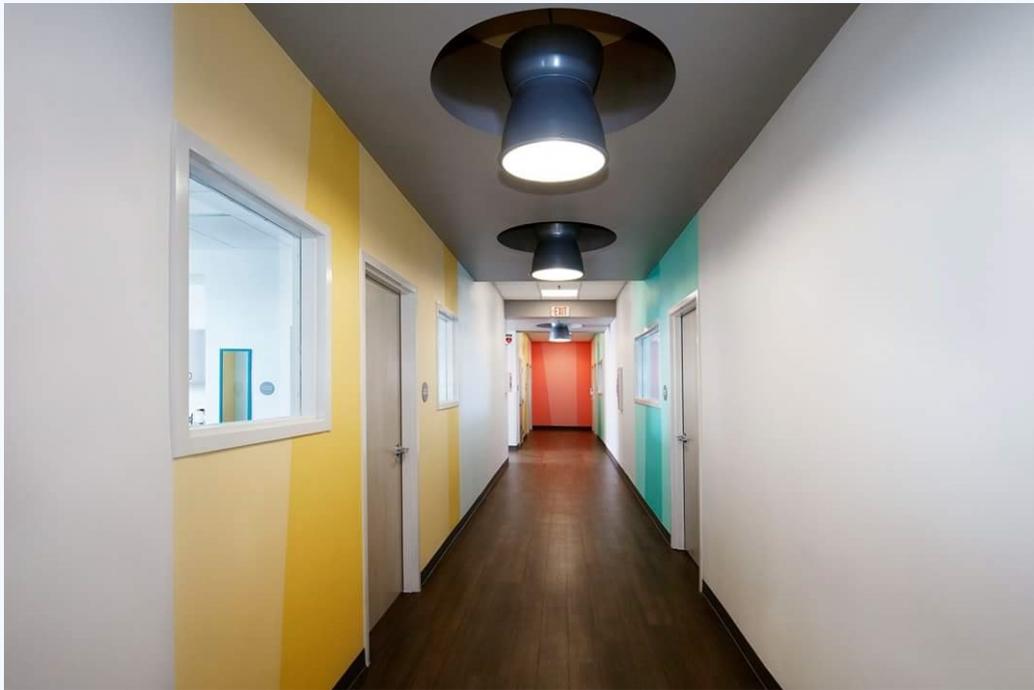


Little Haven was specifically designed to meet the vast needs of this special population and can accommodate up to 60 children into our service.

The facility has a backup generator, oxygen, fully equipped kitchen, and is in close proximity to Valley Regional hospital for any crisis.



Little Haven also provides a highly secured and stimulating environment where children can enjoy the outdoors in their very own backyard playground, along with spacious classrooms and a therapy room.



So what's the difference between Private Duty Nursing & PPECC?

PDN services provide their care in a home that may or may not be quite adept for most of these children to be cared for appropriately, especially in regards to their social and developmental skills due to the isolation that comes with the high cost of PDN.

PPECC services provide their care in a spacious and socially stimulating facility that helps these children obtain their medical, nursing, rehabilitative, and educational needs all under one roof, and at a lower cost when compared to PDN.

“We don't heal in isolation, but in community” – S. Kelly Harrell

Educational Partnership Proposal: Supporting Medically Fragile & Homebound Students

A collaborative model between Little Haven PPECC and BISD

The Challenge with Homebound Instruction

- Medically fragile students miss significant school time
- Teachers travel to individual homes (inefficient use of district resources)
- Limited socialization opportunities
- Safety concerns in some home environments
- Students often fall behind academically
- High absenteeism impacts district performance metrics

The Opportunity - A Safer, Centralized Solution

Propose:

Teachers provide instruction at Little Haven PPECC

Students receive:

Continuous skilled nursing care

Medication administration

Therapy coordination

Safe medical monitoring

District maintains educational responsibility

Families benefit from structured learning environment



Our mission goes beyond cost savings...

...our mission is to make a difference!



Healing begins with a social and loving environment...



and compassionate skilled nursing care.

Why Little Haven is Ideal for Homebound Instruction

Nurse-Staffed Facility

- *RN/LVN coverage during operating hours*
- *Vent/trach trained staff*
- *Emergency equipment onsite*

Safe Transportation

- *Wheelchair lift vans*
- *Oxygen-ready vehicles*
- *CPR-certified transport staff*

Secure Environment

- *Backup generator*
- *Proximity to Valley Regional Hospital*
- *Controlled access facility*

Regulatory Compatibility

- PPECC operates under Texas HHSC regulations
- Students remain enrolled in the school district
- Teachers remain district employees
- Educational services delivered per IEP/ARD plan
- No duplication of Medicaid education billing

District Resource Optimization

Multiple homebound students served in one location

- Reduced teacher travel time
- Reduced mileage reimbursements
- More consistent instructional hours
- Improved attendance reporting

Educational Benefits in PPECC Setting

- Improved engagement*
- Peer interaction*
- Reduced isolation*
- Higher emotional & social functioning*
- Better readiness to transition back to campus*

Proposed Partnership Model

- *Step 1: Student qualifies for Homebound services*
- *Step 2: ARD committee approves instruction at PPECC site*
- *Step 3: District teacher schedules on-site visits*
- *Step 4: Nursing staff ensures medical stability during instruction*
- *Step 5: Family receives coordinated medical + educational support*
- *Dedicated classroom area for district instruction*
- *Hybrid tele-education + in-person model*

Pilot Program Proposal

- *Start with 3–5 students*
- *90-day evaluation*
- *Track:*
 - *Attendance*
 - *Academic progress*
 - *Parent satisfaction*
 - *Teacher efficiency*
 - *Health stability*

Texas Precedent – Dallas ISD Partnership

- Major Texas ISD Successfully Implemented PPECC Educational Partnership
- In 2022, Dallas Independent School District entered into a formal agreement with Sunshine Kids Pediatric Day Center (PPECC) to provide:
 - On-site district teachers
 - Educational services per IEP / Section 504
 - Up to 7-hour instructional day
 - ADA/IDEA compliant services
 - Joint ARD participation
 - FERPA & HIPAA compliance
 - Average Daily Attendance (ADA) funding structure maintained
- This demonstrates:
 - ✓ Legal viability
 - ✓ Funding compatibility
 - ✓ Regulatory compliance
 - ✓ Successful district-PPECC collaboration

PPECC Provides:

- *Classroom space*
- *Utilities & maintenance*
- *Furniture*
- *Safe environment*
- *Administrative coordination*
- *Participation in ARD meetings*

ISD Provides:

- *Teachers*
- *Instructional materials*
- *Technology*
- *Supervision*
- *FAPE under IDEA*
- *7-hour instructional capability*
- *Record maintenance*

Funding Structure

From the Dallas agreement:

- *Students count toward ISD Average Daily Attendance (ADA)*
- *ISD continues receiving state and federal funding*
- *PPECC cooperates in documentation*
- *No double billing*
- *No transfer of educational liability*

Legal & Compliance Protections

From the Dallas agreement:

- IDEA compliant
- Section 504 compliant
- ESSA compliant
- FERPA compliant
- HIPAA protections
- Clear termination clause (30-day notice)
- Independent party status (no employment crossover)

Translation for board:

This is not informal cooperation.

This is a formalized MOU structure vetted by Dallas ISD legal counsel.

Proposed Structure for BISD

We're not asking you to invent something — we're asking you to replicate a Texas precedent
We are proposing a structured, mutually beneficial partnership modeled after Dallas ISD

Dallas ISD Model

ISD provides teachers

PPECC provides classroom space

ISD maintains ADA

ARD collaboration

FERPA & HIPAA compliance

30-day termination clause

Proposed Little Haven Model

District provides teachers

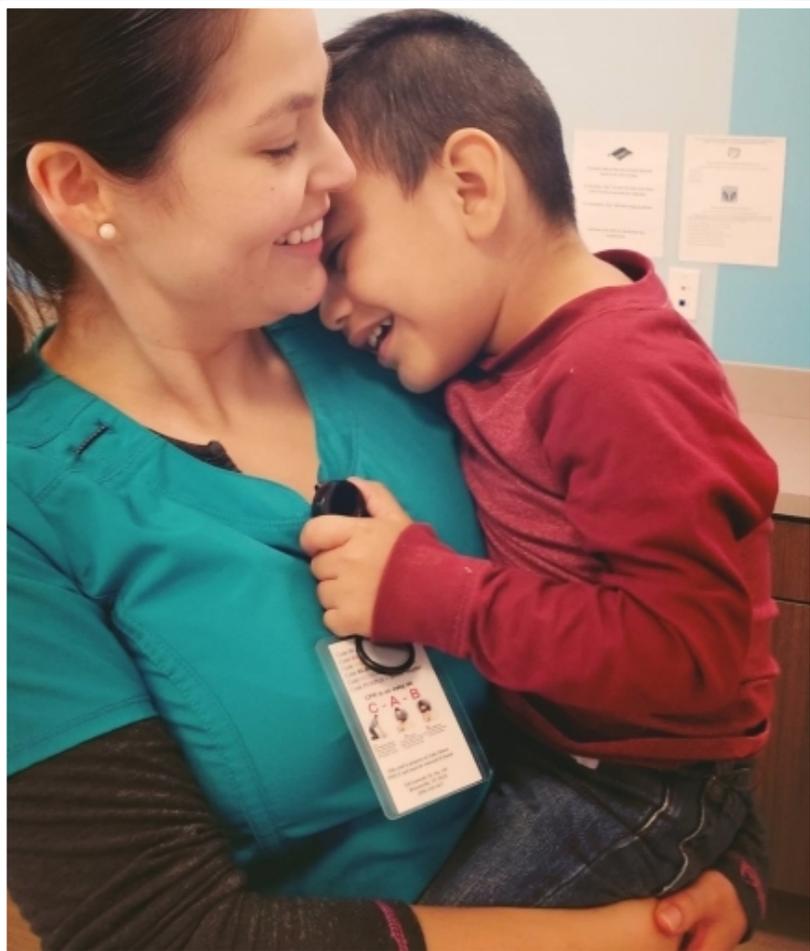
Little Haven provides classroom space

District maintains ADA

ARD collaboration

FERPA & HIPAA compliance

Same protection



Little Haven PPECC

*Making a difference
day after day.*



Benefits of PPECC

Benefits of PPECC include

- One single point of contact enhancing communication between family, payer, and physician.
- Avoiding costly duplication of services.
- Providing consistent utilization management throughout the continuum of care.
- Promoting primary nursing and case management.
- Focusing on an holistic approach to child and family optimal health status both physiological and developmental while helping to reduce long term cost of care.

The PPECC program is designed to offer:

- A more usual social environment which provides experience in peer interaction and socialization.
- To increase the accessibility to professional staff.
- To improve parent coping skills and decrease burn out.
- To promote developmental stimulation.
- To provide a cost-efficient care option compared to costly hospitalization or private duty nursing.
- To improve utilization of limited health care dollars.

Health Outcomes in Home Setting vs. PPECC

Carmen Caicedo, PhD, RN, who is an Assistant Professor from the Florida International University Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences, conducted a research study to examine for any significant benefits in regards to physical, mental, and functioning outcomes for children and their families being cared for in a PPECC setting vs. Home Care setting.

Her results showed that children from a PPECC setting had a higher health-related quality of life (HRQOL) including physical, emotional, and social functioning.

While children and their families from the home care setting had the poorest HRQOL including physical functioning, cognitive difficulties, worry, communication, and difficulties with daily activity.

Our First Success Story

- Patient was post-encephalitis which left the child dependent on GB supplementation, inability to walk unassisted due to falling over immediately, unexplained night terrors and crying episodes, and limited to no verbalization when previously child was completely age and developmentally appropriate.

Patient spent 3 months under PPECC nursing care and during this time frame the child started regaining her motor skills, and oral intake back. She went from inability to walk to fully dancing, laughing, and engaging others in conversation. The child was discharged to parents who left feeling confident and ready for caring for their child on their own.

Compassionate Nursing Care



Our little miracle...



Stephen Sealey CBS 4 News

4 hrs · 🌐

“It’s the second opinion that we got here that saved my son’s life”

One mother describes her experience with Texas’ first Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Center. Hear her story and more tonight at 10 on CBS 4.



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Little Haven, PPECC

Exceptional Care for Extraordinary Kids