

Mission Statement

The Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children provides occupational therapy services to children ages birth to 21 years with developmental delays or physical disabilities. These services are provided under the direction of a physician and at no cost to the families. Preference is given to infants and young children, those who are medically fragile or who would otherwise go without services because of health status, transportation problems, or lack of other resources, and to children who without therapy will experience deterioration in their status. Each therapist, under the supervision of the Therapy Supervisor, is responsible for determining priorities within his/her caseload.



Since 1954 the Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children has provided home based occupational therapy to children who are in need. Therapy is provided by licensed therapists. While the Program endeavors to serve the entire State, our strength of service is based on availability of therapists and budgetary concerns.

Services are provided on a short term basis and are not intended as a substitute for other services. Availability of other services, resources and effectiveness of therapy is reviewed quite regularly.

The Program's existence and success depends on the contributions from Tall Elks, Tall Ladies, Coin Boxes, Memorials, Honor Gifts, and Bequests. Only with the support of Washington Elks and other Friends of the Program can they continue to make a difference in the lives of these young people.

(The Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc. complies with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Service Code, Section 501 (C) (3), therefore donations to the Therapy Program are tax deductible.)

State of the Program

The present caseload for the Washington Elk Therapists' averages 25 children per unit. Each unit consists of a licensed therapist, transportation and equipment. Their time is fully utilized taking care of "Our Kids" and there are more kids who need our services. The Therapy Program is healthy. From the initial stages over 65 years ago, when one therapist was responsible for covering the entire state, it has been a long successful climb, to a point where the program is an integral, much needed, and much appreciated part of communities throughout Washington state. Administrative costs for the Program remain very low, thus 90% of each contribution goes directly to its Purpose - therapy for children. The success of any program is reflected in its longevity. The fact that it is meeting a specific need, and meeting it well.

And don't forget the individuals—"Our Kids" and their families. Without the Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc., many children would have much different lives.

**"To the Children and their families
...it makes a difference."**

Role of the Parent/Guardian

Parent/Guardian participation during therapy is critical to each child's success. We believe that the parent/guardian is the expert on the child and that our role is to teach families how to carry through therapeutic activities into daily life, with an emphasis on home programs and parent participation. One hour per week of therapy is only the beginning of a 24 hour, 7 day a week therapeutic process. We know that each family is unique and that the best therapy program comes from caring relationships and valuing each child's special needs and abilities. This is best accomplished when the whole family takes an active role in treatment planning.

FUNDING

Financing for the Therapy Program is derived from various sources: Annual member per capita dues, investment income and voluntary contributions from anyone wishing to contribute.

You can support the Therapy Program in a variety of ways, all gifts over \$10 will receive a **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** receipt:

TALL ELK or TALL LADY — When a person contributes \$10 or more annually, they are acknowledged as a Tall Elk or Tall Lady. As their contribution totals increase they are recognized by different types of awards at certain giving levels.

MEMORIAL - A Memorial Gift is a way of honoring a loved one or friend who has passed on. We will send acknowledgement of a gift received in their memory (excluding the donation amount of course) if that information is provided.

HONOR GIFT - An Honor Gift is a very thoughtful way to remember those special occasions in the lives of others, such as Birthdays, Anniversaries, Graduations, Recognitions, Expressions of Appreciation for Special Deeds, Sickness or Hospitalization, Mother's Day, Father's Day, etc. When the gift is received, your friend or loved one is notified by us (if that information is provided) that you have made a gift to the Therapy Program.

BEQUESTS - A donation can be made either through a will or a codicil to an existing will. More information can be obtained from the Therapy Program Office at 253-472-6223 or 1-800-825-3557.

RECURRING DONATIONS - Automatic monthly credit card donations can be set up through the Therapy Program office. (A \$10 per month minimum is necessary due to processing costs.)

ON-LINE DONATIONS - Go to www.waelks.org to make an on-line donation. Simply click on the "what we do" tab. From there you can choose to send a payment or donate right from the website.

AMAZON SMILE - When you shop on Amazon, use www.Smile.Amazon.com, select Washington Elks Therapy Program For Children Inc. and 0.5% of your purchase comes back to the Therapy Program. All you do is change how you logon to Amazon, let us know if you need help.

Thank you for the difference you make in the lives of "Our Kids"



Eligibility

Children with an Occupational Therapy Prescription for treatment are eligible for our program.

Selection Process

Children are selected for the program based on variety of factors including:

- Location of the family
- Age - preference is given to young children
- Medical Conditions: Preference is given to the medically fragile
- Availability of resources

No Elks affiliation is necessary





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At the 1954 convention of the Washington State Elks Association, a decision was made which would ultimately change the direction of the entire organization. It was determined that the Elks in Washington State should be more than a gathering point for those who belonged to the Association. The Elks should contribute to the welfare of the entire community.

Research indicated the best way the organization could achieve such an ambition. The greatest need was in the area of therapy for children with special needs. Many children could enjoy a better life if affordable, quality pediatric therapy was available.

The Washington Elks decided they could help by establishing the Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc. and its services would be offered FREE.

Pediatric therapy is provided by licensed occupational therapists to those who have no other source of therapy service readily available to them.

**Elk Members never stand so TALL as when
they reach to help a child in need.**



The Washington Elks Therapy Program For Children, Inc.



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