



Common Difficulties Addressed in Therapy

Inappropriate social interactions resulting in problems with:

- Family relationships
- Peer relations
- Cooperative play
- Following rules/directions

Poor motor coordination/planning resulting in problems with:

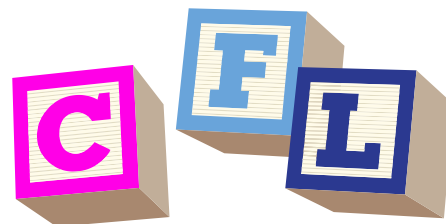
- Play skills
- Life skills
- Learning new tasks
- Organizational skills

Sensory processing difficulties resulting in problems with:

- Attention
- Distractibility/impulsivity
- Self-regulation
- Readiness to learn
- Endurance/fatigue

Speech and language delays resulting in problems with:

- Expressive or receptive language
- Articulation
- Social language/pragmatics



Connections for Life is a program within the Child & Family Treatment Center of Central Clinic Behavioral Health. We work with children ages birth to five, and their families. Children must have occupational and/or speech needs and have experienced developmental trauma such as:

- Violence in the home
- Caregiver absence or inconsistent involvement
- Physical, sexual or verbal abuse
- Neglect
- Multiple placements

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Connections for Life is a collaborative program of Central Clinic Behavioral Health, Cincinnati Occupational Therapy Institute, and Hearing Speech & Deaf Center of Greater Cincinnati.

These agencies have joined together to provide a unique approach to the treatment of young children who have experienced developmental trauma.



Connections for Life utilizes a neurodevelopmental approach for treating problems related to the child's trauma. Our multi-disciplinary model addresses the impact of trauma on the child's developing brain, as well as the caregiver/child relationship.

Integrated Treatment

Connections for Life partners with the child and their family to provide an integrated treatment approach that utilizes a mental health therapist, occupational therapist, and speech and language pathologist in a single treatment session.

Services include:

- Evaluation and treatment of the child's developmental, behavioral, sensorimotor function, and communication skills
- Caregiver/child therapy that incorporates the concerns for the whole child and supports the attachment relationship with their caregiver
- Psychological assessment and medication management is available through Central Clinic Behavioral Health
- Strategies and education are provided by partnering with caregivers to improve the child's functioning at home, school, and in the community
- Referrals for other needed services as needs are identified

