



## **The Lily Pad at Easter Seals West Kentucky Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC)**

### **Program Description**

**The Lily Pad at Easter Seals West Kentucky is designed to give children who are medically fragile quality medical care in the least restrictive environment possible.**

For parents of children with complex medical needs, the challenge of finding quality child care can be overwhelming. For many of these parents, leaving the work force is not an option. They need income and health care benefits to help offset the costs associated with caring for a child with complex medical conditions.

At The Lily Pad, children with complex medical conditions can play and learn with other kids in a safe nurturing environment freeing their parents to work and/or attend school. The Lily Pad's inclusive day health program will provide a Protocol of Care which includes: medical, nursing, psychosocial, developmental, and educational therapies.

Prominent Paducah pediatrician Dr. John Cecil will serve as the Lily Pads consulting Medical Director and Jessie Meiser, R.N. B.S.N, CPEN is the Director of Nursing. In addition, The Lily Pad will be staffed with RN's, CNA's and child developmental specialists. This group, along with each child's primary care physician, will work as a team to provide the best medical, developmental and educational care possible for the child.

Developmental services shall include a functional assessment including an individualized program plan to accommodate the child's developmental needs. Self-care, communication skills, social skills, motor skills, pre academic areas, and play with toys/objects which are age appropriate are included in each child's daily routine. The Lily Pad's staffing ratio will be 3:1.

The Lily Pad at Easter Seals West Kentucky will serve a maximum of 48 children, ages 0-20 (primarily 0-12), who have conditions ranging from asthma and diabetes to respiratory conditions, heart conditions, leukemia, etc. Children enrolled at The Lily Pad may be eligible to have program costs funded through Kentucky Medicaid, including two Managed Care Organizations. Other funding sources include private insurance and private pay.

The Lily Pad will be housed inside the Easter Seals West Kentucky Ethel Dubois Smith Child Development Center located at 801 N. 29<sup>th</sup> Street, in Paducah. The Child Development Center is a Kentucky Stars for Kids Now three-star rated daycare. It is also McCracken County's only three-star rated daycare program. The hours of operation will be Monday through Friday 7:00 AM-5:30 PM.

**Who to Refer:**

- Children currently receiving home health services
- Children with metabolic disorders
- Children with genetic disorders
- Children with neuromuscular disorders
- Children with respiratory compromise including ventilator dependent children
- Children currently homebound due to a medical condition
- Any child/family that could benefit from medical and educational services throughout the day

The Lily Pad at Easter Seals West Kentucky can assist families in retaining independence, enable a parent the ability to return to work or school, broaden resources, improve quality of life, and renew hope.

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