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Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children offers specialized services to children with disabilities and their families from across the province. Sunny Hill serves children from birth to age 19.

Vision: Better health for children and youth, achieved with partners who work together to ensure access to best practices and best care in the best setting.

Mission: Be a provincial and regional resource providing child and youth health care and services and integrating our role as an academic health centre; provide provincial and regional leadership in assessing and meeting health care needs; and support, respect and value our people.



Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children Meeting the unique needs of children with disabilities

How we serve BC

As the children and families who need Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children's services are located in communities throughout BC, the Sunny Hill team uses innovative initiatives like outreach clinics and telehealth technology as well as onsite patient visits to the Sunny Hill facility to serve the special needs of children with disabilities. More than 40 per cent of the children and families who rely on Sunny Hill live outside the Lower Mainland. Only a small number of children require a stay in Sunny Hill's inpatient program as part of their care. Sunny Hill is committed to maintaining and continuously improving quality and safety for children and their families.

Sunny Hill's teams of health professionals provide assessment, diagnosis,

consultation, referral and, in select cases, treatment. Designing services to complement the resources available in each child's home community, the teams address:

- Development and behaviour, including complex developmental disabilities, acquired brain injury, autism and prenatal exposure to alcohol and other drugs. (Accompanying difficulties may involve language or learning disabilities and problems with social or emotional development.)
- Neuromotor disabilities like cerebral palsy that mainly affect physical and motor development and often cause delays or disorders in other areas
- Sensory impairment like hearing loss and impaired vision that may also involve complex medical needs and developmental challenges

- Transition planning to help meet the significant challenges of caring for children with complex conditions returning to the community, and respite services to give families a break from providing care by admitting their children as inpatients for short stays

Sunny Hill is a program of BC Children's Hospital, part of the PHSA pediatric portfolio providing comprehensive specialized health services for children and youth and their families.

Research and education

Affiliated with the University of British Columbia and other postsecondary partners across the province, Sunny Hill is one of a few sites in Canada providing education for pediatricians specializing in developmental pediatrics. Each year, more than 150 health professionals in training gain experience at Sunny Hill. Sunny Hill's physicians and health professionals are also highly involved with world class research

regarding child development and childhood disability in partnership with UBC and the Child & Family Research Institute.

By the numbers A year at Sunny Hill*

Patient's Health Authority	Intake Assessment	Inpatients	Ambulatory Visits	Outreach
Fraser	880	83	1,465	405
Interior	188	28	171	382
Northern	181	10	142	242
Vancouver Coastal	856	65	1,802	224
Vancouver Island	194	12	190	124
Other**	52	0	57	29
Total	2,299	198	3,770	1,277

*Statistics are for 2006/07 fiscal year

**Other=patients whose health authority is out of province or unknown.



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