At MMI, we offer:

CLINICAL SERVICES
- Educationally related occupational therapy (OT) services for Omaha Public Schools to support students ages 3-21 with sensorimotor challenges that are impacting their academic success.
- Evaluation and treatment of neuro-motor and/or sensory-based feeding problems.
- Home-based assessment of daily living routines and equipment needs, with follow-up training.
- Clinic-based handwriting remediation sessions for children.
- Short-term, intensive, small-group treatment opportunities may be available during summer months.

TRAINING
- American Occupational Therapy Association Pediatric Residency training in collaboration with Children’s Hospital & Medical Center.
- Graduate-level clinical fieldwork training for OT education programs at nine different universities.
- Support graduate-level courses and interprofessional educational opportunities offered through the College of Allied Health Professions, Division of Physical Therapy Education.

RESEARCH
- OT is collaborating with MMI colleagues whose research is focused on:
  - improving family and child outcomes for the at-risk infant, and
  - understanding how individuals with movement disorders use their vision while planning and performing actions.

There are a variety of departments at the Munroe-Meyer Institute, including:
- Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Developmental Medicine
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Recreational Therapy
- Speech-Language Pathology
- Developmental Neuroscience
- Education & Child Development
- Genetic Medicine
- Human Genetics Laboratory
- Pediatric Feeding
- Psychology
The Munroe-Meyer Institute’s mission is to lead the world in transforming the lives of all individuals with disabilities and complex health care needs, their families and the community through outreach, engagement, premier educational programs, innovative research and extraordinary patient care.

Occupational therapists assess and treat individuals with sensorimotor challenges that interfere with their ability to participate in the activities they want and need to do in their everyday life. Occupation is defined as meaningful activity, therefore our therapeutic focus is on optimizing function and participation when fine motor, oral motor, and/or sensory difficulties are compromising the individual’s self-care independence, access to education, health and social participation.

**Our occupational therapy team believes that:**
- Play is a childhood occupation that is critical to early learning and emotional well-being.
- Our participation and independence in all activities of daily living depends on successful manipulation of toys, tools, objects and/or materials.
- Every child or adult can be empowered to participate in meaningful activities of daily living through the utilization of adaptations and/or technology.

**What to expect at an occupational therapy appointment**

Occupational therapy services at MMI require a referral from a primary care physician and insurance authorization. This referral must clearly state the functional needs to be addressed or goals to be accomplished. Therapy may occur in the clinic or in your home, according to the client’s needs. For more information, go to unmc.edu/mmi/departments/ot.

**AT YOUR APPOINTMENT, EXPECT:**
- The therapist will interview you and/or your caregiver about your daily roles and routines, and ask you to share your perspective about the specific situations and tasks you find challenging.
- An assessment of small or fine motor skills, such as manipulation of various objects, tools and dressing fasteners – and the building blocks of these skills: muscle strength, joint stability and eye-hand coordination.
- Food/drink may be used to assess concerns about oral-motor or self-feeding skill development.
- Specific measures of handwriting legibility when this is a referral concern.
- Mobility and Assistive Technology (MAT Clinic) evaluations focus on the positioning/postural and access concerns that prompted the referral.
- Collaborative goal-setting and problem-solving.
- Skill building activities that are creative, functional, engaging and can be incorporated into a home program.

**Service hours**

8 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
(Some scheduling flexibility is available to address specific families’ needs.)

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**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

The American Occupational Therapy Association  
aota.org

Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America  
resna.org

**WHERE WE ARE**

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