Clinical Services
The Pediatric Feeding Disorders Program provides services to infants, children and adolescents with moderate to severe feeding problems.

The purpose of the evaluation clinic is to determine whether your child is appropriate for our services and the level of services your child needs.

The day-treatment program is for children with severe feeding problems who have not progressed with other therapy. The program is Monday through Friday from about 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for about eight weeks. The goal of the program is to make a significant change in your child’s feeding behavior.

The outpatient program is for children who graduate from the day-treatment program and for children with moderate to severe feeding problems who cannot attend the day-treatment program. The goal of the program is to progress the child to age or developmentally typical feeding behavior.

The SEEDS program treats children aged 2-8 years with autism spectrum disorder or developmental disabilities who need early intervention and have feeding problems. The goals of the program are to promote skill development and age- or developmentally typical feeding and to reduce challenging behavior such as aggression, noncompliance and self-injury.

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
Contact the Pediatric Feeding Disorders Program if your child:
• Is not growing well.
• Doesn’t eat many different foods.
• Is not eating in an age- or developmentally appropriate way.
• Gets most of their calories from tube feedings.
• Has mealtime behavior that causes you stress.
• Has oral-motor skill deficits.

What to expect
In the evaluation clinic, we ask you about your child’s medical and feeding history and observe you and your child during a meal. We also assess your child’s oral-motor skills, nutrition and growth and your family’s readiness to participate in the program.

Caregivers must participate actively in the day-treatment program. The child has three to five therapeutic meals per day. We assess and treat the specific behavior that contributes to the child’s feeding problem such as oral-motor skill deficits and refusal. Caregiver training and home visits are essential.

During weekly, one-hour outpatient appointments, we will show and tell you how to treat your child’s feeding behavior. You will practice feeding your child according to our recommendations during the appointment and between appointments. We typically conduct outpatient appointments via telehealth.