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
- Education & Child Development
- Genetic Medicine
- Human Genetics Laboratory
- Pediatric Feeding
- Psychology

Car Seat Program

This program is designed to assist families with children with special needs who are in need of a safe way to position their child in a car seat, booster or harness while they are being transported in a vehicle. The therapists will determine, with family input, which seat most appropriately meets their child’s positioning needs.

Our child safety seat therapists (technicians) are certified for standard child safety seats as well as trained for special-needs car seats.

We realize that every child/dependent and family has unique transportation and positioning needs that are not always met with standard child safety seats or boosters.

Every child/dependent is required by federal law (LB 42) to be safely positioned while traveling in a car or bus.

Team collaboration between families and their child/dependent, technicians, insurance companies and health professionals is key.
What to expect at a car seat evaluation appointment:
A full car seat evaluation at MMI requires a referral from a primary care physician and insurance authorization. An additional one-to-two sessions will be required to properly fit the car seat to the child or dependent adult and to educate and train the family/caregivers on correct placement and positioning of the seat.

AT YOUR APPOINTMENT, EXPECT:
• A physical therapy evaluation, including a thorough interview regarding the child’s/dependent adult’s medical history and current positioning needs.
• An assessment of child’s/dependent’s posture and strength as it relates to positioning and overall functional skills.
• Discussion regarding current transportation needs of child/dependent and what types of car/bus might be used in the near future.
• Coordination with durable equipment vendors to assist with approval and ordering of requested seat/booster or harness system.
• Follow-up appointment to assist with placement of seat into the vehicle, correctly fitting the child/dependent into the seat and training the caregivers on safe use.

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 National Center for the Safe Transportation of Children with Special Health Care Needs
preventinjury.org
safekids.org
carseat.org

WHERE WE ARE
444 S. 44th St., Omaha, Neb.