

PEDIATRIC THERAPY

These services are part of the array of services children are entitled to receive to treat, correct, and ameliorate health conditions.



Pediatric therapy services **must** be ordered by a physician. Medicaid rules require the physician to remain actively involved with the child's care.



TYPES OF THERAPY

PHYSICAL-restores or improves physical functioning

OCCUPATIONAL-restore or gain participation in activities of daily living.

SPEECH-improve motor speech and/or related physical (swallowing) disorders



RETURN ON INVESTMENT

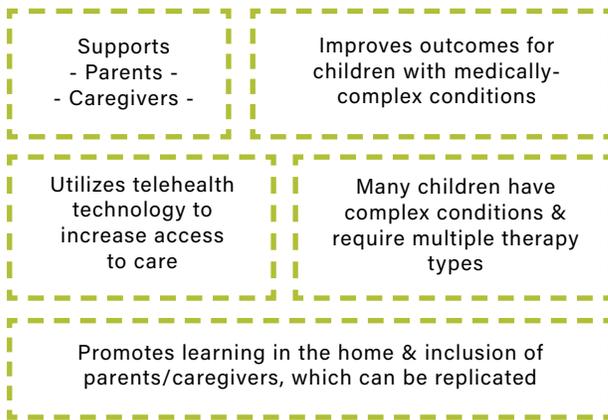
UP TO \$17.07 FOR EVERY \$1 SPENT

(According to multiple studies)

46% of children did not need special education by the time they reached kindergarten as a result of Early Childhood Intervention including key **pediatric therapies interventions**, according to the National Early Intervention Longitudinal Study in 2007.

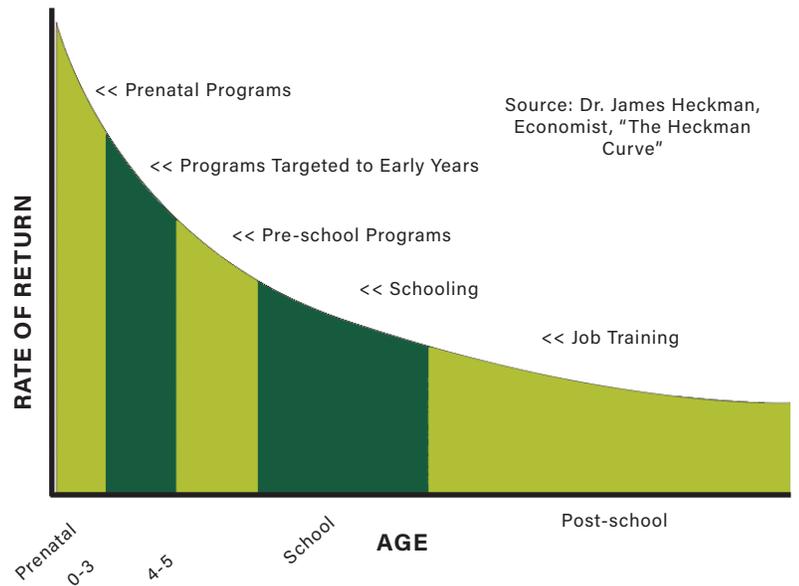
WHY DELIVER PEDIATRIC THERAPY IN THE HOME?

Therapy services can be delivered in a physician's office, an outpatient rehabilitation facility/CORF, or in the home.



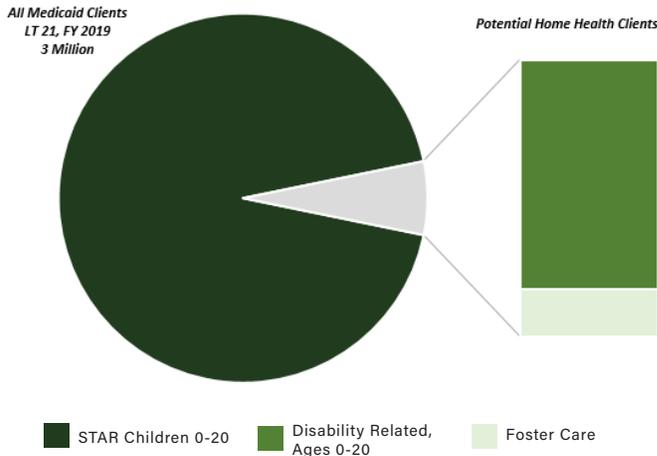
RATE OF RETURN ON INVESTMENT IN HUMAN CAPITAL

Pediatric therapy is a smart investment. The highest rate of return in early childhood development comes from investing as early as possible. Efforts should focus on the first years for the greatest efficiency and effectiveness.



WHO RECEIVES PEDIATRIC THERAPIES?

In FY 2019, there were over 3 million children in Medicaid that could receive therapy if deemed medically necessary. Only children who have complex medical conditions, such as those in STAR Kids or STAR Health (foster care) are eligible to receive therapy in the home. A higher proportion of children in Foster Care (STAR Health) or Disability-Related children (STAR Kids / FFS) receive therapies. Many of these clients receive multiple therapies per patient.



UTILIZATION OF THERAPIES

Utilization of Therapies, shows that 6-10% percent of clients in the Disability-Related (STAR Kids) group utilize therapies, whereas fewer, 2-6%, of Foster Care clients utilize therapies, with less than to just above 1% of Medicaid children in STAR utilizing therapies. Prior analysis from HHSC has shown that in total, children receive approximately 1.4 services, and many children receiving therapies in the home receive at least two, and sometimes all three therapies.

