

FAST FACTS

about Cleft Palate Clinic

Children's Rehabilitation Service (CRS) offers a specialized team treatment approach that coordinates your child's medical and specialty evaluation at one location and one time to ensure that comprehensive services are available to children and their families.

Who is eligible to attend?

Any child who is a resident of Alabama and has at least one of the following conditions may be eligible for Cleft Palate Clinic services:

- Cleft lip/palate
- Short palate
- Velopharyngeal incompetence
- Submucous cleft
- Alveolar notch

Who is part of the Cleft Palate Clinic team?

To provide comprehensive evaluation and treatment services, a interdisciplinary team approach is used by CRS. The clinic team usually consists of the family and the following professionals:

- Plastic Surgeon
- Speech-Language Pathologist
- Otolaryngologist
- Registered Dietitian
- Oral Surgeon
- Audiologist
- Nurse
- Orthodontist
- Social Worker
- Dentist
- Oral Maxillofacial Surgeon

Other professionals may be called in by the team on a consultant basis.

What services are available through the clinic?

Treatment plans for each child vary according to growth, development and family needs. Services available through Cleft Palate Clinic include:

- Team evaluation
- Prosthetic appliances
- Nutritional evaluation/consultation
- Care coordination
- Patient/Family education
- Hearing services
- Surgery
- Medically necessary dental/orthodontia services
- Speech/Language evaluation and therapy referrals
- Parent Connection services



For more information about the Cleft Palate Clinic in your area, call **1-800-846-3697** or visit **rehab.alabama.gov**

