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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST AND PHYSICAL THERAPIST

California Children's Services (CCS) is a specialty program within the Public Health Department. The Medical Therapy Program (MTP) is a sub-specialty within CCS which provides physical and occupational therapy to children, newborns to 21 years of age, with medically eligible physical disabilities. Most of the medically eligible conditions are due to neurological, neuro-muscular or muscular-skeletal disorders (i.e. cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, brachial plexus injuries and juvenile rheumatoid arthritis).

Butte County's MTP is housed in two separate Medical Therapy Units (MTUs); Sierra Del Oro School in Oroville and Loma Vista School in Chico. These units are state licensed outpatient rehabilitation clinics.

Children receive physical and occupational therapy as prescribed by the MTP physician or a CCS approved physician. They may receive direct therapy on a weekly basis in the MTU or may receive therapy consultation services for the home and classroom.

CCS Medical Therapy Program

Eligible children are seen with their parents or guardians in the Medical Therapy Conference (MTC) on a 6-month or yearly basis, depending upon the level of therapy services prescribed by the physician. The child is assessed by the physician and the MTP Team, and then decisions are made regarding necessary therapy and equipment, as well as referrals for other medical care or community resources. Other significant people in the child's life, such as other agency representatives and caregivers, are invited to attend the MTC.

The Medical Therapy Program employs licensed Physical and Occupational Therapists, Therapy Aides and Medical Records Technicians. The Public Health Department is currently seeking qualified candidates who have a California Physical or Occupational Therapy License to join this dynamic program. Full-time and part-time positions are available. These classifications are currently on Continuous Recruitment, with applications accepted at any time.