

SUZANNE VITALE CLINICAL EDUCATION COMPLEX (CEC)

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The Suzanne Vitale Clinical Education Complex (CEC) houses the Communication Disorders Clinic, the Renshaw Early Childhood Center, the Family Resource Program, and the Kelly Autism Program. The CEC provides applied research opportunities for both graduate and undergraduate students and valuable services to the community at large. This complex is a comprehensive clinical setting for education and health and human services professionals. The CEC builds upon a strong tradition at Western Kentucky University to meet community needs, fill service delivery gaps, provide opportunities for applied research, and enrich both undergraduate and graduate students' educational experiences through an interdisciplinary teaching approach. Following is a short description of the units housed within the CEC:

Communication Disorders Clinic

The Communication Disorders Clinic (CDC) provides outpatient services to individuals with communication disorders, offering evaluation and treatment services supervised by certified and licensed faculty in language, articulation, voice, fluency, hearing and swallowing disorders. Phone (270) 745-3469.

Vickie and Dan Renshaw Early Childhood Center

The Renshaw Early Childhood Center (RECC) provides early learning and intervention services to children who are neurodiverse and children who are neurotypical, ages 15 months through kindergarten entry, in inclusive group settings. As a part of the early learning program, the RECC provides field experiences and mentoring for university students in early childhood education, special education, communication disorders, nursing and other related fields. The RECC also serves as a center for research and collaboration with university and community partners and stakeholders. For more information, phone (270) 745-2773.

Family Resource Program

The (Family Resource Program) FRP is the nucleus of the CEC and is the first point of contact. The program supports families as a source of information, referral, and service in all CEC areas. Phone (270) 745-4232.

Kelly Autism Program

KAP provides programming and services for individuals ages 7 through adult who have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other disabilities. KAP focuses on developing social, communication, sensory, executive functioning, transition, community, and academic skills. KAP also provides a six-point Circle of Support program for individuals with ASD who are attending WKU. The program offers a single dorm room, study tables, mentoring, counseling, and weekly advisor meetings. Phone (270) 745-4232.