

Fernandes Center for Children & Families

222 Milliken Boulevard
Fall River, MA 02721

508-235-5285

Directions To Fernandes Center for Children & Families

From Providence, RI/points West Route I-195 East to Massachusetts exit 7 (Plymouth Ave./Hartwell St). Follow to end of exit and go right on Plymouth Ave. At first set of lights (Walgreen's), go right on Rodman Street. Follow Rodman to end, at intersection with South Main Street (approximately .7 mile). Continue through lights to Columbia Street. At first set of lights, go right (Milliken Boulevard). Fernandes Center for Children & Families is located at 222 Milliken Boulevard (the brick building just past Dunkin Donuts), on the right.

New Bedford, MA/points East Route I-195 West to exit 7 (Plymouth Ave.) At bottom of ramp, turn left on Plymouth Ave. At second set of lights (Walgreen's), go right on Rodman Street. Follow Rodman to end, at intersection with South Main Street (approximately .7 mile). Continue through lights (Columbia Street). At first set of lights, go right (Milliken Boulevard). Fernandes Center for Children & Families is located at 222 Milliken Boulevard (the brick building just past Dunkin Donuts), on the right.

Newport, RI/points South Route 24 North to I-195 West to exit 7 (Plymouth Ave.) Follow directions as in "From New Bedford" (above).

Taunton, MA/points North

Route 24 South to Route I-195 West (toward Providence) to exit 7 (Plymouth Ave.) Follow directions as in "From New Bedford" (above).

Portuguese - Português

Fala Português? Vamos oferecer-lhe um intérprete gratuito.

Spanish - Español

¿Habla español? Le proporcionaremos un intérprete sin costo alguno para usted.

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Feeding Services

Fernandes Center for Children & Families

Saint Anne's Hospital

A STEWARD FAMILY HOSPITAL



The Fernandes Center for
Children & Families
of Saint Anne's Hospital



in collaboration with
Hasbro Children's
Specialty Practice

A Lifespan Physician Group Practice

INTERPRETER SERVICES AVAILABLE

saintanneshospital.org

Fernandes Center for Children & Families

Helping children to grow, develop and be healthy is at the core of our mission.

We offer a variety of programs and services that can help your child with feeding difficulties, including the Growth and Nutrition Clinic and the Feeding Clinic.

Growth & Nutrition Clinic

The Growth & Nutrition Clinic is an interdisciplinary, family-centered program that provides comprehensive evaluations and interventions to children up to age six with poor weight gain or other early feeding problems. Children can be referred by other clinics, physicians, parents and providers for evaluation and follow-up. The clinic's primary goal is to implement cost-effective, family-centered interventions that can be used in the home. Our clinic ensures that children and families receive needed community services to support development.

The Growth & Nutrition Clinic includes team members from the following specialties:

- Pediatric Gastroenterology
- Dietetics
- Pediatric Psychology
- Speech and Language Pathology
- Social Work
- Occupational Therapy

Children with the following challenges may benefit from the Growth & Nutrition Clinic:

- Prematurity
- Growth problems associated with genetic syndromes, gastrointestinal, or cardiac conditions
- Feeding problems associated with developmental delays and/or disabilities
- Slow weight gain

Feeding Clinic

Our Feeding Clinic provides assessment and treatment for infants and children experiencing feeding difficulties. Feeding problems can include picky eating, limiting certain food groups, and eating too little or too much.

Children have feeding problems for a variety of reasons, including chewing and swallowing problems, developmental complications, oral-motor delays, or sensory sensitivities. Often, feeding difficulties are related to several factors at the same time and require comprehensive assessment and treatment.

At our clinic, the child's care is coordinated among multiple pediatric specialists with an emphasis on ongoing family education, training and support. The initial assessment includes evaluation by one or more of the following specialties.

- Occupational Therapy
- Pediatric Psychology
- Speech Pathology
- Dietetics

If your child experiences one or more of the following, he or she may benefit from the Feeding Clinic:

- Limited or poor intake
- Food refusal/selectivity ("picky eating")
- Suspected or identified problems with swallowing
- Choking or gagging
- Chewing difficulties
- Lack of oral feeding experiences
- Sensory problems
- Oral sensitivity

For more information or to make an appointment, call 508-235-5285.

