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Occupational Therapy Services: Clinic vs. School



Outpatient/Medical Occupational Therapy Services

- Services most often funded by an individual's insurance plan. Coverage for OT may require a prescription from the child's pediatrician.
- Outpatient OT services do not have any "eligibility criteria," but the treating therapist must demonstrate "medical necessity" for the insurance company to approve services.
- The scope of practice is broad and other areas outside of education can be addressed. This allows for more intensive, frequent, and focused therapy.
- Services are frequently offered year-round with no interruption to care in the summer months.
- There is typically more access to a variety of sensory and gross motor equipment in a clinic, as well as the ability to see a child in a more individualized setting.

School/Preschool Occupational Therapy Services

- Funded through the public school district and is based on eligibility guidelines for Individualized Education Plan (IEP) services or services offered through a school district's Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS).
- In the educational model, occupational therapy is considered a "related service." This means that in order for a child to be eligible for OT at school they must have an IEP.
- OTs support the child in the classroom environment and focus on the academic impact of the student's needs. Services and goals must be deemed educationally necessary.
- Services are provided during school hours in the setting that is considered "least restrictive."

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