

Cerebral Palsy Commission (63 O.S. § 485.3, 485.9)

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J.D. McCarty Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities

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Mission Statement To provide a comprehensive program of rehabilitative care to Oklahoma's children (0 to 21) with developmental disabilities; to utilize measurable quality standards and to ensure excellence in health care through a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary approach to service delivery which will enable children with developmental disabilities to maximize their potential and enhance their quality of life; to provide an intensive and comprehensive habilitative environment through direct services, referrals, and consultations that will lead to increased productivity and a quality standard of living throughout adulthood; to increase the physical and emotional well-being of patients and their families through an empowering process of education, training, transitional planning, and community support; to advocate for the needs of children with developmental disabilities by increasing awareness and supplementing habilitative services in all communities as well as pro-actively seeking solutions to expressed concerns; and to facilitate ongoing educational training for staff to ensure continuous quality improvements.

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History and Function The McCarty Center was founded in 1946 by the 40 et 8 of Oklahoma, an honor society within the American Legion. A member of the 40 et 8 had a grandson who had cerebral palsy. The grandfather could not find any entity in the state that could help his grandson to learn to walk or talk. The 40 et 8 took it upon themselves to create a place where children with cerebral palsy could get the physical, occupational, and speech and language therapy they needed to reach their highest level of independence and functionality. Today, the McCarty Center has treated more than seventy different diagnoses in the developmental disability category. In 1948 the McCarty Center became a state agency.