

DEVELOPMENTAL/BEHAVIORAL

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When to contact: One month prior

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Where to meet: Munroe-Meyer Institute Room 2004

Purpose:

The goal of this one-month rotation is to provide the resident with a background in the principles of normal childhood development and behavior and associated problems of dysfunction.

Objectives:

Residents will be introduced to methods of evaluation and therapy and gain basic skills in handling psychosocial issues in pediatric populations. An integral part of this experience will be gaining an appreciation of interdisciplinary evaluation and resource availability.

Methods:

By the end of the rotation, the resident will be able to:

1. Discuss patterns of normal development and be able to perform developmental screening.
2. Initiate evaluation and management, including referral, of children and adolescents with developmental behavioral disorders.
3. Develop a clinical approach to the infant and preschooler with developmental delay.
4. Participate as a member of an interdisciplinary team in the evaluation of a child with a developmental disability.
5. Acquire a knowledge base of various developmental disabilities (i.e., ADHD, cerebral palsy, mental retardation, communication/ hearing disorders, spina bifida), to allow the resident to be able to act as the primary physician of the patient with disabilities.

Implementation:

The resident will achieve the objectives of the rotation by attending clinics, completing suggested reading and assignments, and attending conferences as required by the developmental behavioral pediatrics staff.

Evaluation:

At the end of the rotation, the resident will be evaluated by a member of the developmental behavioral pediatrics staff. The resident's evaluation will be based on the degree of success in completing the objectives of the rotation.