

# 2007 Year-in-Review

Penfield Children's Center served **1,379** children & their families in 2007

- ◆ **1,207 children received *birth-to-3* early intervention services for children with developmental disabilities or delays or are at risk for delays.** Penfield continues to provide the majority of our early intervention services in the children's homes or other community setting.



- ◆ **48 high risk, medically fragile infants and young children were cared for in Penfield's Special Care Nursery** -- the oldest and largest program in the Milwaukee area providing nursing services, therapy, special education, and childcare for at-risk and medically fragile children from birth to age three. Penfield's Special Care Nursery also provides palliative/hospice care for terminally ill children.

- ◆ **128 children under five years of age were referred to the Behavior Clinic for aggression, serious tantrums, oppositional behavior, property destruction, hyperactivity, self-injury, separation anxiety and autistic-like behaviors.** Penfield's Behavior Clinic, a partnership with Marquette University School of Education, Department of Counseling Psychology, identifies young children with significant behavior problems and works with their families to prevent these behaviors from becoming more serious and long term.



- ◆ **Penfield's Parent Mentors helped 77 parents to deal appropriately with the additional pressures they face raising children with special needs in poverty.** Parent Mentors are mothers who have successfully raised their own special needs children. These trained paraprofessionals, one African-American, one Hispanic, working one-on-one, help parents and caregivers of Penfield children meet their own basic needs (adequate food, housing, employment, personal safety) while caring for a child with developmental delays or disabilities.



- ◆ 30 children age three to 18 received services in Penfield's Outpatient Clinic.
- ◆ 114 children ages four weeks to nine years were enrolled in Penfield's Child Care Program.



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- ◆ Penfield's therapists and special education teachers continue to provide direct service and/or staff support to community child-care centers throughout Milwaukee County.
- ◆ **1,938 Penfield family members** participated in Penfield's parent support and education programs and family social events and outings in 2007.
- ◆ **Penfield Children's Center hosted 39 parent and family events in 2007:**
  - **13 transition planning conferences to help parents plan for their children's future after they graduate from Penfield at age three** (113 attended)
  - **13 parent education/training programs** (159 attended)
  - **7 family social events and field trips** (1,650 attended)
  - **4 parent advisory group meetings** (16 attended)
- ◆ **711 parents, children and extended family members** enjoyed Penfield's annual Family Holiday Celebration.
- ◆ **250 volunteers provided 4,560 hours of service to Penfield in 2007.** Volunteers serve in the Special Care Nursery and classrooms, at parent/family programs, at fund-raising events and in the governance of the agency.

