

OUTPATIENT FEEDING THERAPY PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Mary Free Bed 

Service Dates: April 2019 - April 2020

OUR APPROACH

Our team's focus is on improving your child's ability to eat, taking into account physical abilities and medical and nutritional needs.

OUR MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM



- Occupational therapists
- Speech-language pathologists
- Registered dietitians
- Registered nurses

We assess and treat children from birth through adolescence with a wide variety of diagnoses and causes for feeding disorders, including:

- Chewing and swallowing difficulty
- Developmental delay
- Selective eating, autism, ARFID
- Oral aversion
- Breast- or bottle-feeding difficulty
- Tube-feeding support or weaning

STANDARDIZATION OF CARE

Our goal is to create a therapeutic environment that's positive and nurturing, where your child can achieve favorable outcomes.

COLLABORATION

When appropriate, we work closely with health care providers and community resources (health departments, WIC, school administrators, etc.) to provide your child with appropriate resources.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

"I'm so thankful. Mary Free Bed made this whole process so much less scary and intimidating."

"I felt like it was my fault she wasn't eating and that I was a bad mom. But after being here, you all answered so many questions, and I've learned so much."

"It's so nice to be able to go out to eat as a family. I used to have to pack a separate meal, but now I know that she'll eat some of what we are having."



OUTCOMES Data sourced from REDCap, using PediEAT tool

100%

IMPROVEMENT IN OVERALL FEEDING ISSUES



100%

IMPROVEMENT IN MEALTIME BEHAVIORS



75%

IMPROVEMENT IN SELECTIVE EATING



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GIFT IMPACTS OUR PROGRAM AND OUR COMMUNITY

Feeding problems during infancy and early childhood are prevalent and rising in number due to increased survival of infants with extreme prematurity and medical complexity, and a growing population of children with developmental disabilities, such as autism spectrum disorder.”

Source: Thoyre et al. “The Pediatric Eating Assessment Tool,” Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition, Volume 66, Number 2, February 2018, pp 299-305

A generous gift from Amway last year enabled us to provide support staff for the Feeding Therapy Program’s registered dietitian and registered nurse.

We continued to supply Circle Plates and nutrition resources for our families. With Amway’s gift, we were able to purchase new bottle systems, straws, cups, spoons and game plates for children with feeding difficulties.

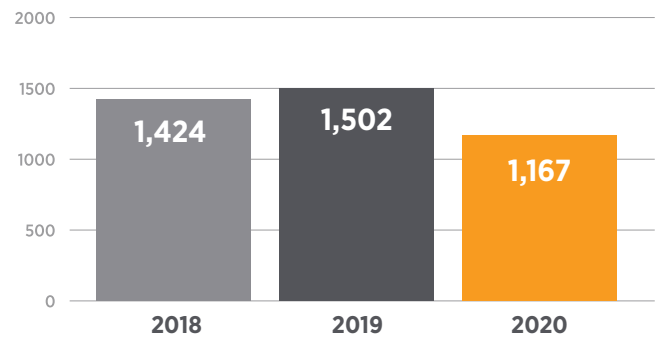
We also partnered with the Vitamix Foundation, which provides free or discounted blenders to children who need a blended diet by a feeding tube or by mouth.



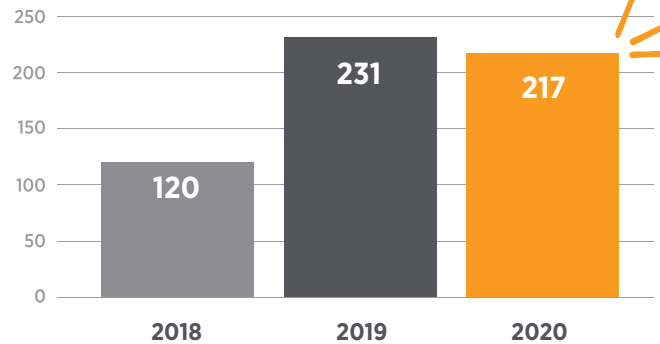
NUTRITION CONTACT STATISTICS

NOTE: The program served 217 young patients from April 2019 to April 2020. The graphs below reflect the number of total encounters. For example, a child who visits two times a week for eight weeks would represent 16 contacts or encounters.

TOTAL ENCOUNTERS



KIDS SERVED



99 VIRTUAL VISITS BY REGISTERED NURSE AND/OR REGISTERED DIETITIAN FOR FEEDING THERAPY PROGRAM PATIENTS AT HOLLAND OUTPATIENT LOCATION.

22% INCREASE IN GROWTH IN CHILDREN FOLLOWED BY A MARY FREE BED KIDS FEEDING THERAPY PROGRAM TEAM. (Z-score data)



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