



## About the McCarty Center

The center, founded in 1946, is a specialized pediatric rehab hospital for children with developmental disabilities. We serve children from birth to age 21 and we offer a positive environment where children and their families are encouraged and empowered. The center provides medical care and physical, occupational, speech and language therapy for children on an inpatient and outpatient basis. The services are tailored to meet the unique needs of children with developmental disabilities.

The McCarty Center was founded by the 40 et 8 of Oklahoma — a Veterans group — to offer treatment to children with cerebral palsy. The center takes its name from the late J.D. McCarty, a state legislator whose support helped pave the way for the center's expansion and designation as a state agency in 1948.

Initially, the center treated one disability — cerebral palsy — and now treats more than 100 disabilities.



## Mission statement

The McCarty Center's mission is to provide a comprehensive service program to Oklahoma's children and to advocate for the needs of children with developmental disabilities by increasing awareness and supplementing services in all communities.

## How to become a volunteer

- ✓ Complete a volunteer application form. You will need to set up an appointment with Jennifer Giamelle, the volunteer coordinator, to learn about the current opportunities available. She can be reached at (405) 573-5342, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or by e-mail at [jgiamelle@jdmc.org](mailto:jgiamelle@jdmc.org).
- ✓ Complete a criminal background check form.
- ✓ Schedule a tuberculosis skin test, which can be administered by your primary physician.
- ✓ Provide a copy of your immunizations for mumps, measles, rubella, chicken pox and the Tdap vaccine (combined tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis). If you received your Tdap vaccine prior to 2005, you will need a new vaccination. The Tdap vaccine is available at the Cleveland County Health Department. The vaccine is free and offered Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ✓ Complete HIPAA orientation. HIPAA — which stands for the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act — is a federal patient privacy regulation that McCarty Center employees and volunteers must know. The volunteer coordinator will arrange for you to take an online orientation course about HIPAA.
- ✓ Complete and return paperwork. Once all paperwork is submitted, you will schedule a time to meet with the volunteer coordinator to discuss your work schedule and meet with your supervisor.

