

Aquatic Therapy

Overview

Aquatic therapy encourages physical, sensory, and language development in children with a wide variety of disabilities, injuries, and levels of function. The pool setting is a highly motivating and physically supportive environment so children often engage in tasks they typically would not tolerate.

Capernaum's aquatic therapy allows a child to practice moving their bodies in a calming and less-resistant environment. The water provides an environment to work on therapy goals as well as allows caretakers to safely support their children.

Aquatic therapy may be beneficial for individuals with:

- Musculoskeletal conditions
- Cerebral palsy
- Hypotonia
- Muscular dystrophy
- Scoliosis
- Spina bifida
- Spinal muscular atrophy
- Concussions/traumatic brain injuries
- Spinal cord injuries
- Autism spectrum disorders



Capernaum provides aquatic therapy at Summit Place in Eden Prairie.

Aquatic therapy oftentimes helps kids who have plateaued with a skill on land to make it "over the hump" and achieve that goal after working on it in the water.

Benefits

- Improved muscle strength
- Improved range of motion/flexibility
- Decrease in pain
- Improved body awareness and motor learning
- Joint mobility
- Muscle flexibility
- Improved coordination and balance
- Head and trunk control
- Blood supply to muscles
- Decrease in abnormal tone and rigid muscles
- Improved trunk stability and postural alignment

66 Capernaum's therapists see my child's strengths!"

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