

ErinoakKids Centre for Treatment and Development

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ErinoakKids is the largest Children's Treatment Centre in Ontario serving 17,000 kids annually. At ErinoakKids, it's not just about treating a child's physical illness but looking at the psychological, community, and social aspects of wellness. The center offers services for speech and language, social work, physiotherapy, and autism programs.

The main entrance is visible from the corner of Castelmores and McVean. A large urban plaza at the front welcomes kids and families and provides community space for celebrations. Transparency at the ground level offers views into a playful gym with a climbing wall and family resource center. The building is organized around a central courtyard specially designed to accommodate kids with a wide range of disabilities.

Inside, a two-story high main street built with heavy timber connects the gym, therapy pool and family center with treatment spaces. The enlarged landing of the feature stairway is turned into a treehouse overlooking the main courtyard, providing a playful rest area for kids who have difficulties walking.

The facility is designed to function as an interactive, therapeutic tool, not as an institution. The theme of play, achievement and memory is incorporated in all aspects of the building. The optimistic spaces emphasize joy and a sense of play in fully accessible playgrounds, while incorporating smart design features that help children recover. The respite building, with views to Salt Creek Ravine, welcomes children for weekend sleepovers and gives families a much needed break. There, kids can make cookies, play, share stories near the campfire, and develop life-long friendships.

The new facility is designed to achieve LEED Silver. It features recycled materials, energy efficient design, drought tolerant landscaping, and reuse of stormwater for irrigation.

The new ErinoakKids facility in Brampton is poised to deliver a bright future for young people with disabilities for years to come.

