

Olivia and Desmond

The Professional Center for Child Development has been part of our family since our daughter Olivia was 3 months old. Olivia was born premature, with multiple congenital anomalies, difficulty breathing and swallowing, and selective mutism. She endured a number of blue spells and choking episodes. The Professional Center therapists were there for her from before she took her first steps and her Occupational Therapist remained focused on feeding until Olivia graduated the program at 3 years old. Olivia also attended the PCCD food group and the Two-by-Two developmental play group.

Our son Desmond has also benefited from Early Intervention. He has dysphagia (difficulty swallowing) from a stroke he had in infancy, needing a feeding tube (gastrostomy tube or g-tube). Along with feeding therapy he receives speech therapy. Both Olivia and Desmond have each undergone two surgeries and EI therapists have been there with our family through it all. A PCCD therapist even attended one of Olivia's tests when we needed her the most. With all that we have been through we are so grateful to have our friends at the Professional Center help us, even when we didn't know we needed it. We've said it time and time again that we would be lost without the love and support we've gotten from our PCCD friends over the years.

Olivia, Matt, Rebecca and Desmond