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- Prevent Child Abuse Connecticut
- Early Childhood Programs
- Prevention, Education and Training Programs

Additional Information or Service Requests

To obtain additional information or to make a referral for a *DART* evaluation or a customized evaluation, please contact:

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Wheeler Clinic

A non-profit, multi-service behavioral health agency serving Central Connecticut and Greater Hartford.

Children's Services

Located in Plainville, Bristol, New Britain, Hartford, Farmington, New Haven and Waterbury.

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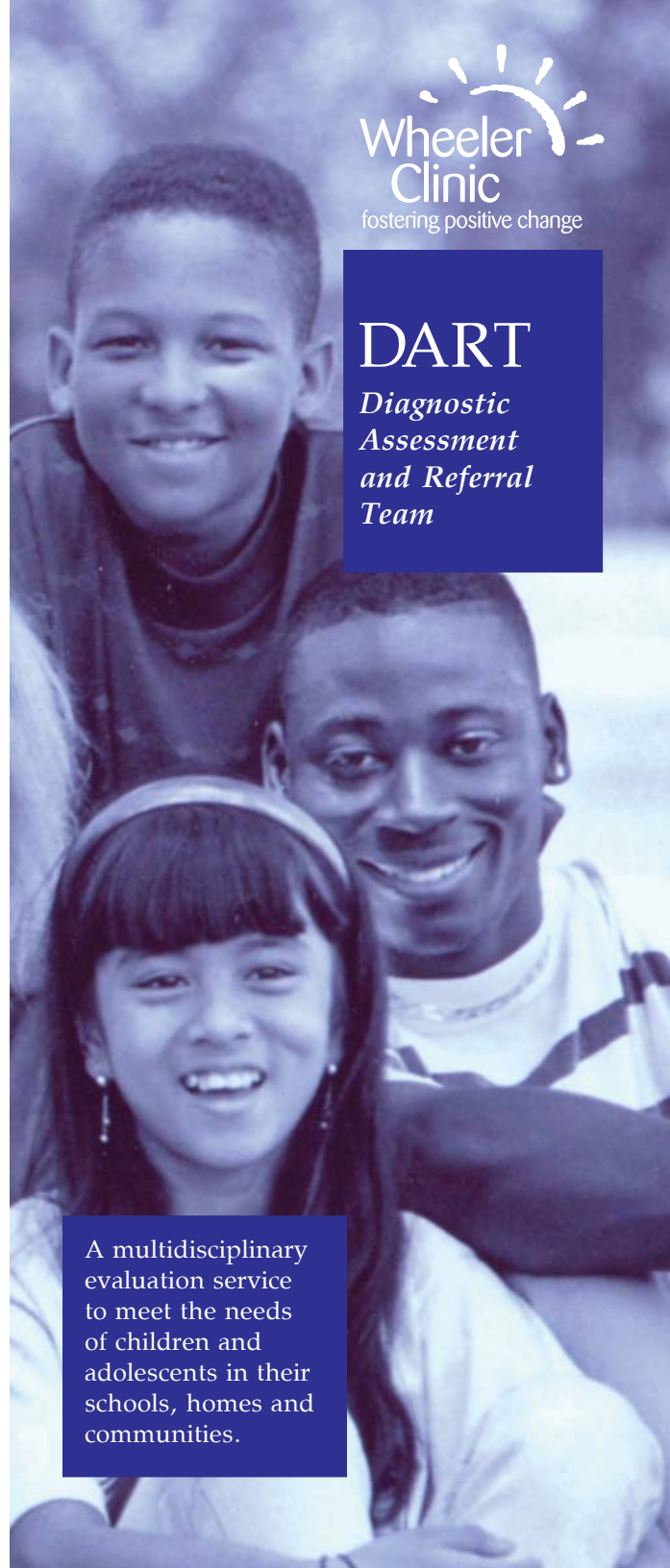
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DART
Diagnostic Assessment and Referral Team



A multidisciplinary evaluation service to meet the needs of children and adolescents in their schools, homes and communities.



Our Goal

A component of the IMPACT program, Wheeler Clinic's *Diagnostic Assessment and Referral Team* provides effective answers to referral questions about programming and placement decisions. We strive to provide specific strategies, materials and approaches to help the child succeed in the least restrictive educational environment.

Whom to Refer

Children and adolescents between two and 20 years of age

When to Refer

- assistance for making program and placement decisions
- for a third party evaluation
- for a more comprehensive and integrated study of the child

Referrals Accepted From

- school systems
- Department of Children and Families
- mental health agencies
- parents
- pediatricians

Timetable

Upon receipt of a referral, a projected completion date is negotiated between the *DART* coordinator and the referrer. The *DART* team recognizes the importance of efficiency when completing evaluations. Most evaluations can be completed within 30 working days.



The DART Evaluation

The *DART* evaluation is an integrated, multi-disciplinary evaluation for children who are experiencing behavioral, cognitive, social, emotional, and/ or educational difficulties. The final report provides an integrated overview of the child, and may include other necessary, approved assessments. Specific recommendations address the concerns raised by the referrer, and are designed to allow the child to achieve a greater sense of success in his/ her overall functioning.

Core *DART* Evaluation Components

- orientation and family assessment
- psychological assessment
- psychiatric assessment
- classroom observation and meeting with educational staff
- contact with current treatment providers
- feedback sessions with parents and referral source
- comprehensive written report

The Team

- psychologists
- family therapists
- social workers
- physicians, psychiatrists
- special education teachers
- speech and language therapists
- occupational and physical therapists



Customized Evaluations

When a comprehensive evaluation of the child is not warranted, the *DART* program is also available to provide customized evaluations. These evaluations can be completed alone or in combination with another. Evaluations available include:

- psychological
- psychiatric
- speech and language
- occupational
- neuropsychological

An Integrated, Comprehensive Report

One member of the core evaluation team manages each evaluation. That member sees the family through the process and prepares a comprehensive final report. The report provides one integrated overview of the child and makes specific recommendations.

Additional Assessment as Necessary

If indicated, additional evaluations are scheduled as a high priority and can include the following:

- neuropsychological
- educational testing
- speech and language
- physical or occupational therapy
- home visit