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DEVELOPMENTAL HEALTH | AUDIOLOGY





Frederick J. Artz

A new name for an old friend

We'd like to introduce ourselves, even though we may have already met.
We're the **Artz Center for Developmental Health**.

Maybe you know us as the **Hearing and Speech Institute**, having served the community for over 80 years, or maybe as the **Northwest Early Childhood Institute**, advocating change for young children for over 10 years. Since the two organizations merged in 2003, we know it's been a little confusing at times.

Over the years, our work has gotten bigger, and so has the vision that inspires us. We realized we needed a new name—one that can hold all we are, and all we hope to become.

Our new name honors a dear friend and supporter, Frederick "Jack" Artz, who passed away in 2008. His compassion and generosity changed thousands of lives and helped make us who we are.





Clinical Services for Children and Families

Potential, not limitation

From a family's first inkling that their child is somehow different, the journey to find help can be long and frustrating.

Well-meaning friends say it's just a phase. Doctors and teachers use scary diagnostic labels. Specialists refer them to other specialists.

By the time they find us, families may be exhausted and discouraged. But from the first meeting they realize the Artz Center is different.

We meet families and kids wherever they are and walk beside them as long as they need us—encouraging their progress and celebrating each triumph.

Where others see disability and limitation, we see each child's **brilliant spark of potential**. And we help fan that spark into a flame of accomplishment.

Clinical Services for Children and Families

A team of experts with the family at the center

Families come to us with all kinds of social, emotional, developmental, sensory, and communication issues, including attention deficit, autism spectrum, genetic anomalies, speech and language delays, hearing issues, and behavioral challenges.

At the Artz Center, they find a team of experts in children's developmental health, all in a single location, collaborating closely to ensure that each child gets the right care at the right time.

Our approach is based on state-of-the-art research showing that strong relationships actually help children develop healthy, resilient brains.

By **enfolding children in a network of relationships**, family and caregivers build skills and shield them against later problems—giving them their fullest opportunity for a happy and rewarding life.





Audiology

Personalized, lifelong audiologic care

Adult hearing care was our founding intention and has been part of our mission for over 80 years. We understand the core importance of hearing health to happy relationships.

We also understand that good hearing health care is a lifelong journey, not a one-time transaction. That's why we offer audiologic services for both children and adults—beginning in infancy as part of our children's clinical services and continuing for adults and elders.

At the Artz Center's audiology clinic, we develop a complete, individualized plan that focuses on rehabilitating hearing and improving relationships. Our personalized, flexible care takes into account each person's preferences, habits, circumstances, and budget.

Our audiologist has the highest degree of training to care for all aspects of your hearing evaluation and management—**so you and your loved ones can hear the voices you care about most.**

Community Leadership

Changing the lives of children across the region

There are big challenges to children's developmental health across the network of care in Oregon. Too many children are not helped early enough, sources of care are fragmented and disconnected, and families are not empowered with the information and support they need.

The results? We see them all around us: poor outcomes for kids, frustration for families, and high systemic costs at all levels of society.

Our Solutions? We work to strengthen prevention efforts by linking services together so families can find what they need to promote the best outcomes for their child. That's why our mission as a non-profit includes catalytic leadership to raise awareness through community education and policy change.

We want to share what we've learned about power of healthy relationships to drive lifelong developmental success, and to turn best practices into models that can be replicated across the state.

It's a big job. But we know that a little stone can create big ripples.

With support from our community, we will **raise the standard of developmental health throughout Oregon**—and touch the lives of children we will never even meet.





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“We will forever remember the person who gave our daughter the keys to the world.”

– Amy’s father, Sid

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Now that we've gotten (re-)acquainted.

Learn more about us at www.artzcenter.org.

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