

Grandview Kids:

Helping kids and youth live to their full potential



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Grandview Kids' vision is "Every child and youth living at their full potential." Their new building brings together a range of services to support children and youth with communication, physical, and developmental needs. The space is designed to be inclusive and welcoming for everyone.

A Space that Attracts and Welcomes

The new Jerry Coughlan Building brings together a variety of clinical and medical services in one location, serving 6,000 children and youth in the community. Alongside an interdisciplinary clinical team, the facility also features an education partner, Grandview School, which enables children, who are Grandview Kids clients, to attend school while accessing their therapy services.

It was essential that the new building be a welcoming space that understands, embraces, and celebrates the inherent potential of children and youth. "We wanted a facility that didn't feel like a hospital. Many of Grandview's clients have spent considerable time in hospitals as infants and young children, which can be overwhelming and associated with negative memories," explains Lynne Wilson Orr, Principal, Parkin Architects.

Everything in the building is designed to support the therapeutic journey of their clients and their caregivers in a positive and uplifting manner. Starting outside with the arrival playground and sensory trail, through to the vibrant colors and welcoming architectural details that flow from the outside in, all coming together to create a sense of joy and wellbeing for children, youth and their families." Wilson adds, "We have incorporated a sense of whimsy throughout the space without it resembling a theme park."



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Many colors are integrated throughout, starting with the building’s exterior. The colorful experience continues within the building’s interior via furniture finishes, artwork, and design details. Similarly large, round windows situated on the outside and inside serve as places for clients, their caregivers and staff to sit, and take a moment of respite. Additionally, animal graphics on interior walls add a playful touch and assist with wayfinding throughout the space.

Ensuring Comfort for All

The furniture complements the vision for the space while being comfortable, durable and easy to clean. Grandview Kids CEO Tom McHugh explains, “We chose pieces that are playful but still work for all generations. Kids can climb all over it. Adults can sit comfortably. It’s easy to clean if someone spills something.” Furniture like cozy Drift™ and River™ lounge seating are finished in performance textiles that match Grandview Kids’ brand palette and will stand up to regular cleaning and heavy use. Lightweight GC Comet guest chairs are comfortable, easy to move and stack when not needed.

“The building reflects the beauty of the people who work here and what happens here. The special relationships that develop between a therapist and a child, or in the instance of the school, teachers and their pupils,” McHugh concludes, “I’m proud of what we’ve built here. I know that many people look forward to coming into the building.”

FEATURED PRODUCTS:

Primacare HT, GC Comet, Flap, Bakhita, Sidero guest chairs, Doctor Buddy stools, River+, Coast, Sirena lounge chairs, Harmony, GC Tritex and Novello task chairs, Global Accord meeting chairs, FreeFit, Zook, Duet, Bungee, Swap and Occasional tables, B3, Diet systems, Bridges II, Zira, Licence 2, Princeton casegoods, 1200 series 2800 series storage, Descor special wood

DESIGNER: Parkin Architects

DEALER: Grand & Toy



