About the Wexford Health + Wellness Pavilion

The Wexford Health + Wellness Pavilion provides local residents with new opportunities to access a wide range of high quality, convenient diagnostic medical and surgical services in a comfortable and appealing atmosphere that focuses on health and wellness. By offering free open air covered parking, a concierge service and a coordinated registration process, healthcare needs from a simple check-up to outpatient surgery can be met in a single location. Patients can also take advantage of amenities including a café, demonstration test kitchen, physical therapy site featuring a track and a therapy pool, staffed Austin’s Playroom and an outdoor plaza and walking trail.
The Mario Lemieux Foundation created Austin’s Playroom Project initiative as a result of Nathalie and Mario Lemieux’s personal experience while caring for their infant son, Austin. In 1996, Austin was born profoundly premature and spent 71 days in the NICU. While they were caring for Austin, there was nothing to engage his sisters, who were both toddlers at the time. It was then Mario and Nathalie realized a need for playrooms and began their plan to establish Austin’s Playroom Project. Nathalie Lemieux serves as Chair of Austin’s Playroom Project and each room is called Austin’s Playroom.

What does the center offer?
- A cheerful playroom that is safe, calming and comfortable
- Age-appropriate activities for children to play out their range of feelings
- Arts and crafts activities
- Education in a fun and supportive atmosphere

Who staffs the center?
- Child Life Professionals - staff who have bachelor degrees in child development, child skills or related fields
- Child Life Assistants - staff who interact with the children and plan activities to help meet their needs
- Volunteers - highly trained individuals who assist with engaging the children in activities

Austin’s Playroom Guidelines
- A parent or legal guardian must sign children in by completing a brief consent form with a health checklist and emergency contact information
- The parent or guardian will be given a pager for use in the event they need to be reached by the Austin’s Playroom staff
- The parent or guardian must remain on the Wexford Health + Wellness Pavilion campus while the child is in Austin’s Playroom
- A child may be in Austin’s Playroom for a maximum of two hours per day
- No food or drink is permitted in Austin’s Playroom
- Austin’s Playroom staff reserves the right to refuse entry to any child due to room capacity, disciplinary concerns, emotional distress or illness-related concerns

When is the center open?
- Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., excluding holidays
- Reservations/appointments are suggested, due to capacity limitations

For more information or to make an appointment, please call the Austin’s Playroom at the Wexford Health + Wellness Pavilion at 878.332.4130.