

**Children's Hospital of Los Angeles
Marion and John E. Anderson Outpatient Building
Los Angeles, CA**



America's surging population of school age children has inspired a new generation of children's hospitals combining the latest medical technology and sophisticated design strategies to create healing environments for children.

An impressive example of this all encompassing approach is the new 105,000 square foot Children's Center in Los Angeles, CA. It includes a Surgery Center with state-of-the-art surgery rooms and attendant recovery area along with a main entry, lobby and grand pedestrian concourse. It reflects the understanding that when children are hospitalized entire families become involved and should be accommodated.



Consequently, strong links have been made to families and the community by integrating into the general scheme such child-responsive elements as abundant daylight and views of hospital gardens through numerous windows and sky lights and clear way finding via the concourse. Other dramatic interior spaces, vibrant colors, eye-catching themes and multi-cultural iconography are expressed in graphics and free-standing forms throughout the space. Attractive furnishings, engaging interactive exhibits, a gift shop and a child-friendly restaurant are all further attributes that this facility has to offer both its patients and the families that accompany them.

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