# Waisman Center Day with the Experts:
## Congenital Heart Defects

Congenital heart defects are the most common birth defects, affecting 1% of all babies. Children with critical congenital heart disease (CCHD) require heart surgery or other intervention before their first birthday. In addition to their medical needs, children with CCHD are more likely to struggle with their physical, cognitive, social, emotional and behavioral development.
**Learn about advances in research and clinical care for CHD.**

## Saturday, February 7, 2026
## 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
## In-person at the Waisman Center and Live via Zoom

**1500 Highland Ave | Madison WI 53705**

**EVERYONE WELCOME | FREE PARKING | RESOURCE FAIR**

*Complementary coffee, donuts, and bagels beginning at 8:30 a.m.*

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| **9:00-9:10 a.m.** | **Welcome**<br>*Peter Ferrazzano, MD, Enid & Jerry Weygandt Professor, Pediatrics, Director, Pediatric Brain Care Clinic*<br>*Jesse Boyett Anderson, MD, Assistant Professor, Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Cardiology* |
| **9:15-9:45 a.m.** | **Early Childhood Issues: Language, Feeding, and Motor Development**<br>*Nicole Currey, PT, DPT, PCS, and Michelle Swain, MS, CCC-SLP* |
| **9:45-10:15 a.m.** | **School-aged Issues: Anxiety, Depression, Executive Functioning,and School Performance**<br>*Jon Mietchen, PhD, and Karen Carpenter, MS, LPC* |
| **10:15-10:45 a.m.** | **Transition to Adult Care**<br>*Briana Swanson, SPNP, and Tim Markle, MA* |
| **10:45-11:30 a.m.** | **PANEL DISCUSSION** — A panel of experts that includes individuals with CHD and family members who share about their lived experiences. |

**For more info and to register go to waisman.wisc.edu/event/experts-heart-defects-2026/**

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