



*Serving Families With Special Needs*



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“I enjoy caring for children with special healthcare needs and neurodevelopmental disabilities and getting to work with their families and caregivers. So much of what goes into the health and well-being of these children takes place outside of the clinic or hospital setting. I am excited to serve with Special Reach because of the way they not only provide fun and inclusive programs for children, but also the way they care for and serve the children’s families.”

**Professional Profile:**

J Seth Van Zant, MD, MPH, completed his Neurodevelopmental Disabilities training at the UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, which encompassed training in general pediatrics, neurology, development and behavior, and disability. Dr. Van Zant began his medical education and training at the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine, where he earned his MD. He received his Master of Public Health from the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine. He is board-certified in general pediatrics and neurology with a special qualification in child neurology (2024) and is eligible for certification in neurodevelopmental disabilities (2025). Dr. Van Zant enjoys caring for children with medical complexity with various neurologic, behavioral, and neurodevelopmental disorders. In addition to his clinical work, Dr. Van Zant also participates in research and advocacy related to access and provision of care to children with neurodevelopmental disabilities and their families. His previous research has focused on the transition to adulthood for adolescents and young adults with Down syndrome and other developmental disabilities, the well-being of caregivers of children with medical complexity and serious neurologic impairment, and national trends in care and adherence to practice guidelines for common neurodevelopmental disorders, such as ADHD. He hopes to continue to combine his clinical, research, and advocacy efforts as a neurodevelopmental pediatrician who provides comprehensive neurologic and developmental care to children with complex medical problems and neurodevelopmental disorders. Seth has been married to his wife, Kayla, for 12 years; together they share a passion for serving the underserved in our community.