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About UCP Huntsville

The mission of United Cerebral Palsy of Huntsville and Tennessee Valley, Inc. (UCP Huntsville) is to enhance the quality of life for individuals with disabilities and promote their independence, self-sufficiency and full citizenship in the community through direct services, community education, technology, and advocacy.

UCP Huntsville is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization operating two regional centers in Huntsville for individuals with cerebral palsy and those representing 177 additional diagnoses.

Organized locally in 1963 to meet the information, resource, and childcare needs of parents of physically disabled children, UCP has grown into a leading therapeutic and educational resource, providing a range of services to children and adults with developmental, acquired or aging disabilities and their families.
How we are funded

Funding from a variety of sources allowed UCP to provide services at little or no cost to clients, their families, and the community during FY 2018-2019. Funding sources include, but are not limited to, the following. Thank you to each UCP supporter!

Contracts, Grants, & Program Sponsors

- Alabama Cares/Alabama Agencies on Aging
- Alabama Civil Justice Foundation
- Alabama Council on Developmental Disabilities
- Alabama Department of Human Resources
- Alabama Department of Medicaid
- Alabama Department of Mental Health
- Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services
- Alabama Dept. of Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention
- Alabama's Trust Fund
- Alabama Knights of Columbus
- City of Huntsville
- Combined Federal Campaign (Agency #75529)
- Dynetics Employee Fund
- Elsie S. Bellows Fund
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3263
- Huntsville Havoc Light the Lantern Foundation
- IronMountain Solutions Employee Peaks Fund
- Jurenko Foundation
- Memorials, Honorariums, and Community Giving
- Phoenix Grants to Other Non-Profits
- PhRMA
- QuantiTech in Action
- STAR Alabama Statewide Assistive Technology Resource
- State Combined Campaign (Agency #031979)
- UCP of Alabama
- United Way of Madison County
- Vector Wealth Strategies Community Impact Fund
- Walmart Community Grants

UCP Fundraisers

- An Irish Evening
- Santa Connection
- UCP Community Benefits

In-Kind Supporters

- The Cantrell Family
- Judi's Professional Lawn Care
- LawnMan
- The Lioce Group
Early Intervention

UCP’s Early Intervention program focuses on assisting families who have children with developmental delays from birth to three years of age. An individualized plan is developed based on the family’s daily routines and concerns. Appropriate intervention services are provided to fit the family’s needs through parent/caregiver training in the child’s natural environment. Possible Early Intervention team members may include service coordinators, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, special instructors, and others as needed.

Outpatient Therapy

This service provides therapeutic evaluations and direct treatment, including physical, occupational and speech therapies, for individuals of all ages and abilities. UCP features the latest in therapeutic equipment for our clients. When a physician prescribes outpatient therapy, young children with disabilities may also be provided with splinting and casting services to allow for proper bone growth and development. Computerized gait analysis and neuromuscular electrical stimulation services are also available. Physical rehabilitation specialist Dr. Charlie Law conducts a bi-monthly clinic through this program.

Children’s Therapy Services

Therapy services are available for typically developing children with short-term injuries due to sports and childhood accidents. Services offered for children ages birth to 16 years include pediatric physical, occupational and speech therapies and are available upon physician referral.

Family Connections

This program provides parent training with a developmental specialist, parent/child playgroups (Family Fun Times), family events for networking and support, seasonal activities for children, resource information and referrals. Funded by the Alabama Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention.

Equipping Families for Success

A licensed counselor is available for individual and/or group counseling for families affected by a disability. A parent support group meets weekly. Funded by the Phoenix Grants to Other Non-Profits.

Developmental Playgroups

UCP offers weekly playgroups for children ages 1-4 to provide children with enjoyable learning experiences and the socialization skills needed to transition later to a traditional classroom setting.

CCEP (Childcare Enhancement with a Purpose)

UCP offers free training to childcare providers statewide to help create an inclusive environment for children with special needs. The CCEP program provides onsite training, consultation and technical assistance to preschools, daycares and other childcare providers. More than 13,000 North Alabama children and childcare providers benefit annually from this basic child development and inclusion education and training. As a direct result of CCEP training during FY 2018-19, 201 children have been identified with developmental delays and are now receiving services from Early Intervention, the school system, and/or private therapy. Funded by the Alabama Department of Human Resources.
UCP Programs and Services

Individuals Impacted by UCP Services FY 2018-2019

Alabama Respite

Respite is temporary relief for family caregivers who are providing unpaid care to individuals with disabilities or chronic illnesses. The Alabama Lifespan Respite Resource Network® is a statewide program dedicated to making respite options readily available to caregivers in Alabama. Services include information and referral, public awareness and advocacy, caregiver education, and voucher respite programs. Technical assistance is available to non-profits and faith-based organizations wishing to begin or expand caregiver support ministries. Alabama Respite also contracts with Alabama Cares programs statewide to administer regional voucher programs as a personal choice respite option for caregivers. Visit alabamarespite.org.

H.E.A.R.T.S. (Help Emergency and Respite Treatment Service)

The H.E.A.R.T.S. program is designed to provide respite care for families of children with special needs up to age 19. A voucher system allows parents to secure a caregiver of their choosing with payment by voucher. This program enables parents to run errands, have a date night, or participate in other activities while getting a short break from caregiving responsibilities. H.E.A.R.T.S. also offers parent trainings on various topics, including first aid and CPR. Funded by the Alabama Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention.

Assistive Technology (AT)

UCP Huntsville facilitates grant requests to the Elsie S. Bellows Fund to purchase assistive technology equipment that increases, maintains, or improves the functional capabilities of individuals in the community. Additionally, assistive technology for activities of daily living are demonstrated through UCP’s Children Therapy Services and Alabama Respite programs.

Equipment loan and recycling program

The SHARE (Special Help with Adaptive Resources & Equipment) program allows UCP to assess, demonstrate and loan durable medical and mobility equipment to UCP clients. Pediatric equipment donations, including wheelchairs and walkers, are gladly accepted.

First 5 Alabama

The mission of First 5 Alabama is to enhance healthy attachment relationships between children birth to age five and adults who care for them through promotion, prevention, and intervention supports throughout Alabama’s early childhood system. First 5 Alabama’s North Alabama Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant is located at the UCP Huntsville Training Center. Funded by First 5 Alabama/Alabama Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health.

Respite Information/Referral Contacts: 144,956
Families Receiving Respite: 1,516
Respite Hours Provided: 53,039
Respite Training Participants: 1,922
Respite Training Impact: 3,914

AT Training Participants: 150
AT Training Impact: 972
AT Consultation, Information, & Referrals: 129
AT Participants Utilizing Online Resources: 36,684
AT Device Loans & Demonstrations: 104

First 5 Alabama Childcare Centers Impact: 62
Organization Information

UCP of Huntsville & Tennessee Valley, Inc., an affiliate of the national UCP Association, is governed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors. The UCP Board includes individuals with disabilities, parents of children with special needs, corporate leaders, civic volunteers, medical and legal professionals, small business owners, and government employees. The UCP Board and staff, led by CEO Cheryl Smith, are responsible for determining services offered locally and raising the funds necessary to operate both Huntsville-based centers. Approximately 95 percent of funds raised by UCP directly benefit children and adults with disabilities and their families, with the remainder used for administrative, maintenance and fundraising expenses.

UCP Board of Directors FY 2018-2019

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