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- UCP of Greater Cleveland's Children's Services Programs are based on a philosophy of early intervention and holistic, family-focused care. Licensed physical, occupational and speech/language therapists, as well as social service professionals work with family members to design programs that enhance physical, mental and emotional development
- Therapists are certified and trained in the latest pediatric treatment techniques and modalities. Case management, individual and family support services as well as information and referral are offered to all program participants
- The agency serves infants and children (up to the age 22) with a variety of developmental delays and disabilities, which may include (but are not limited to) cerebral palsy, autism spectrum disorder, downs syndrome and other genetic or neuro-muscular disorders
- Fees may be reimbursable by insurance companies and Medicaid. UCP of Greater Cleveland has a sliding fee scale for those fees not covered by third-party payers



## traditional therapy services

- Includes physical, occupational and speech/language therapies for infants and children with developmental disabilities
- Therapy services are team-based and often involve two or more therapists working together
- Therapists work with an onsite, certified Assistive Technology Professional to evaluate and provide children with augmentative communication devices and computer equipment to maximize independence in school and home settings
- State-of-the-art equipment and treatment techniques such as functional electric stimulation, serial casting and kinesio taping are utilized

## steps to independence®

- Steps to Independence® is a unique, intensive therapy approach that helps children with cerebral palsy and other motor disorders achieve a higher level of functioning
- Utilizing cutting edge equipment and a multi-disciplinary approach where physical and occupational therapists work in tandem, Steps to Independence® focuses on accomplishing specific goals during three to four week sessions, three to five days each week
- Research illustrates that children benefit more from intensive therapy with higher levels of success in gaining functional skills with Steps to Independence®

## school-based services

- Area school districts contract with UCP of Greater Cleveland to offer physical, occupational and speech/language therapy services as well as training on specific equipment and treatment modalities in the school setting
- Staff actively participate in the Individual Education Plan process, and services are coordinated with parents and school staff to maximize each child's potential for success

## early intervention service coordination

- A program offered in partnership with Cuyahoga County's *Help Me Grow* program
- Service Coordination targets children from birth to three years of age who have a diagnosed medical issue, physical or developmental disability, or who is at-risk for developmental delay
- Risk factors include being a first time mother or father, having a child under the age of six months or first pregnancy, having an income of less than 200% the federal poverty level and two other risk factors as defined by *Help Me Grow*



*"The difference that UCP has made on Ben's life is remarkable. Without these programs, his life would not be what it is today."*

## parent education program

- Dealing with the stress of daily life can be a special challenge for families of children with disabilities
- The Parent Education Program offers support services and educational modules for parents and caregivers to assist families as children grow
- Topics of sessions focus on treatment modalities, skills and coping mechanisms that will enhance child and family functioning

*Case managers meet with families to answer questions and develop family plans to meet the complex issues of raising a child with a disability*





*Therapists are trained in the latest treatment modalities and provide cutting edge, high quality care.*



UCP of Greater Cleveland's programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), an independent accreditation organization that promotes excellence in rehabilitation services based on clearly defined, rigorous and internationally accepted standards of quality

The agency is a certified provider for Medicaid and the Bureau of Children with Medical Handicaps

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