



a Center of Excellence
for Children at UCP of Greater Cleveland



Discover the bridge to **independence.**

Helping families cross the bridge to independence with individualized assessments and custom therapy programs.

At LeafBridge, we believe in early intervention and holistic, family-focused care. Our licensed physical, occupational and speech/language therapists team up with social service professionals to make sure each family has a custom-designed program that promotes the physical, mental and emotional development of their child.

Our certified, highly trained therapists use the latest pediatric treatment techniques. Support services include case management, individual and family resources, information and referrals.

We help infants and children (up to age 22) with a variety of developmental delays and disabilities including (but not limited to) cerebral palsy, autism spectrum disorder, Down syndrome and other genetic or neuromuscular disorders.

Our fees may be reimbursed by insurance companies and Medicaid. UCP of Greater Cleveland has a sliding fee scale for clients based on income.



Our Services



LEAFBRIDGE THERAPY

- Our physical, occupational and speech/language therapies target the specific needs of infants and children with developmental disabilities.
 - Physical therapy concentrates on large motor skills such as crawling, walking and sitting. Occupational therapy focuses on fine motor skills like writing, dressing and hand/eye coordination. Speech/language therapy works on all aspects of speech, augmentative communication and swallowing.
- Team-based therapy services often have two or more therapists working together.
- Therapists work with onsite, certified assistive technology professionals (ATP) to evaluate children and pair them with augmentative communication devices and assistive technology equipment to maximize their independence at school and at home.
- State-of-the-art equipment and treatment techniques include functional electric stimulation, serial casting and kinesio taping, among others.



LEAFBRIDGE STEPS TO INDEPENDENCE®

- Steps to Independence® is a unique, intensive therapy that helps children with cerebral palsy and other motor disorders transition to a higher level of functioning.
- Our multidisciplinary approach teams up physical and occupational therapists using cutting-edge equipment. Steps to Independence® targets specific goals in three- to four-week sessions, three to five days a week.
- Research illustrates that intensive Steps to Independence® therapy improves children's functional skills more effectively when compared to conventional therapies.



LEAFBRIDGE SPECIALIZED SERVICES

- Local public and private school districts contract with LeafBridge to offer physical, occupational and speech/language therapy services, and training on specific equipment and treatment methods in schools.
- Our staff are vital, active partners in developing Individual Education Programs. We coordinate with parents and school staff to elevate each child's potential to succeed.
- We provide alternative-school-day placements for students with complex needs and/or multiple disabilities.
 - Our team approach gives students one-on-one help from an intervention specialist; occupational, physical and speech/language therapists; and therapy aides.
 - Students work in an inclusive setting that focuses on improving their functional goals while introducing them to community settings.
- Extended-school-year services through LeafBridge's intensive Steps to Independence® therapy ensure students retain functional skills over the summer months.
- Independent educational evaluations offer a comprehensive evaluation of school-based skills conducted by a collaborative team of specialists including occupational, physical and speech/language therapists and an intervention specialist.



LEAFBRIDGE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

- An assistive technology professional (ATP), physical therapist, occupational therapist and speech/language therapist join forces to conduct a comprehensive assessment of each child's abilities and needs.
- A therapy team develops an appropriate plan including goals, milestones and tasks.
- The team recommends low- and high-tech assistive technology equipment and services, so that the child may better engage with their environment.



LEAFBRIDGE FAMILY RESOURCES

- LeafBridge provides comprehensive case management services designed for the specific needs of each child and family. A social services professional works directly with families to develop a plan of service based on family's resources, needs and concerns that relate to their child's development. Case managers work with families to identify current and potential issues and help with problem solving. Case managers and therapists may sit in on medical appointments, funding meetings and/or school meetings to advocate for the child on behalf of the family.
- Our case management and parent education services can help determine how to secure funding for essential services and coordinate with community resources. We help parents solve personal and family challenges, plan transitions and become educated on a wide variety of topics.
- Our team of therapists, case managers and assistive technology professionals helps families prepare for litigation and other life-long issues to maximize their child's long-term quality of life.



Our LeafBridge Services help families cross the bridge to independence. We reach out to families of children with disabilities, clearing a path to independence through comprehensive services and support. Like a bridge offering safe passage to the opposite bank, we connect families with the expert care, guidance, and experience of our therapists and staff.

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UCP of Greater Cleveland is 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 Medicare/Medicaid and the Bureau of Children with Medical Handicaps.

LeafBridge provides benefits, services and opportunities to all people without regard to age, color, disability, military status, national origin, race, religion or sex.

UCP of Greater Cleveland has satellite locations on both the East and West side of Cleveland and provides employment at business sites throughout Northeast Ohio.



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