



a Center of Excellence
for Children at UCP of Greater Cleveland

LeafBridge Specialized Services



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 care. Our licensed physical and occupational therapists and speech-language pathologists team up with social service and RESNA* certified assistive technology professionals (ATP) to make sure each child has a custom-designed program that promotes their physical, mental and emotional development.

Our certified, highly trained therapists use evidence based practice and cutting edge services to help students reach their educational goals. They are well-versed in the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process and the regulations set forth in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

LeafBridge therapists are specialists in therapy for children with a wide range of disabilities, especially those with complex needs and multiple disabilities.





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SCHOOL-BASED THERAPY

- LeafBridge contracts with local public and private school districts to offer physical, occupational and speech-language therapy services in the school setting. Full and part-time staff options are available.
- Therapists placed in schools are vital, active partners in developing and implementing Individualized Education Programs (IEP). They coordinate with school staff and parents to evaluate each child's potential to succeed in the school setting and determine a plan to reach identified educational goals.
- Staff are trained in evidence based interventions for children.

EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY)

- Extended School Year interventions are provided during summer programming at the LeafBridge clinic.
- ESY services are highly individualized based on each child's IEP and educational goals.
- Four week sessions are available in June and July.

INDEPENDENT ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENTS

- Best practice assistive technology (AT) assessments are conducted using the Quality Indicators for Assistive Technology (QIAT) framework.
- The assessment team has an expansive knowledge of low, mid and high technology solutions for educationally relevant tasks in the areas of:
 - Writing, spelling, reading and math
 - Organization, hearing and vision
 - Communication
 - Activities of daily living, play and leisure
 - Mobility, positioning and seating
 - Computer access
- Specialized assistive technology assessments are also available for pre-vocational and vocational skills.
- Highly skilled consultation and training is available for the school team.

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL OPTIONS

- Individualized programming is available for students with complex disabilities who require an alternative to the traditional school environment.

- Students engage in stimulating activities that promote independence based on individual needs such as self care, communication and socialization.
- Programming may include community based learning that encompasses tasks related to vocational skill development, orientation and mobility, shopping and leisure.
- The students receive one-on-one service from a collaborative team including an occupational therapist, physical therapist, speech-language pathologist, RESNA* certified assistive technology professional, intervention specialist and therapy aides.

INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS

- Comprehensive evaluations targeting any skill related to a child's educational needs are conducted by a collaborative team of specialists including an occupational therapist, physical therapist, speech-language pathologist, RESNA* certified assistive technology professional and an intervention specialist.
- The evaluation team has expertise in evaluations of students with multiple and complex conditions, particularly when a student is struggling to progress within their current IEP.

* *Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America*

Our LeafBridge
Services help children
cross the bridge to
independence. Like
a bridge offering
safe passage to the
opposite bank, we
connect children to
expert therapy that
helps them meet their
educational goals and
be successful at school
and home.

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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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