

Cerebral Palsy

Condition:

Cerebral Palsy (CP) is a group of conditions affecting movement and posture due to abnormal development or damage to the part of the brain which controls movement. Areas of the brain that define a person's intelligence are not affected by CP. Individuals with Cerebral Palsy can have learning difficulties, but sometimes it is the sheer magnitude of problems caused by the underlying brain abnormality or injury that prevents the individual from expressing what cognitive abilities they do possess.

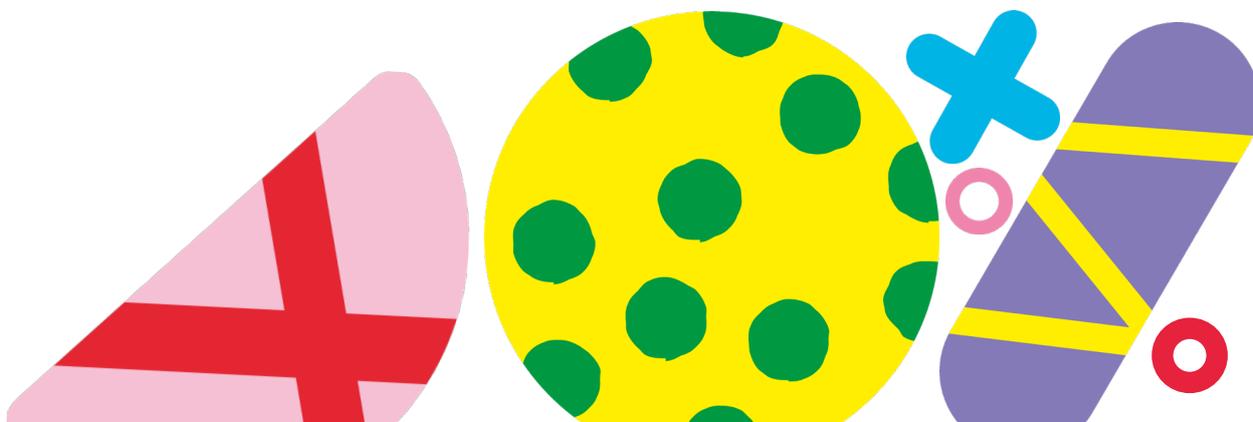
Symptoms may appear, change, or become more severe as a child gets older. Secondary conditions can include seizures, epilepsy, speech or communication disorders, eating problems, sensory impairments, learning disabilities, and/or behavioural disorders. The disability can be anything from a fairly minor condition to a major one, affecting the child's life and that of the people around them.

Problem Areas:

- Perceptual difficulties (vision, hearing)
- Communication (hearing, speaking)
- Physical movement and control difficulties
- Behavioural/social problems

Support strategies for your Group:

- Adapting teaching materials (e.g. enlarging worksheets)
- Using equipment and resources (e.g. magnifying equipment)
- Using textured strips on corridors/walls to guide the child in the right direction
- Hands-on experiences
- Sign language
- Keeping eye contact
- Teaching lip reading
- Visual aids
- Using gestures/facial expressions
- Hearing aids





- Identifying ways in which the child can communicate (e.g. eye pointing)
- Using computer-aided and touch-sensitive technologies
- Physical therapy (set of exercises designed by a physiotherapist)
- Walking aids (e.g. walking frame or splints)
- Making sure that the child's environment is free of obstacles
- Rewards scheme
- Praise (catch them being good)
- Explaining the condition to other children and encouraging them to be more accepting

Further information:

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