

Cerebral Palsy

Cerebral Palsy is a brain disorder that affects muscle tone and motor skills (the ability to coordinate body movements). CP can lead to other health issues, including vision, hearing, and speech problems, and learning disabilities.

How It Feels:

Interview with My Friend with Cerebral Palsy, Michael - Under a Tree Capstone

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NTIHnBENZQ4>

Helpful Links:

- **Assistive Technology For Kansans:** ATK connects people with disabilities and health conditions of all ages with the assistive technology they need to learn, work, play and participate in community life safely and independently.

<http://atk.ku.edu/>

- **Open Options:** Open Options provides supports and services for people with disabilities, signifying quality, innovation, and person-centered principles.

<http://openoptionskc.org/>

- **Kansas Technical Assistance System Network (TASN):** TASN provides technical assistance to support school districts' systematic implementation of evidence-based practices.

<https://ksdetasn.org/>

- **United Cerebral Palsy:** This national organization provides information about cerebral palsy (CP) as well as new research and therapies.

<http://www.ucp.org>

- **Target Stores:** Cat and Jack is an adaptive collection of clothing items available at Target.

<https://www.target.com/c/adaptive-clothing/-/N-ksyrz>

- **Santa's Little Hackers:** Santa's Little Hackers is a seasonal toy drive to adapt toys sponsored by a nonprofit group called MaxMods. They make simple modifications to the electronics of toys and give them away. Parents can apply to receive these toys on the website below.

Strategies for Teaching:

- **Tips:** Ideas for making the classroom more inclusive.

<https://www.cerebralpalsyguidance.com/cerebral-palsy/living/teacher-tips-inclusive-classrooms/>

<https://www.sess.ie/categories/physical-disabilities/cerebral-palsy/tips-learning-and-teaching>

Resources Available in Our Center

- Adaptive grips for pencils/pens
- Weighted attachments for pencils/pens
- Sensory Kits/Tools
- Oral Motor Kits/Tools
- Boardmaker