

Resources and support to
help care for loved ones with
cerebral palsy.



This Spring, Let's Grow Some Knowledge!

We typically look forward to Spring as a time of renewal, bright beginnings, and healing from the ravages of winter. This Spring is no different, as the current state of our world casts a shadow that makes healing more important than at any time in recent memory. We find ourselves crossing our fingers, praying, or searching for ways to bring about peace and comfort.

Big changes almost always start from small actions, by applying new knowledge to the issues that are right in our laps. With that in mind, we've focused this edition on newer members of the CPFN family, in the hope that we can bring some peace and comfort to *their* families. From articles on how CP is initially diagnosed, to signs of CP in newborns, and to acquiring a letter of medical necessity for treatment and equipment, we've got the info you'll need to provide the best for your loved ones with CP.

We'd love to hear from you, too! Tell us about your journey with CP...the tips, the tears, and anything you've learned that could help others on their journey. Drop us a line at Lee@cpfamilynetwork.org and our next newsletter could feature *you*!

Our [Facebook](#) page is still going strong, so come on down and meet the rest of the family!

FEATURE STORY

How Is Cerebral Palsy Diagnosed?

Events that cause a child to develop CP, including medical malpractice, frequently occur around the time of birth. But typically, CP is not diagnosed until significant motor impairment shows itself, which may take more than a year. Learn about the various types of tests and scans your child may need for the doctor to make a proper cerebral palsy diagnosis and what each entails.

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LEGAL

Statute of Limitations for Cerebral Palsy

When you find out your child has cerebral palsy, your first thought is likely about finding your child the right care and support. Reaching out to a cerebral palsy lawyer may be the last thing on your mind. But what you may not realize is that the clock that keeps time on the statute of limitations for cerebral palsy has already started.

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TIPS for PARENTS

Detecting Signs of Cerebral Palsy in Your Newborn: What to Watch For

One of the greatest joys—and reliefs—of new parenthood is seeing your baby reach the expected developmental benchmarks of infancy, such as sitting, rolling over, crawling, and walking. Babies who have trouble reaching these normal milestones may be exhibiting the signs of many different conditions, including cerebral palsy.

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Your Part in Obtaining a Letter of Medical Necessity

When your child needs a particular medication, therapy, treatment, or assistive device, your request to an insurance company, government agency or other funding source can sometimes be denied. Oftentimes they will require a **letter of medical necessity**, which is typically provided by your physician or therapist.

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Say Hi to Veer!

This handsome 11-year-old is proof that attitude is everything. He loves his school, his teachers, and making new friends. He's popular on the bus and in the classroom for his adorable smile that brightens everyone's day!

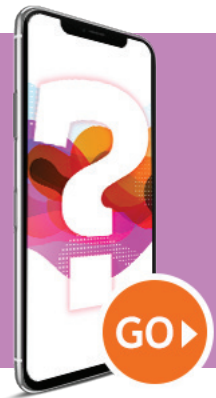
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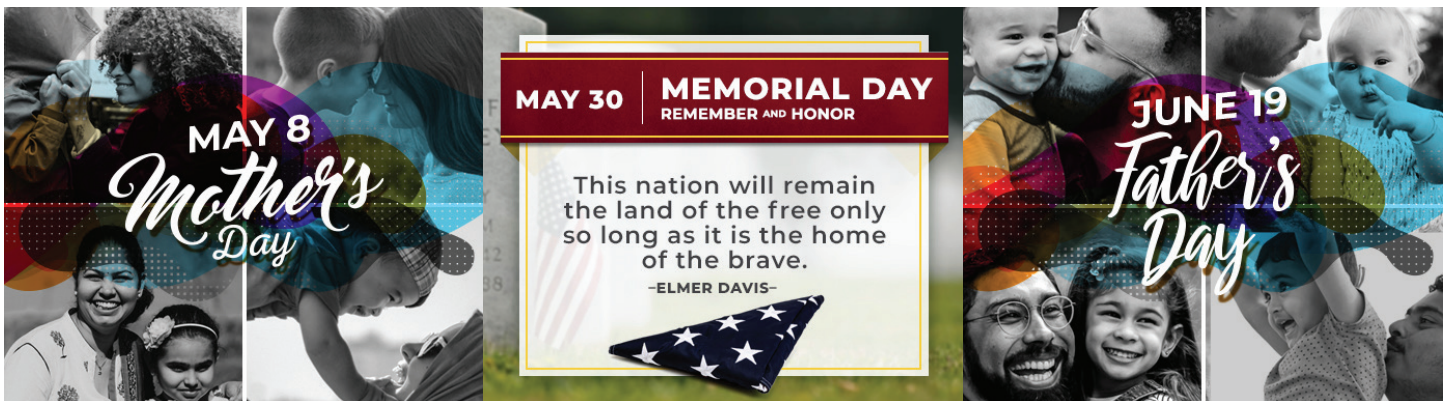
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and shadows will fall behind you." —Walt Whitman*

We love celebrating amazing kids and helpers in the CP community, so if you want to see your child or loved one featured on our page and newsletter, we want to hear from you! Send us a photo, a short bio, and tell us why they're your CP Hero.

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