

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



## Taking Your First Steps on the Cerebral Palsy Path

This issue we're reaching out to those who are new to the community and just starting their own CP journey. You already know there will be lows, highs, laughter, tears, and everything in between...we'd like to get you prepped with a few tips for your travels.

We're going to cover what an Apgar score says about a child's future, the severity levels of CP, whether CP is a neurological disorder, and how to potentially secure your child's financial future.

We want to hear about your CP experiences, as well. What works for your family, special moments in your journey, or any questions and topics you'd like to learn more about. Drop us a line at [families@cpfamilynetwork.org](mailto:families@cpfamilynetwork.org) and we'll get right on it!

If you haven't already, check out our [Facebook page](#). Over 110,000 strong, it's an active community full of inspiring news, CP Heroes, personal stories, and more!

### FEATURE STORY

#### Can Low Apgar Scores Be an Indication of Cerebral Palsy?

Healthcare professionals evaluate newborn babies, grading them with Apgar scores, an assessment that analyzes their appearance, responsiveness and general condition shortly after birth. In this article, we take a closer look at the connection between low Apgar scores and cerebral palsy.

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## LEGAL

### Cerebral Palsy Settlement

Even though there are advances in treatments, children with CP are still more likely to experience other significant health conditions that, along with the cost of treating their symptoms, can get very expensive. Learn how a CP attorney can help you seek financial compensation.

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## TIPS for PARENTS

### How to Determine the Severity of Your Child's Cerebral Palsy

While early signs can indicate a child has cerebral palsy, many are not visible at birth and only become obvious as a baby develops. What signs should you be looking for?

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### Is Cerebral Palsy a Neurodevelopmental Disorder?

Neurodevelopmental disorders are primarily associated with the brain and neurological system's functioning, resulting in disability. Children with neurodevelopmental disorders such as cerebral palsy may have difficulties with motor skills, speech, language, memory, learning, behavior, and other neurological functions.

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## OCTOBER CP HERO

### Say Hi to Dominic!

Diagnosed with right-sided hemiplegic cerebral palsy and epilepsy, this determined 6-year-old never lets anything or anybody stop him. He is well liked by all his peers and teachers at school, including his headmistress. He loves cars, sports, and is extremely imaginative with his play. Dominic is great fun to be around and he's a fantastic loving big brother to his little sister, Millie. He's just amazing!

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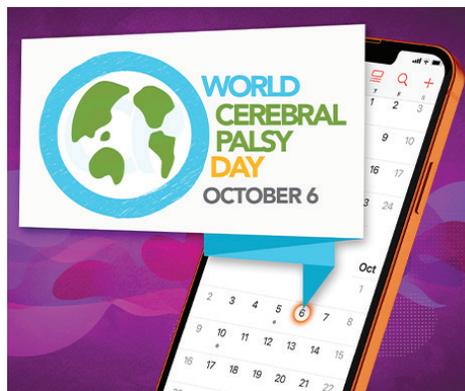
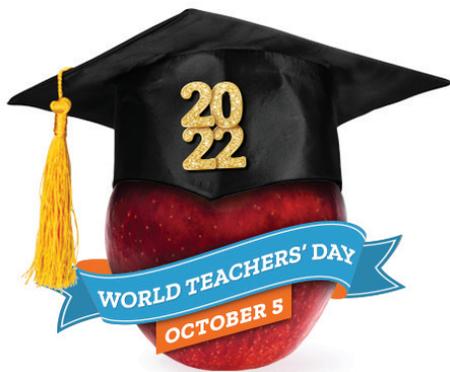
“A child is only as disabled as their environment and the beliefs of the people around them.” —*Bala Pillai DPT, PCS*

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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