

United Cerebral Palsy Of West Central Wisconsin, Inc.

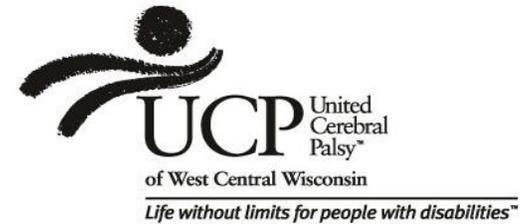


**2011-2012
Annual Report**

January 2013

UCP-WCW MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is advocating for independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with disabilities and supporting their full inclusion in all aspects of life and community.



Serving the Counties of:

Barron	Pepin
Buffalo	Pierce
Chippewa	Polk
Dunn	Rusk
Eau Claire	St. Croix
Jackson	Trempealeau



The goal of United Cerebral Palsy is to bridge the gap, and to include all people.

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Dave Piltz, Executive Director

A Message from the Executive Director

As we close out another year at United Cerebral Palsy of West Central Wisconsin (UCP), I look forward to the upcoming year with great optimism. In assuming my new role as Executive Director of this organization, I have taken the opportunity to talk with staff, consumers and supporters in the community who speak highly of UCP and what we have accomplished in the communities that we serve. In the future, through dedicated staff and volunteers, I hope that we can touch more lives over the next year and reach out to communities in our 12 county service area that we have never touched before.

The number of people needing services is not shrinking and UCP must do whatever possible to adapt and grow to meet current and future needs. Regardless of the services that we provide to individuals with disabilities and their families, we seek to support and empower people to become more involved in their communities and add to the richness and diversity of those communities. This can only be accomplished through dedicated staff and volunteers, motivated consumers and ongoing support from the communities that we serve.

I look to the upcoming tasks and challenges of position as the Executive Director of United Cerebral Palsy of West Central Wisconsin with great anticipation and a desire to take the organization to a new level of service and appreciation in the communities that we serve. Thanks to everyone for the great history of UCP and an even greater future!

Services Provided

Type of Service	# of Clients Served
Fiscal Agent	278
Respite	0
Adult Services:	
Clinic	24
Women's Support Group	15
Bowling	27
Advocacy	50
Support Broker	3
Children's Services:	
Home Visits/IEPs, etc.	34
Teen Group	6
Family Picnic	53
Parent Advocate	16
Information and Referrals	11
Community Service:	
Project B.R.I.C.	35
Barrier Busters	42
Stepping Stones	49
Advocacy	37
Home Visits	21
TOTAL CLIENTS	701

THE TEAM: BOARD AND STAFF

At United Cerebral Palsy of West Central Wisconsin, during the past year, the team effort of Board and Staff worked diligently to assure our consumer families sustained agency reliability.

2011-2012 Board of Directors

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2011-2012 Agency Staff

Dr. David M. Piltz, Executive Director
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 Cathy McCann, Adult Services Coordinator
 Traci Bauer, Community Service Coordinator
 Nancy Meyer, Children's Service Coordinators
 Alynia Shilts, Respite Care Coordinator
 Carol Myhre, Fiscal Agent Payroll Clerk
 Roberta Kettering, Fiscal Agent Assistant
 Elke Swanson, Business Manager
 Debbie Anderson, Administrative Assistant
 Mary Lou Solfest, Clerical Assistant

Groups, cont'd.

Several women, who are in various stages of their community inclusion, come together in the *UCP Women's Support Group*, self-named *Butterflies United*.

Teen Group—During the summer months, teens coming from several counties gather to enjoy recreational activities.

Project BRIC (Building R Inclusive Community), represents a wonderfully networked group of youth and concerned adults who are designing activities toward the goal of improving opportunities for eventual employment success for youth in the Eau Claire area. This project has been funded through the help of the Otto Bremer Foundation and United Way of Greater Eau Claire.

PUBLIC AWARENESS

Awareness programs geared toward prevention and understanding of cerebral palsy and similar developmental disabilities are available to individuals and organizations to increase sensitivity of people to the challenges and needs of people with disabilities. Videotapes and books as well as speakers are available. A family of life-sized puppets also teaches children about the realities of living with disabilities.

RESPITE CARE SERVICES

UCP provides a variety of supports included under the general heading of Respite Care. *Respitality* continues to provide primary care givers with a cost-free weekend with hotel rooms, meals and entertainment all donated through community businesses. Parents have time to relax away from home and renew their energies while their children are cared for by respite workers, friends or relatives.

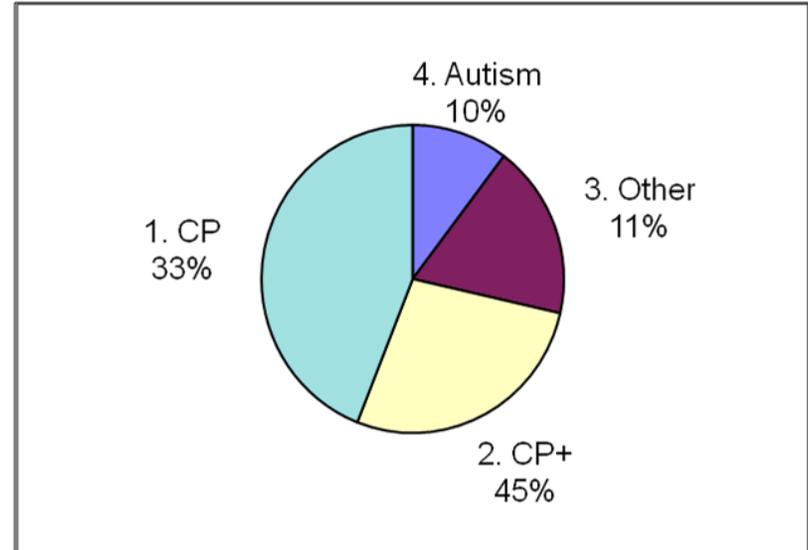
Funds from the Respite Care Association of Wisconsin, as well as the Greater Chipewewa Valley United Way, continued to provide families with *Lifespan Respite Care* funds, small grants to combine with existing respite resources designed to provide a continuum of consistent and quality respite care to caregivers.

The newest Respite Care support offered by UCP, initiated in 2006, is referred to as *Fiscal Agent* services. Through this system, United Cerebral Palsy is able to manage care funds on behalf of families while they are empowered to select, employ, train, and manage their own care providers.

During the past six years, the services of the Fiscal Agent Program have been extended to individuals pursuing Self-Directed Services under the Family Care program.

Diversity of Population

Unlike 58 years ago, when the organization was founded, United Cerebral Palsy today serves individuals having a diverse number of diagnoses, the fastest growing one being autism. Diversity is also shown in a wide range of ages served.



Client Diagnosis

	%	No.
1. Persons with only Cerebral Palsy	33%	233
2. Persons with CP and Other Diagnoses	45%	318
3. Persons with Other Disabilities	11%	79
4. Persons with Autism	10%	71
	100%	701

**TO ACCESS ANY OF THESE SUPPORTS, CALL UCP
AT (715) 832-1782.**

Age Distribution

	No.
Younger Than 6 Years	150
Between 6 and 21 Years	162
Over 21 Years	389

Services Provided by UCP

REVENUES

Source	%	Amount
Telethon	36.6%	\$200,989
Special Events	9.7%	\$62,473
United Ways	15.0%	\$47,430
County Contracts	8.5%	\$115,226
Underwriting	5.1%	\$27,665
Grants	19.1%	\$41,251
Contributions & Other	6.0%	\$27,298
Total	100%	\$521,822

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Areas	Amount
Program Services*	\$272,539
Fund Raising	\$149,832
Management and General	\$103,266
Total	\$525,637

***Program Services:** provided directly to and for consumers. At UCP, these include Neurodevelopmental Evaluation Clinic, Counseling, Community Living Support, Respite Care Services, Financial and Equipment Assistance, Advocacy, Public Education Activities, Information and Referral

COMMUNITY LIVING SUPPORT

Learning to live successfully in the community can be stressful for all adults and is even more challenging for those also challenged by disabilities. UCP's Adult Services Coordinator helps the transition into the community easier by establishing networks with other organizations and developing resources available to support the person making the transition. The newest component within this area is referred to as a *Support Broker*, a staff person available to individuals having concerns with navigating through the new Self-Directed care (Family Care model).

WEST CENTRAL WISCONSIN ADULT NEURODEVELOPMENTAL SPECIALTY CLINIC

The West Central Wisconsin Adult Neurodevelopmental Specialty Clinic provides everyday problem-solving and assistance with issues of aging for older individuals having developmental disabilities. Consumers see a team of experts including a physiatrist, physical and occupational therapists, and consultants in communication, swallowing, nutrition, and psychology.

INFORMATION & REFERRAL

Consumers are provided with technical assistance, information and appropriate referrals to other agencies. UCP monitors the implementation of those referrals. This service often provides families with access into many other UCP services.

ADVOCACY

Legal and human rights of persons with disabilities and their families receive special attention at UCP. Both individuals and groups of consumers participate in advocacy training, and agency staff advocate on a case-by-case basis as well as for whole

EQUIPMENT RESOURCE AND ACQUISITION

A lending center is provided for families who want to borrow equipment. The resource lending inventory includes wheelchairs, walkers, and other therapeutic equipment, available for loan to prevent purchase of items temporarily needed. UCP also offers a limited number of grants to families needing to purchase otherwise unfunded specialized equipment or accommodations.

COUNSELING AND SUPPORT GROUPS

Professional guidance is offered in individual, family, and group settings for families who are adjusting to a having a child with special needs, adults who are learning to live in the community, and adolescents who are making transitions.