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UCP's Children's Program offers an array of services for children ages birth to 5 with and without developmental delays and their families:

Early Learning Experience and Preschool:

UCP's Early Learning and Preschool sessions are for all children— with or without developmental delay. The Early Learning Experience is for 2 year old children and preschool classrooms are available for children ages 3-5. Research evidence is very strong that all children benefit from education in integrated sessions where children with and without developmental delay play, explore and learn together.

Early Childhood Special Education Program (ECSE) Services:

Children between the age of three and five years old, who meet Missouri's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (DESE's) eligibility criteria for ECSE. Children with and without disabilities learn and play alongside one another.

Occupational Therapy:

From building with blocks to writing and cutting, UCP's occupational therapists are knowledgeable in fine motor dysfunction and can develop activities to build strength and coordination as well as to adapt activities to increase independence and sensory awareness.

Physical Therapy:

Physical therapy services promote gross motor skills such as sitting, creeping and walking. Physical Therapists can be a resource for adaptive equipment and orthotics to facilitate positioning and mobility to increase a child's independence in daily activities.

Speech and Language Therapy:

Speech therapy targets overall communication skills, as well as the necessary prerequisite skills for communication. Our speech therapists and occupational therapists work closely together to evaluate and treat feeding & swallowing disorders.

Equipment Resource Lending Library:

UCP has a therapeutic equipment and toy lending program that can be accessed at no cost by families and childcare providers in Northwest Missouri who have or support children with developmental disabilities. UCP also maintains a collection of books and videos which offers information on a wide array of disabilities, intervention strategies and available resources and supports.

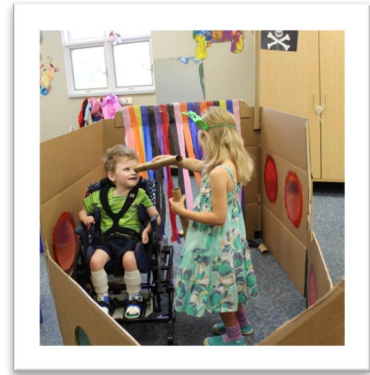


**For more information on these or other UCP services contact
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School District:

UCP is a DESE Approved Private Agency for the provision of Early Childhood Special Education Services. We contract with local school districts to help meet the needs of their students in an integrated learning environment. Our on site therapists carry out services within an integrated preschool classroom based on the child's educational goals as identified in the Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Research indicates that young children with disabilities are more likely to reach developmental goals sooner while interacting with typically developing peers. UCP Preschool is an intentionally integrated community preschool, where children with and without disabilities play and learn together.



UCP Children's Program Focus

Our mission is to positively affect the quality of life of the individuals we serve. We serve children with cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism, speech or language impairment and other developmental disabilities through the provision of direct services, community education and by empowering self-advocacy.

UCP provides supports and services specifically designed in partnership with families and school districts to promote the development and learning of children with developmental delay. We focus on all areas of development including cognitive, communication, fine motor, large motor, self-help skills, and social-emotional.

We believe that a partnership between families and providers is fundamental for quality services. The information families share regarding their child's strengths and needs help our providers become familiar with each child and understand our role in his/her development. UCP staff provide families with information and strategies that support them in helping their child meet the developmental milestones they would like him/her to accomplish.

Therapy or special instruction wait list- Order of acceptance is on a first come, first serve basis using the following priority:

1.First Steps Program
2.Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)
3.Supplemental Outpatient Services

Early Learning & Preschool wait list- Order of acceptance is on a first come, first serve basis by age group using the following priority:

50% Slots for children with moderate to severe developmental delay:	50% Slots for children without developmental delay:
1.School District contract for Early Childhood Special Education Services	1.Children who have had a sibling attend or whose parent/grandparent works at UCP
2.Children with delay who are not eligible to receive services through an ECSE program who receive other UCP services/supports and/or have had a sibling attend.	2.All other children on the wait list without developmental delay
3. Children with delay who are not eligible to receive services through First Steps/ECSE program	
4.All other children on the wait list with moderate to severe developmental delay	

