STATE RESOURCES FOR
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BIRTH INJURY, BRAIN INJURY & CEREBRAL PALSY

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WHY THIS GUIDE IS IMPORTANT

If your child is diagnosed with cerebral palsy, a million things about your life change in a few seconds. There are four main classifications of cerebral palsy depending on what part of the brain is damaged (spastic, athetoid, ataxia, and mixed), but none are easy for children and their families. Doctor’s aren’t completely sure what causes this medical condition, making it difficult to treat and almost impossible to prevent. What we do know is that trauma during birth can contribute to a baby having cerebral palsy.

Erb’s palsy is another medical condition that can be caused by trauma at birth. However, doctors do know its causes. Erb’s palsy is also known as brachial plexus paralysis this condition doesn’t have to do with the brain—it has to do with nerves that run from the brain to the arm. This is due to the arm or shoulder being trapped during birth because the baby could not fit through the mother’s birth canal. Unfortunately, many Erb’s palsy patients could have avoided having this disease had the doctor done a C-section or used advanced birthing techniques.

No matter what medical problems your baby has, your mind is probably racing when you find out. What resources are available for your baby? How will he or she be educated? Are support groups available for you and your spouse? Which hospitals treat these diseases?

Luckily, most states provide all of these things and more. However, it can be extremely hard to locate these resources quickly, especially if you don’t have Internet access. Your doctor should be your first stop—he or she can provide you with specific information about organizations you might find useful. To complement those resources, we’ve put together a guide to cerebral palsy and Erb’s palsy for every state. At the end, you’ll also find a glossary of terms you need to know. No matter where you live, you and your baby can find the services you need.
STATE RESOURCES FOR PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Alabama Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**
University of South Alabama Children's and Women's Hospital
Pediatric Neurology Department
Contact Person: Paul Maertens, M.D.
1700 Center Street
Mobile, AL 36604
251-660-5108
rflowry@usouthal.edu
www.usahospitals.org
The USA Children's and Women's Hospital in Mobile, Alabama offers specialized services for women and children, including neurological services.

**IDEA (Special Education)**
Special Education Services of the Alabama Dept. of Education
Contact Person: Mabrey Whetstone, director
50 North Ripley Street
P.O. Box 302101, Montgomery, AL 36104
334-242-8114
speced@alsde.edu
www.alsde.edu
The Alabama Department of Education's Special Education Services provides assistance to all schools, programs, and agencies serving children who are gifted and/or disabled.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**
SEAC Parent Assistance Center/Parents as Partners in Education of Alabama
576 Azalea Road, Suite 105
Mobile, AL 36609
1-800-222-7322
seacofmobile@seacpac.com
www.seacparentassistancecenter.com
This non-profit coalition of parents of children with disabilities that works with other parents, citizens, professionals, and organizations to serve the disabled children of Alabama.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**
None found.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**
UCP of East Central Alabama
301 E.A. Darden Drive, Box 694
Anniston, AL 36202
executivedirector@ecaucp.org
www.ecaucp.org
The East Central Alabama United Cerebral Palsy offers therapeutic and support programs and services free of charge to children and adults with cerebral palsy.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**
St. Vincent's Neurosurgical Center at St. Vincent's Hospital
810 St. Vincent Drive
Birmingham, AL 35205
205-558-3636
www.stv.org
St. Vincent's Neurosurgical Center is located in St. Vincent's North Tower of the hospital, and offers a wide range of neurological services for the whole family.
Alaska Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**
Alaska Regional Hospital
2741 Debarr Road
Anchorage, AK 99508
907-276-1131
Alaska Regional Hospital is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to deal with trauma. They are also home to an air ambulance service.

**IDEA (Special Education)**
State Department of Education
Contact Person: Arthur Arnold, Director
801 West 10th St, Suite 200
Juneau, AK 99801-1894
907-465-8702
art_arnold@eed.state.ak.us
[http://www.eed.state.ak.us/its/sped/](http://www.eed.state.ak.us/its/sped/)
The SESA agency supports not only children with developmental disabilities but their families and the community as well.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**
Community Parent Resource Center
Contact Person: Teresa Sprague, Program Director
LINKS Mat-Su Parent Resource Center
6177 E. Mountain Heather Way, Suite 3
Palmer, AK 99645
907-373-3632
linksdf@gci.net
[http://www.linksprc.org](http://www.linksprc.org)
The resource center provides information to parents of children with disabilities, as well as sponsors a mentor program and one-on-one assistance.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**
None found.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**
Parent Training and Information Project
Contact Person: Faye Nieto, Executive Director
4743 E. Northern Lights Boulevard
Anchorage, AK 99508
907-337-7678
parents@alaska.net
[http://www.alaska.net/~parents](http://www.alaska.net/~parents)
The Parent's Inc. Organization that is based in Anchorage provides support to families living with disabilities.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**
Alaska Regional Hospital
2741 Debarr Road,
Anchorage, AK 99508
907-276-1131
[http://www.alaskaregional.com/email form](http://www.alaskaregional.com/email form)
The Neurology Department of the Alaska Regional Hospital specializes in caring for patients with Erb's Palsy. They have been caring for patients in this field for over 30 years.
Arizona Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**
*John C. Lincoln North Mountain Hospital, Level 1 Trauma Center*
250 East Dulap Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85020
602-870-6353
[http://www.jcl.com/content/northmountain/default.htm](http://www.jcl.com/content/northmountain/default.htm)

This 24-hour trauma center has 266 beds and employs over 2,500 professionals to take care of your every need in the case of an emergency.

**IDEA (Special Education)**
*Arizona DOE Exceptional Student SErvices*
Contact Person: Lynn Busenbark, Deputy Associate Superintendent
1535 West Jefferson Street, Bin 24
Phoenix, AZ 85007
602-542-4013
essdesk@azed.gov or Lynn.Busenbark@azed.gov
[http://www.ade.state.az.us/ess/](http://www.ade.state.az.us/ess/)

The primary mission of this department is to provide quality education for students with disabilities.

**The Children's Center for Neurodevelopmental Studies**
Contact Person: Lorna Jean King
5430 West Glenn Drive
Glendale, AZ 85301-2628
623-915-0345
info@thechildrenscenteraz.org
[http://www.thechildrenscenteraz.org/index.htm](http://www.thechildrenscenteraz.org/index.htm)

This learning center uses state-of-the-art technologies and programs for children, provides community education, and serves research projects. They strive to be on the leading edge of their field.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**
*Raising Special Kids*
Contact Person: Joyce Millard-Hoie
2400 North Central Avenue, Suite 200
Phoenix, AZ 85004-1313
602-242-4366
info@raisingspecialkids.org
[http://raisingspecialkids.org](http://raisingspecialkids.org)

This parent-to-parent support system has a training and information center, mentors for new parents, and a monthly newsletter for friends and family members of disabled children.

**The Emily Center**
1919 East Thomas Road
Phoenix, AZ 85016
602-546-1000
emilyc@phoenixchildrens.com

The Emily Center is a huge resource center for information on all children’s health topics for parents and other family members to learn more. They have an extensive Spanish collection, as well as an online library. They’re part of the Phoenix Children’s Hospital.

**Local Chapters of Erb's Palsy Support**
*Arizona BPI Support Group*
Contact Person: Tami Schenck
3701 East Mercer Lane
Phoenix, AZ 85028
602-494-8469
tami@ubpn.org

Contact Tami for more information about this local support group.
Arizona Resources (Continued)

Local Chapters of CP Support

United Cerebral Palsy of Central Arizona
Contact Person:
1802 W. Parkside Lane
Phoenix, AZ 85027
602-943-5472
info@ucpofaz.org
http://www.ucp.org/ucp_local.cfm/30

This chapter of the UCP has been serving Arizona since 1952. They offer programs for adults, children, and families dealing with CP, as well as programs to educate the community.

Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy

Arizona Surgical Hospital
Contact Person: Richard J. Reid, MD
6501 North 19th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85015
602-315-8512
gasman@ntwrld.com

Dr. Reid specializes in pain management of a number of medical conditions, including brachial plexus.
Arkansas Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**  
The University Hospital of Arkansas  
Contact Person: Barry Brenner, M.D.  
4301 W. Markham St.  
Little Rock, AR 72205  
501-686-6333  
helpdesk@uams.edu  
www.uams.edu/update/absolutenm/templates/healing_clinics  
This trauma emergency center provides 24 hour a day service.

**IDEA (Special Education)**  
Arkansas Disability Coalition  
Contact Person: Wanda Stovall  
1123 S. University, Suite 225  
Little Rock, AR 72204  
501-614-7020  
800-223-1330  
adcoalition@earthlink.net  
http://www.adcpti.org  
Arkansas Disability Coalition works with parents who have children with special education needs. The coalition staff teaches parents about their rights under IDEA and how to work effectively with local schools.

Francis Allen School for Exceptional Children, Inc.  
Contact Person: Kim McCarty, Program Coordinator  
824 North Tyler Street  
Little Rock, AR 72205  
501-664-2961  
allenschool@alltel.net  
http://www.theallenschool.com/main.html  
Program for preschool children with special needs and their families. Provides support for parents to work with school administrators, teachers and state agency to get the best possible special education for their children.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**  
Arkansas Special Children  
Contact Person: Jacqueline Candelaria  
400 Valencia Dr.  
Maumelle, AR 72113  
501-838-9796  
ARSC_owner@yahoogroups.com  
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ARSC/  
This is an active online support group those in Arkansas with special needs children. Monthly outings are organized for children and their parents.

Arkansas Support Network, Inc.  
Contact Person: Lynn Donald  
614 E. Emma Avenue, Suite 235  
Springdale, AR 72764  
479-927-1004  
800-748-9768  
ldc@jitshop.jonesnet.org  
http://www.supports.org  
They support the right for families of children with disabilities to have a variety of choices.

Special-Kids  
200 Fairoaks  
Conway, AR 72034  
Special-Kids-owner@yahoogroups.com  
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Special-Kids/  
An online support and discussion group for Arkansas parents with special needs children.
Arkansas Resources (Continued)

Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support

*Brain Injury Association of Arkansas*
Contact Person: Jim Hamilton
P.O. Box 26236
Little Rock, AR 72221
501-374-3585
info@brainassociation.org
http://www.brainassociation.org
The Brain Association supports all types of nervous system conditions, including Erb's Palsy.

Local Chapters of CP Support

*United Cerebral Palsy of Central Arkansas*
Contact Person: Edmond A. Benton, President
9720 N. Rodney Parham Road
Little Rock, AR 72227
501-224-6067
ucpcark@AOL.com
http://www.ucpark.org/
The organization provides support, resources and assistance to those suffering from Cerebral Palsy and their families.

Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb's Palsy

*Baptist Health Medical Center-Little Rock*
9601 Interstate 630, Exit 7
Little Rock 72205-7299
501-202-2000
David.Adelson@chp.edu
http://www.baptist-health.com/rehab_institute/spinal_cord/
This hospital provides treatment for Erb's Palsy and several other neurological diseases and injuries.
California Resources

Trauma Center for Brain Injury
Neurology Department
Contact Person: David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
10833 Le Conte Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90095
310-794-1195
http://dgsom.healthsciences.ucla.edu
The David Geffen School of Medicine is considered one of the most elite medical schools in the U.S., offering a range of medical services including neurology.

IDEA (Special Education)
Special Education Division
California Department of Education
Mary Hudler, director
1430 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
916-445-4613
http://www.cde.ca.gov
The Special Education Department offers a range of information, resources, and programs and services to serve children with disabilities within the education system.

Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities
Support for Families of Children with Disabilities
2601 Mission Street #606
San Francisco, CA 94110-3111
415-282-7494
jduenas@supportforfamilies.org
www.supportforfamilies.org
A support group for parents of children with disabilities providing support, programs and services, education, and information for families with disabilities in San Francisco.

Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support
Los Angeles Erb’s Palsy Support Group
Contact Person: Jody Gallette
10009 Topanga Canyon Blvd. #7
Chatsworth, CA 91311
818-341-9511
jgallette@yahoo.com
A local support group for individuals and families impacted by Erb’s palsy (brachial plexus injuries) in the L.A. area.

Local Chapters of CP Support
UCP of Los Angeles & Ventura Counties
7630 Gloria Avenue
Van Nuys, CA 91406
818-782-2211
ucpla@aol.com
www.ucpla.com
Founded in 1944, the UCPLA exists to help those suffering with cerebral palsy in the Los Angeles area to live full and balanced lives.

Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy
Child Neurology
UCSF Children’s Hospital
505 Parnassus Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94143
415-353-2525
www.ucsfhealth.org/childrens/medical_services/neuro/
The child neurology department of the UCSF Children’s Hospital specializes in treating children with brain injuries and neurological disorders including cerebral palsy.
Colorado Resources

Trauma Center for Brain Injury
*Neurosciences Department at The University of Colorado Hospital*
9th & Colorado
4200 E Ninth Ave.
Denver, CO
720-848-2080
www.uch.edu
The University of Colorado Hospital's Neurosciences Department offers and provides high quality neurological services and care.

IDEA (Special Education)
*Exceptional Student Leadership Unit of the Colorado Department of Education*
State Office Building
201 East Colfax Avenue, Room 300
Denver, CO 80203-1799
303-866-6694
www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/index.asp
The ESLU provides resources to administrators, teachers, and parents of children who have exceptional learning needs in the classroom, due to disability or giftedness.

Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities
*PEAK Parent Center, Inc.*
611 North Weber, Suite 200
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
719-531-9400
region5ptac@peakparent.org
www.peakparent.org
PEAK is a parental support group in Colorado Spring offering support, programs, and services to families with children with disabilities.

Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support
*Rocky Mountain Support Group*
Contact person: Joni Knapp
2710 S. Irving Street
Denver, CO 80236
303-936-9547
A Denver-based support group for those who are suffering with Erb’s Palsy and for families with children who have Erb’s Palsy.

Local Chapters of CP Support
*UCPA of Colorado*
2200 South Jasmine Street
Denver, CO 80222-5708
(303) 691-9339
info@ucpco.org
The United Cerebral Palsy Association in Colorado offers information, education, and support to Colorado families impacted by cerebral palsy and its effects.

Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy
*Department of Neurology*
Contact Person: Timothy Benke, M.D.
1056 E. 19th Avenue
Denver, CO 80218
303-861-6895
www.thechildrenshospital.org
Colorado’s Children’s Hospital, founded in 1908, has become one of highest quality and most trusted children’s hospitals in the U.S., offering a vast array of specialized services for children suffering many types of conditions and disorders, including cerebral palsy and brachial plexus injuries.
Connecticut Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**
*Bridgeport Hospital Neurosurgical Services*
267 Grant Street
Bridgeport, CT 06610
203-384-3846
kawise@bpthosp.org
http://www.bridgeporthospital.com/Neurosurgical/
This trauma center deals with all kinds of brain, spine, and nervous system injuries and diseases. They have a state-of-the-art Surgical Intensive Care Unit for recovery and a full service rehabilitation center with various branches around the state for your convenience.

**IDEA (Special Education)**
*FEROLETO Children’s Development Center*
95 Merritt Boulevard
Trumbull, CT 06611
203-386-2741
http://www.stvincentsspecialneeds.org/specialED.html
The school day here runs like a typical school day, but with extra support for the special needs students. You can contact the principal at the above number for more information.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**
*PATH Parent to Parent Network of CT*
P.O. Box 117
Northford, CT 06472
203-234-9554
http://www.birth23.org/Resources/ParentsAvailable.asp
The PATH (Parents Available to Help) program is a support network of parents dealing with children who have medical problems. They sponsor parent meetings and give those in the program direct telephone access and resources to help one another.

**St. Vincent’s Special Need Services Family Support**
95 Merritt Boulevard
Trumbull, CT 06611
203-375-6400
feroleto.child.dev@snet.net
http://www.stvincentsspecialneeds.org/famSupport.html
The general parent support meeting is on Fridays at 9:30 a.m., but you can also participate in “Pizza Moms” on the second Tuesday of the month or “Father’s Only” on the third Wednesday of the money. For the dad’s support group, call Chris Librandi specifically at 203-576-3750. They also have a sibling’s support group available.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**
*Brain Injury Association to CT Support Groups*
1800 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 224
Rocky Hill, CT 06067
800-721-8111
bsage@biact.org
http://www.biact.org/support_groups.html#
The BIAC sponsors almost 20 different support groups with most meetings being help monthly. You can contact someone at the above number weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to learn about the support groups in your area.
Connecticut Resources (Continued)

Local Chapters of CP Support
United Cerebral Palsy of Eastern Connecticut
Contact Person: Margaret Morrison
42 Norwich Road
Quaker Hill, CT 06375
860-443-3800 x26
mmorrison@ucpect.org
http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/public/clubhome
This chapter of the UCP indicated five may purposes on their website: providing information and access to resources, creating opportunities, promoting awareness, advocating for rights, and providing community services.

Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy
The Yale Brachial Plexus Center
Yale-New Haven Hospital
20 York Street
New Haven, CT 06510-3202
203-688-4242
siteeditor@ynhh.org
http://www.ynhh.org/
In conjunction with the children’s hospital, the brachial plexus center serves both adults and children to repair damaged nerves and otherwise treat Erb’s Palsy.
Delaware Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**

*Brain Injury Association of Delaware*

Contact Person: James A. Burcham, Executive Director  
P.O. Box 95  
Middletown, DE 19709  
302-378-3035  
biadresourcecenter@cavtel.net  
http://www.biausa.org/Delaware/bia.htm  
This trauma center helps children and adults with all kinds of brain injuries and medical conditions.

**IDEA (Special Education)**

*Exceptional Children and Early Childhood Group*

Department of Education  
P.O. Box 1402  
Dover, DE 19903  
302-739-5471  
302-739-2388  
mtoomey@doe.k12.de.us  
http://www.doe.k12.de.us/programs/specialed/staff.shtml  
This state organization monitors the compliance of local special education programs, provides support to parents and offers resources for special needs children and their families.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**

*Parents As Teachers*

461 Wyoming Road  
Newark, DE 19716  
302-831-6852  
unger@udel.edu  
http://www.udel.edu/cds/parents_as_teachers.html  
This support service connects parents with local community resources and helps them to understand about their child’s disability.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**

None found.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**

*United Cerebral Palsy of Delaware, Inc.*

3249 Midstate Rd.  
Felton, DE 19943  
302-335-5626  
wmccool@ucpde.org  
http://www.ucpde.org  
The mission of the association is to advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of those with Cerebral Palsy. They provide support and services to children and adults afflicted with the disability.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**

None found.
Florida Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**

*Brain Injury Association of Florida (BIAF)*
North Broward Medical Center
201 East Sample Road
Pompano Beach, FL 33064
954-786-2400
info@biaf.org
www.biaf.org

You can find help with brain injury with this group. They also provide support systems and groups for families.

**IDEA (Special Education)**

*Bureau of Instructional Support & Community Services*
Division of Public Schools & Community Education of the Department of Education
Contact Person: Bambi J. Lockman, Chief
325 West Gaines Street, Suite 614
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400
850-488-1570
http://www.fln.edu/doe/commhome/

With this state department, you can find help with your child's educational needs.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**

*Family Network on Disabilities of Florida, Inc.*
Contact Person: Jan LaBelle, Executive Director
2735 Whitney Road
Clearwater, FL 33760
727-523-1130
fnd@fndfl.org
http://www.fndfl.org/

This organization's mission is to help Florida families network and to provide resources for the parents and children who need them.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**

*Space Coast BPI Support Group*
Contact Person: Leslie McKibben, PT
133 Gateway Dr.
Suite 1015
Melbourne, FL 32901
lmpt@worldnet.att.net

This department provides support for families of children with Erb's Palsy. They don't have a website yet, but you can contact them at the above email address.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**

*United Cerebral Palsy of Florida*
Contact Person: Carol J. DeJarnette, Director of Operations
2475 Apalachee Parkway, Suite 205
Tallahassee, FL 32301-4946
850-878-2141

This group provides you with CP support and with support at the home, school and community. You can contact them by phone to learn more.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**
None found.
Georgia Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**

*Memorial Health University Medical Center*
Contact Person: Mr. Robert A. Colvin, President and CEO
4700 Waters Avenue
Savannah, GA 31404
912-350-8000
[www.memorialhealth.com](http://www.memorialhealth.com) (email form)
[www.memorialhealth.com](http://www.memorialhealth.com)

Provides trauma care for individuals living in southeast Georgia as well as South Carolina. It is also home to the area's only medical helicopter.

**The Medical Center of Central Georgia**
777 Hemlock Street
Macon, GA
478-633-1584
[http://www.mccg.org/services/trau.asp](http://www.mccg.org/services/trau.asp)

This medical staff in the trauma center is always on the ready in the event of a brain injury.

**IDEA (Special Education)**

*Georgia Department of Education*
Contact Person: Marlene Bryar, Director, Exceptional Students
205 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive SE
Atlanta, GA 30334
404-656-3963
mbryar@doe.k12.ga.us

Georgia's Department of Education handles the Special Education requirements of children in the state. They also offer unlimited resources to parents.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**

*All in One Advocacy and Resource Center*

2987 Clairmont Road, Suite 150
Atlanta, GA 30329
(770) 256-2988
jbowen@lsqa.org
[http://www.lsqa.org](http://www.lsqa.org)

Helps parents whose children struggle with disabilities. In addition to a support group, the organization also offers information on disability resources

**Local Chapters of Erb's Palsy Support**
None found.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**

*United Cerebral Palsy of Georgia Inc.*
3300 Northeast Expressway, Building #9
Atlanta, GA 30341
770-676-2000
dwilush@ucpga.org
[http://www.ucp.com](http://www.ucp.com)

The United Cerebral Palsy of Georgia Inc. is a part of the larger national organization. They support all of Georgia.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb's Palsy**

*Medical College of Georgia*
Contact Person: Bill Hamilton, Administrative Director
MCG Neuroscience Center
Medical College of Georgia
Augusta, GA 30912
706-721-4533
whelilton@mcg.edu
[http://www.mcg.edu/som/neurosurgery/contact.htm](http://www.mcg.edu/som/neurosurgery/contact.htm)

The Medical College of Georgia Neuroscience Center covers both clinical trials and research into the area of Erb's Palsy.
Hawaii Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**
*Brain Injury Association of Hawaii*
Contact Person: Wendy Vandewaal, Executive Director
1775 So. Beretania, Rm. 203
Honolulu, HI 96826
808-941-0372
biah@cchono.com
At this center, people can get help with needs that they might have following traumatic brain injury. The center also provides people with medical attention and follow up resources.

**IDEA (Special Education)**
*Special Education Section of the HI Department of Education*
Contact Person: Dr. Paul Ban, Director
637 18th Avenue, Room 102
Honolulu, HI 96816
808-733-4400
http://doe.k12.hi.us/specialeducation/index.htm
This group provides people with support when dealing with children with disabilities. They also provide children with education and with other opportunities.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**
*Parent Training & Information Project*
Contact Person: Jasmine Williams, Project Coordinator
200 North Vineyard Blvd., #310
Honolulu, HI 96817
808-536-9684
There’s no website, but you can contact Jasmine at the above number for more information.

**Special Parent Information Network (SPIN)**
Contact Person: Susan Rocco, Coordinator
919 Ala Moana Blvd. #101
Honolulu, HI 96814
808-586-8126
cpdppp@aloha.net
This group provide families and parents with support for a wide range of disabilities.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**
*Hawaii Support Group*
Contact Person: Terri Harkey
371 Reno Road Apt. A
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819
harkeyville@hawaii.rr.com
At this center you can get support for Erb’s Palsy, as well as help with living tasks, and other parts of support that you might need.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**
*UCP Association of Hawaii*
Contact Person: Donna Fouts, Executive Director
414 Kuwili Street, Suite #105
Honolulu, HI 96817
808-532-6744
ucpa@DiverseAbilities.org
http://www.ucpahi.org/
With this support group, you can find help and support for dealing with CP for all ages and all members of your family.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**
None found.
Idaho Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**
*Brain Injury Association of ID*
Contact Person: Marilyn Hern, President
PO Box 414
Boise, ID 83701-0414
208-336-7708
www.biausa.org
This department provides resources for people and children with brain injuries, as well as providing support for families.

**IDEA (Special Education)**
*Bureau of Special Education Section of the Idaho Department of Education*
Contact Person: Nolene Weaver, Chief
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0027
208-332-6910
nbweaver@sde.state.id.us
http://www.sde.state.id.us/SpecialEd/
This department provides help for students with special education needs, and also provides support in schools and at home.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**
*Idaho Parents Unlimited Inc (IPUL)*
Contact Person: Cheryl Fisher, Program Director
4696 Overland Road, #568
Boise, ID 83705
208-342-5884
ipul@rmci.net
http://www.ipulidaho.org/
This state-wide organization runs fundraising programs, provides individual support, holds informational workshops, and seeks to reach families all across the state, no matter what their needs.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**
None found.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**
*United Cerebral Palsy of ID*
Contact Person: Barbara A. Leinberger, Director
5530 Emerald Street
Boise, ID 83706
208-377-8070
ucpidaho@aol.com
http://www.ucp.org/ucp_local.cfm/66
This group provides support to groups and families that have to deal with CP. There are meetings as well as support groups that are provided.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**
None found.
Illinois Resources

Trauma Center for Brain Injury

*Children’s Hospital of Illinois Department of Neurology*
Contact Person: Paul S. Kramer, Executive Director
530 N.E. Glen Oak Avenue
Peoria, IL 61637
309-655-7111
chiowebmaster@osfhealthcare.org
www.childrenshospitalofil.org/programs/medical/neurology.htm
The department of neurology helps kids up to age 17 with all kinds of head trauma and their website provides lots of information about brain injuries of all kinds.

IDEA (Special Education)

*Illinois State Board of Education: Special Education Services*
Contact Person: Jesse Ruiz, Board Chair
100 North 1st Street
Springfield, IL 62777
217-782-4321
http://webprod1.isbe.net/contactisbe/ (email form)
http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/default.htm
This government department ensures that all state and federal regulations are being met, and also provides guidance for parents and students who need information about educational opportunities in Illinois.

West Central Illinois Special Education Co-op
Contact Person: Bill Pumo, Director
130 South Lafayette Street, Suite 201
Macomb, IL 61455
309-837-2911
wpumo@wcisec.org
http://www.wcisec.org/index.shtml
The WCISEC provides quality education to children of all ability levels, recognizing the right for free public education in the best learning environment possible.

Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities

*Family Resource Center on Disabilities*
Contact Person: Charlotte Des Jadins, Director
20 East Jackson Boulevard, Room 300
Chicago, IL 60604
312-939-3513
info@frcd.org
http://www.frcd.org
The FRCD is a self-proclaimed coalition of parents and professionals. They work to improve services for families with children dealing with all kinds of disabilities.

Family Support Network of Illinois
Contact Person: Charlotte Cronin, Director
5739 West Martindale Lane
Peoria, IL 61615
309-693-8981
fsn@familysupportnetwork.org
http://www.familysupportnetwork.org/
This network of parents works together to advocate for rights for their children in order to provide special needs children with educational opportunities and the special services they need to survive.
Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support

**Chicago Brachial Plexus Support Group**
Contact Person: Jennifer Engelhart
3952 West 102nd Street
Chicago, IL 60655
773-445-4652
Chicago_bpi@hotmail.com
http://www.chicagobpi.com/
Founded in 2001, this team works to promote awareness about prevention and treatment of Erb’s Palsy.

**Open Arms BP Palsy Support Group**
Contact Person: Shoba Shekar
1087 Black Wolf Court
Fairview Heights, IL 62208
pshekar@aol.com
Contact Shoba via email for more information.

Local Chapters of CP Support

**United Cerebral Palsy of Illinois**
Contact Person: Don Moss, Executive Director
310 East Adams
Springfield, IL 62701
217-528-9739
ucpil@sbcglobal.net
www.ucpillinois.org
This is the state-wide branch of the organization, with local branches found in Chicago, Will County, Lincoln, and Southern Illinois. They provide support to cerebral palsy patients of all ages.

Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy

**The University of Illinois Medical Center**
1740 West Taylor Street
Chicago, IL 60612
866-600-CARE
www.uillinoismedcenter.org/content.cfm/contact (email form)
http://uimc.discoveryhospital.com/main
This hospital works to prevent Erb’s Palsy, as well as treats patients suffering from it.
Indiana Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**
*BIA of Indiana*
9531 Valparaiso Court, Suite A
Indianapolis, IN 46268
317-356-7722
www.biausa.org/Indiana

**IDEA (Special Education)**
*Covered Bridge Special Education District*
Contact Person: Kathleen Mahalek
1320 Walnut Street
Terre Haute, IN 47807
812-462-4364
klm@vigoschools.org
http://www.cbsed.org/
This special ed co-op provides educational services to over 3,500 students.

**Joint Education Services in Special Education**
P.O. Box 418
324 Kingston Road
Plymouth, IN 46563
574-936-2627
http://www.jesse.k12.in.us/
This educational co-op administers over 80 classes and programs and services over 2,000 students in the north central part of the state.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**
None found.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**
*About Special Kids*
Contact Person: Rebecca Kirby, Executive Director
7275 Shadeland Avenue, Suite 1
Indianapolis, IN 46250
317-251-7488
familynetw@aboutspecialkids.org
This parent network helps to connect families with special needs professionals in order to provide kids with the best resources possible.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**
*Brain Injury Association of Indiana*
Contact Person: Donna Jackson
9531 Valparaiso Court, Suite A
Indianapolis, IN 46268
317-356-7722
info@biai.org
http://www.biausa.org/Indiana
This organization supports people with all brain and nervous system medical conditions.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**
*UCP of Greater Indiana*
1915 West 18th Street, Suite C
Indianapolis, IN 46204
317-632-3561
donnar@ucpaindy.org
There’s no website, but you can contact this chapter of United Cerebral Palsy via phone or email to learn more about the services they offer.
Iowa Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**
*University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics*
200 Hawkins Drive
Iowa City, IA 52242
319-384-8442
http://www.uihealthcare.com
This facility is home to over 600 students studying in the field of medicine. The trauma center is well-equipped to deal with any emergency.

**IDEA (Special Education)**
*State Department of Education*
Contact Person: Jeananne Hagen, Bureau Chief
Grimes State Office Building
Des Moines, IA 50319-0146
515-281-5735
Jeananne.Hagen@ed.state.ia.us
www.state.ia.us/educate/index.html
Focusing on children with special needs, the State Department of Education of Iowa’s primary goal is to ensure families are offered support that will enable them to help their child’s educational journey.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**
*Arc of Johnson County*
Contact Person: Bill Reagan, Executive Director
2620 Muscatine Avenue
Iowa City, IA 52240
wmreagan@mcleodusa.net
http://www.thearc.org
The Arc of Johnson Group offers support to not only parents of children with disabilities but their siblings as well. In addition they provide valuable information related to living daily with a disability.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**
*Iowa Brachial Plexus Network*
Contact Person: Kathleen Kennedy
PO Box 234
Walford, Iowa 52351
319-846-2791
Kathleen@ubpn.org
The Iowa Brachial Plexus Network provides much needed support to families dealing with Erb’s Palsy.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**
*Iowa Cerebral Palsy Association*
Contact Person: Chris Sparks, Executive Director
760 Ansborough Avenue, Box 4090
Waterloo, IA 50704-4090
319-232-6671
csparks@kca.net
The Iowa Cerebral Palsy Association works to provide both information and funding to Cerebral Palsy patients and programs in the state.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**
*Iowa University Center for Excellence on Disabilities*
100 Hawkins Drive
Iowa City, IA, 52242
319-353-6900
http://www.medicine.uiowa.edu
This has been Iowa’s premier choice in health care for Erb’s Palsy since 1972. It relies on local as well as national resources to provide the best patient care possible.
Kansas Resources

Trauma Center for Brain Injury
The University of Kansas Hospital
3901 Rainbow Blvd.
Kansas City, KS 66160
913-588-1227
http://kum.ed.com/bodyside.cfm?id=1837
The University of Kansas Hospital’s Trauma Center provides state of the art care to individuals residing in this area of the country.

IDEA (Special Education)
Kansas State Department of Education
Contact Person: Colleen Riley, Director
120SE 10th Avenue
Topeka KS  66612
785-926-6715
criley@ksde.org
The Student Support Services Department of The Kansas State Department of Education works hard to support children with special education needs throughout the state.

Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities
Parent Training and Information Center
Contact Person: Connie Zienkewicz, Director
3340 W. Douglas, Suite 102
Witchita, KS 67203
316-945-7747
fmin@feist.com
http://www.familiestogetherinc.org/
This state wide resource center provides help and support for parents and families dealing with a child who has a disability.

Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support
None found.

Local Chapters of CP Support
United Cerebral Palsy of Kansas
Contact Person: Pat Jones, Executive Director
P.O. Box 8217
Wichita, KS 67208
316- 688-1888
http://www.ucp.com/index.htm
The United Cerebral Palsy Association provides both information and support to individuals whose lives have been touched by this condition.

Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy
The University of Kansas Hospital
3901 Rainbow Blvd.
Kansas City, KS 66160
913-588-1227
http://kum.ed.com/bodyside.cfm?id=1837
The University of Kansas Hospital has a highly trained medical staff who specialize in the field of Neurology including Erb’s Palsy treatment.
Kentucky Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**
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The Surgery Center at the Greenview Regional Hospital
1801 Ashley Circle
Bowling Green, KY 42104-9024
207-793-1000
http://www.greenviewhospital.com (email form)
http://www.greenviewhospital.com/CustomPage
This center is open 24 hours a day and helps patients get on the road to recovery as quickly and safely as possible. Their neurosurgery team is ready to handle all kinds of brain injuries.

**IDEA (Special Education)**
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Division of Exceptional Children’s Services of the Kentucky Department of Education
Contact Person: Mike Armstrong, Director
Capitol Plaza Tower, 8th Floor
500 Mero Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
502-564-4970
marmstro@kde.state.ky.us
http://www.kde.state.ky.us/
This state resource helps support children with cerebral palsy and Erb’s palsy in getting the education they deserve.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**
*
Kentucky Special Parent Involvement Network
Contact Person: Paulette Logson, Director
2210 Goldsmith Lane, Suite 118
Louisville, KY 40218
502-456-0923
spininc@aol.com
This network of parents helps those with children suffering from disabilities to find the resources their children need to succeed.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**
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Northern Kentucky Support Group
Contact Person: Kim Englert
8823 Mountain Brook Drive
Louisville, KY 40272-2308
502-933-7006
This support group doesn't have a website yet, but you can get more information by calling Kim at the above phone number!

**Local Chapters of CP Support**
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The Cerebral Palsy KIDS Center
982 Eastern Parkway
Louisville, KY 40217
502-635-6397
http://www.cpkidscenter.com/
This organization is dedicated to improving the quality of life for children with disabilities.

The Kentucky Cerebral Palsy Network
Contact Person: Francie Roberson
150 Cripple Creek Road
Williamsburg, KY 40769
606-549-2590
kycpn@yahoo.com
http://www.geocities.com/kycpn/
This local chapter of the CPN promotes the inclusion of all persons with disabilities and provides support for cerebral palsy patients.
Kentucky Resources (Continued)

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb's Palsy**

*UK Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine*

Wing C, First Floor  
740 South Limestone  
Lexington, KY 40536-0284  
859-323-5535  
[http://www.ukhealthcare.uky.edu/ortho/index.htm](http://www.ukhealthcare.uky.edu/ortho/index.htm)

This center specializes in helping with a number of diseases and medical conditions, including both cerebral palsy and Erb’s palsy.
Louisiana Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**
*Children's Hospital of New Orleans*
200 Henry Clay Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70118
504-899-9511
info@chnola.org
www.chnola.org
This hospital specifically caters to children and employs doctors who specialize in brain trauma.

**IDEA (Special Education)**
*Louisiana State Department of Education*
1201 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
225-342-3633
http://www.doe.state.la.us
Their website provides information for children, parents, families, teachers, and members of the community.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**
*Parent Training and Information: Project PROMPT*
Contact Person: Cindy Arceneaux, Director
4323 Division Street, Suite 110
Metairie, LA 70002-3179
Phone: (225) (888) 9111; (800) 766-7736 (Toll Free in LA)
fhfgno@ix.netcom.com
http://www.projectprompt.com
PROMPT stands for Parents Reaching Out for Model Parent Training. This project provides a means for workshops and resources for these parents.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**
*Louisiana Support Group*
Contact Person: Lori Sheehy
105 Narcissus Street
Metairie, LA 70005
504-835-8577
mommysheehy@yahoo.com
Contact Lori via phone or email for more information on meeting times and resources on this Erb’s palsy support group.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**
*UCP of Greater New Orleans*
2200 Veterans Memorial Blvd., Suite 103
Kenner, LA 70062
504-461-4266
info@ucpgno.org
http://www.ucpgno.org
This chapter serves the New Orleans area of the state by providing information and resources for children, adults, and families dealing with cerebral palsy.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**
None found.
Maine Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**
*Emergency Center of the Bramhall Campus of the Maine Medical Center*
22 Bramhall Street
Portland, ME 04103
207-662-2381
http://www.mmc.org/mmc_body.cfm?id=1920
This emergency deals with all kinds of trauma, including brain injuries.

**IDEA (Special Education)**
*Cerebral Palsy Center*
331 Veraneda Street
Portland, ME 04103
207-874-1125
http://schools.privateschoolsreport.com/Maine/Portland/CerebralPalsyCenter.html
This small school provides education to a number of cerebral palsy patients.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**
*Maine Parent Federation/SPIN*
P.O Box 2067
Augusta, ME 04228
207-623-2144
http://www.mpf.org/SPIN/
SPIN is a state-wide project in Maine that serves parents, professionals, and community members and provides research and information for disabled children.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**
*Maine Support Group*
Contact Person: Jessica Irish
P.O. Box 156
Phippsburg, ME 04562
They don’t have a website yet, but you can contact Jessica at the above address for more information.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**
*UCP of Northeastern Maine*
Contact Person: Bobbi Jo Yeager
700 Mt. Hope Avenue, Suite 320
Bangor, ME 04401
207-941-2952
bobbijo.yeager@ucpofmaine.org
http://www.ucpofmaine.org
Some of the many services offered include behavioral health and day habilitation, summer camps, education services, therapy, and other information.

** Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**
None found.
Maryland Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**

*Brain Injury Association of Maryland*
Kernan Hospital
2200 Kernan Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207
410-448-2924
bimaryland@erols.com

This department coordinates the efforts to take care of, rehabilitate and educate people and children with brain injuries.

**IDEA (Special Education)**

*Department of Education, Division of Special Education*
Contact Person: Carol Ann Baglin, Assistant State Superintendent
200 West Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201-2595
410-767-0238
cbaglin@msde.state.md.us
www.msde.state.md.us

This department takes care of the educational needs of children with disabilities in the state of Maryland. You can contact them with any educational questions.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**

*Parents Place of MD, Inc.*
Contact Person: Josie Thomas, Director
7484 Candlewood Road, Suite S
Hanover, MD 21076
410-859-5300
parplace@aol.com
http://www.somersnet.net/ParentsPlace

This group assists with the developmental needs of children with disabilities and both of them also focus on the role of the parent, as well as on education for the parents. They also have parent support groups for parents of children with disabilities.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**

*Nation Rehabilitation Information Center*
4200 Forbes Boulevard, Suite 202
Lanham, MD 20706
301-459-5900
naricinfo@heitchservices.com
http://www.naric.com

This group helps those dealing with many different kinds of injury rehabilitation, including Erb’s palsy.

**Local Chapter of CP support**

*United Cerebral Palsy of Southern MD*
Contact Person: Mitzi Bernard, Executive Director
49 Old Solomons Island Rd., Suite 301
Annapolis, MD 21401
410-897-9545
somducp@earthlink.net
www.sitestar.com/ucp/

This is where all of the coordination for the Cerebral Palsy support groups take place, and where all information is located regarding groups dealing with CP in this state.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**

*NII Neurological Institute*
P.O. Box 5801
Bethesda, MD 20824
301-496-5751
www.ninds.nih.gov/contact_us.htm (email form)
www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/brachial_plexus/brachial_plexus

This hospital provides information about Erb’s Palsy and provides support for patients dealing with this medical condition.
Massachusetts Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**

*Neurosurgery at Harvard Medical School*

Harvard Medical School
25 Shattuck Street
Boston, MA 02115
617-726-8581
Referral@Neurosurgery.MassGeneral.org
http://neurosurgery.mgh.harvard.edu/

The Neurosurgery unit of Massachusetts General is a large ward encompassing a good portion of the hospital. It is committed to helping those with brain trauma conditions.

**Support Group for Cerebral Palsy**

*Cerebral Palsy of Massachusetts*

Contact Person: Joseph Curran, President
43 Old Colony Avenue
Quincy, MA 02170
877-479-7577
info@masscp.org
http://www.masscp.org

Cerebral Palsy of Massachusetts is available to help all sufferers from Cerebral Palsy, be they children or adults, become as independent as possible. The agency is able to link patients to other valuable resources.

**IDEA (Special Education)**

*Massachusetts Department of Education*

350 Main Street
Malden, MA 02148-5023
781-338-3000
http://www.doe.mass.edu/contact
www.doe.mass.edu/sped/

The Massachusetts Department of Education is the place to go for information or grievances about special education needs. There is an online tool for submitting questions that makes it easy to contact them.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**

*Wayside Youth & Family Support Network*

Contact Person: Eric L. Masi, President and CEO
406 Massachusetts Avenue
Arlington, MA 02474
781-643-2580 x 123
emasi@waysideyouth.org
http://www.waysideyouth.org/

The Wayside Youth & Family Support Network is a non-profit organization that provides support for parents who have children with any type of disability. They are able to provide counseling and support groups for children and parents, as well as important community links.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**

*Massachusetts BPI Support*

Contact Person: Jamie Wetmore
33 Chase Street
Beverly, MA 09152
978-921-2051

The Massachusetts branch for BPI support helps both parents and patients who have this debilitating disease live as independent and normal of a life as possible. They don’t have a website, but you can call Jamie Wetmore at the above number for more information about services and meetings.
Local Chapters of CP Support

United Cerebral Palsy of Massachusetts
208 West Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
413-442-1562
info@ucpberkshire.org
http://www.ucpberkshire.org
This chapter of the UCP provides a voice for all those suffering from cerebral palsy. They have technology and resources available to patients and their families in order to make life easier even with CP.

Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb's Palsy

Massachusetts General Hospital Department of Neurology
Vincent Burnham Building
55 Fruit Street
Boston, MA 02114
617-726-5533
mghneurology@partners.org
http://www.massgeneral.org/Neurology/index.asp
The Department of Neurology at Massachusetts General focuses on all forms of brain disorders, including cerebral palsy and Erb's palsy.
Michigan Resources

Trauma Center for Brain Injury
Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital
235 Wealthy SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
800-528-8989
Info@maryfreebed.com
http://www.maryfreebed.com/secondary
The Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital focuses on providing care for people who have suffered brain injuries, such as cerebral palsy, strokes and brain trauma as related to seizures.

IDEA (Special Education)
Michigan Department of Education
608 W. Allegan Street
P.O. Box 30008
Lansing, MI 48909
517-373-3324
MDEweb@michigan.gov
http://www.michigan.gov
The Michigan Department of Education has links for valuable resources for parents and children who have needs of special education.

Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities
Parent Participation Program from the Family Support Network of Michigan
3056 West Grand Boulevard
Detroit, MI 48202
313-456-4381
http://www.michigan.gov
This organization provides health information and parent-to-parent support to all Michigan families of children with special needs.

Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support
Brain Injury Association of Michigan
8137 West Grand River, Suite A
Brighton, MI 48114-9346
810-229-5880
info@biami.org
http://www.biami.org
The Brain Injury Association of Michigan helps families living with Erb’s Palsy and all other types of neurological and nervous system problems.

Local Chapters of CP Support
UCP of Michigan, Inc.
Contact Person: Linda Potter, Executive Director
320 N. Washington Square, Suite 60
Lansing, MI 48933
517-482-9496
ucpmi@aol.com
http://www.ucp.org/ucp_local.cfm/87
UCP of Michigan is a non-profit organization that focuses their belief on the fact that all people with disabilities can live a normal and fulfilling life.

Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy
C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital
Contact Person: Kevin Chi Chung, MD
1500 East Medical Center Hospital
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
734-936-400
ask-mott@med.umich.edu
http://www2.med.umich.edu/departments/mott/clinics
The people working here, including Dr. Kevin Chi Chung, specialize in Erb’s palsy rehabilitation.
Michigan Resources (Continued)

Michigan Neurology Institute
Pointe East Office Center
25100 Kelly Road
Roseville, MI 48066
586-771-7440
http://www.neurologychannel.com/mni/physicians.shtml

The Michigan Neurology Institute is one of the only hospitals in the state with a special neurology unit.
Minnesota Resources

Trauma Center for Brain Injury
The Hennepin County Medical Center
701 Park Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55415
612-873-3000
info@hcmc.org
http://www.hcmc.org/index.htm
Hennepin County Medical Center offers treatment, rehabilitation, and support to patients and their families who have experienced a traumatic brain injury.

IDEA (Special Education)
Minnesota Department of Education
Contact Person: Barbara L. Troolin, Ph.D
1500 Highway 36 West
Roseville, MN 55113
810-257-1400
mde.special-ed@state.mn.us
http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Learning_Support/Special_Education/index.html
The purpose of the Minnesota Department of Education is to offer parents a convenient source for trusted knowledge on their child’s health, learning, development and safety.

Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities
Arc Greater Twin Cities
Contact Person: Kim Keprios
4301 Highway 7, Suite 140
Minneapolis, MN 55416
952-920-0855
kimkeprios@arcgreatertwincities.org
http://www.arcgreatertwincities.org/
Arc’s purpose is to secure for all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families the opportunity to realize their goals of where and how they live, learn, work and play.

Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support
Minnesota Brachial Plexus Network
Contact People: Chris & Bob Fiske
335 107th Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55434
612-754-8796
Fiskefamily@worldnet.att.net
The Minnesota branch for BPI support is dedicated to helping both parents and patients who have this debilitating disease live as independent and normal of a life as possible.

Local Chapters of CP Support
UCP of Minnesota
1821 University Avenue West #219 South
St. Paul, MN 55104-2892
651-646-7588
ucpmn@cpinternet.com
http://www.ucpmn.org
United Cerebral Palsy of Minnesota provides services state-wide to individuals with disabilities and their families.

UCP of Central Minnesota
510 25th Avenue North
St. Cloud, MN 56303-3255
320-253-0765
info@ucpcentralmn.org
http://www.ucpcentralmn.org
For over fifty-two years, UCP of Central Minnesota (UCP-CM) has been serving people who are meeting the challenges of living with a disability.
Minnesota Resources (Continued)

Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy

St. Gabriel’s Hospital
815 SE 2nd Street
Little Falls, MN 56345
320-632-1128

http://www.minneapolisclinic.com/clinics.shtml#stgabriels

St. Gabriel’s Hospital has a team of neurological experts that are able to provide the best care for patients with Erb’s Palsy.
Mississippi Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**
The University of Mississippi Medical Center
2500 North State St.
Jackson, MS 39216
601-984-1000
http://www.umc.edu/uh.html
The University of Mississippi Medical Center is the only center in the state with a Level I Trauma Center.

**IDEA (Special Education)**
Special Vocational Services for the Handicapped
Contact Person: Pauline Childs, Director
Office of Vocational and Technical Education
P.O. Box 771
Jackson, MS 39205-0771
601-359-3465
pchilds@mdek12.state.ms.us
http://www.mde.k12.ms.us
This state-run department supports families to provide the best education for all children, regardless of ability.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**
Parent Partners
Contact Person: Aretha Lee, Director
1900 N. West Street, Suite C-100
Jackson, MS 39202
601-714-5707
ptofms@misnet.com
Parent Partners matches up parents and creates support groups so that parents can minimize their stress levels while maximizing their information.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**
Brain Injury Association of Mississippi
P.O. Box 55912
Jackson, MS 39296-5912
(601) 981-1021; (800) 641-6442
biaofms@AOL.com
The Brain Injury Association of Mississippi has information about all types of brain injury support groups, including Erb's Palsy.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**
Cerebral Palsy Foundation of MS
Contact Person: Marshall Magee, President
PO Box 16924
Jackson, MS 39236
601-853-1961
cpsofms@AOL.com
http://www.cpofms.org/
The Cerebral Palsy Foundation is committed to helping patients and their families live with the debilitating condition.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**
St. Dominic-Jackson Memorial Hospital
969 Lakeland Drive
Jackson, MS 39216
601-200-2000
http://www.stdom.com/services/neuro/
St. Dominic-Jackson Memorial hospital has a state of the art Neuroscience center, committed to helping patients with conditions, like Erb's Palsy, get the best care possible.
Missouri Resources

Trauma Center for Brain Injury
*University of Missouri Health Care*
600 North Main Street
Mt. Vernon, MO 65712
(417) 466-3711
askmrc@health.missouri.edu
http://www.muhealth.org/~MOrehab/brain.shtml
MRC offers a full continuum of care with one of the most comprehensive brain injury rehab programs in the state of Missouri.

IDEA (Special Education)
*Missouri Department of Education*
Contact Person: James E. Leigh
303 Townsend Hall
Columbia, MO 65211-2400
573-882-3742
leighj@missouri.edu
http://sped.missouri.edu/
The purpose of the Missouri Department of Education is to prepare educators to assist children, youth and adults with disabilities.

Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities
*Missouri Development Disability Resource Center (MOD-DRC) Institute for Human Development, University Center for Excellence*
2220 Holmes, 3rd Floor
Kansas City, MO 64108
800-444-0821
moddrc@umkc.edu
http://www.moddrc.org
The mission of this center is to help parents and peers share their strengths and to provide a support network for parents of children with developmental disabilities.

Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support
*Midwest Brachial Plexus Network*
Contact People: Mike and Beth Gehring
124 NE Brookwood Drive
Blue Springs, MO 64014
816-224-1957
gehrings@discoverynet
The Midwest Brachial Plexus Network helps patients and families connect with valuable information that will help advance their lives.

*Missouri BPI Support*
Contact Person: Natalie Miller
2081 N. Preakness Drive
Nixa, MO 65714
417-725-1420
miller.mnll@worldnet.att.net
The Missouri branch for BPI support helps both parents and patients who have this debilitating disease live as independent and normal of a life as possible.

Local Chapters of CP Support
*UCP of Greater St. Louis*
8645 Old Bonhomme Road
St. Louis, MO 63132-3999
314-994-1600
forkoshr@ucpstl.org
http://www.ucpstl.org
UCP of Greater St. Louis offers a wide variety of programs that advance the independence, and productivity of people living with cerebral palsy.
Missouri Resources (Continued)

Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb's Palsy

One Children's Place
Contact Person: Jeffrey Leonard, MD
4th Floor, Suite E
St. Louis, MO 63110
314-454-4630
http://www.stlouischildrens.org

St. Louis Children's Hospital deals with all kinds of neurological and nervous system medical conditions, including Erb's Palsy.
Montana Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**

**Billings Clinic**

2825 8th Avenue North  
PO Box 35100  
Billings, MT 59107-7000  
health@billingsclinic.org  
http://www.billingsclinic.com

The Billings Clinic is a community of physicians that are dedicated to providing the best of care for all of those who are suffering from any type of brain injury.

**IDEA (Special Education)**

**Montana Office of Public Instruction**

Contact Person: Marilyn Pearson  
P.O. Box 202501  
Helena, Montana 59620-2501  
810-257-1400  
mpearson@mt.gov  
http://www opi mt gov/SpecEd/

The goal of the Montana Office of Public Instruction is to make sure that any child suffering with special education needs gets the best care possible in order for them to have the best education.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**

**ADAPT Montana**

Contact People: Bob Liston and Marsha Katz  
No Physical Address  
406-829-9495  
adaptmt@aol.com  
http://www.geocities.com/adaptmontana/Adapt2.htm

ADAPT is the nation’s premier grassroots disability rights group and has thousands of members throughout over 40 different states. ADAPT Montana was created to enable parents who have children with disabilities to understand the options available to them and their children for the future.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**

**Special Health Services, Family and Community Health Bureau**

Department of Public Health and Human Services  
Contact Person: Sharon Wagner, Section Supervisor  
Cogswell Building, Room C-314  
P. O. Box 202951  
Helena, MT 59620-2951  
406-444-3622  
shwagner@state.mt.us  
http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/

The Special Health Services committee provides access to hundreds of connections in order to help you find a place where you can get support for patients with Erb’s Palsy.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**

**Brain Injury Association of Montana**

Contact Person: M.V. Morton, President  
521 Corbin Hall  
Missoula, MT 59812  
406-243-5973  
biam@selway.umt.edu  
http://www.biamt.org/

The Brain Injury Association of Montana has support groups and information in order to help patients who suffer from this debilitating condition.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**

None found.
Nebraska Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**
*Creighton University Medical Center*
N. 30th Street
Omaha, NE 68131
402-449-4000
http://www.creightonhospital.com

Creighton University Medical Center is one of the region’s most respected academic medical centers. The doctors and nurses are committed to treating patients while conducting medical research that will save lives.

**IDEA (Special Education)**
*Special Education Advisory Council*
301 Centennial Mall South
P.O. Box 94987
Lincoln, NE 68509
402-471-2296
john.clark@nde.ne.gov
http://www.nde.state.ne.us

The Nebraska Special Education Advisory Council was created in order to deliver outstanding education attention to children who have special needs.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**
*The Arc of Lincoln/Lancaster County*
Contact Person: Denise Curry
1101 Arapahoe, Suite 5
Lincoln, NE 68502
402-421-8866
arcifss@alltel.net
www.arclincoln.org

The Arc provides individualized support, assistance, and advocates for people and families, dealing with disabled children.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**
*Nebraska Erb’s Palsy Support Group*
Contact Person: Rebecca Bailey
831 Darren Avenue
Lincoln, NE 68522-1269
402-476-0991
mike.mckibben@goexcel.net

The Nebraska Erb’s Palsy Support Group is an organization committed to eliminating all doctor-caused Cerebral Palsy, Erb’s palsy, and other birth injuries. They don’t have a website, but you can contact Rebecca via the above email address or phone number.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**
*UCP of Nebraska*
10730 Pacific Street, Suite 43
Omaha, NE 68114
402-502-3572
ucp@ucpnebraska.org
http://www.ucp.org/ucp_channelres.cfm/1/11/57/4865

The UCP’s of Nebraska provides information and resources for your family on living with disabilities and learning together.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**
None found.
Nevada Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**
*Desert Springs Hospital Medical Center*
2075 E. Flamingo Rd.
Las Vegas, NV 89119
702-733-8800
[http://www.desertspringshospital.net/](http://www.desertspringshospital.net/)
Desert Springs Hospital have numerous acute treatment centers, including one for Brain Injury patients, and are committed to giving patients the best care possible.

**IDEA (Special Education)**
*Educational Equity, Department of Education*
Contact Person: Gloria Dopf, Director
700 E. Fifth Street, Suite 113
Carson City, NV 89701-5096
702-687-9171
gdopf@doe.nv.gov
[http://www.doe.nv.gov/](http://www.doe.nv.gov/)
The Department of Education in New Jersey is committed to making sure all children get a good education.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**
*Nevada Parent Network*
Contact Person: Cheryl Dinnell, State Coordinator
REPC, College of Education/285
Reno, NV 89557
702-784-4921
cdinnell@scs.unr.edu
The Nevada Parent Network matches parents up to support groups so that they can help each other with the day to day stresses of living with children with disabilities.

**Bureau of Family Health Services, Division of Health**
Contact Person: Judith Wright, Chief
Dept. of Human Resources
505 East King Street, Room 200
Carson City, NV 89701-4792
702-687-4885
ejwright@govmail.state.nv.us
The bureau of family health services is a great access place for people who have Erb's Palsy.

**Local Chapters of Erb's Palsy Support**
None found.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**
United Cerebral Palsy of Northern Nevada
Contact Person: Russ Rougeau, Executive Director
255 Glendale Avenue, Suite 3
Sparks, NV 89431
702-331-3323
the Nevada division of CP is where patients can go to find out information about programs available in their area.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb's Palsy**
Renown South Meadows Medical Center
10101 Double R Blvd.
Reno, NV 89521
775-982-7000
The Renown South Meadows Medical Center has one of the number one neurology centers in the state of Nevada.
New Hampshire Resources

Trauma Center for Brain Injury
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
One Medical Center Drive
Lebanon, NH 03756
603-650-5000
answers@hitchcock.org
http://www.dhmc.org/
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center is the number one teaching hospital in the state of New Hampshire, and as such has only the newest equipment and medical treatment options.

IDEA (Special Education)
New Hampshire Department of Education
Contact Person: Robert Wells, Education Consultant
101 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301-3860
603-271-1536
rwells@ed.state.nh.us
http://www.ed.state.nh.us/education/
The New Hampshire Department of Education wants every child to leave school having the best education, so that they can be prepared for the future.

Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities
Parent to Parent
Contact Person: Bev Parry, Director
P.O. Box 622
Hanover, NH 03755
603-448-6393
parent.to.parent@dartmouth.edu
http://www.parenttoparentnh.org/
This group matches up parents with other parents who are living in similar situations so that they may support each other.

Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support
Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire
Contact Person: Steven D. Wade, Executive Director
2 1/2 Beacon Street
Concord, NH 03301
603-225-8400
nhbia@nh.ultranet.com
www.bianh.org
The Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire supports parents and patients who have Erb’s palsy.

Local Chapters of CP Support
Family Voices of NH, Parent Information Center
P.O. Box 2405
Concord, NH 03302-2405
603-224-7005 x33
Family Voices of New Hampshire is the place for parents whose children have cerebral palsy to go to get information about different community support groups in their area.

Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy
Concord Hospital
250 Pleasant St
Concord, NH 03301
603-255-2711
http://www.concordhospital.org
Concord Hospital offers acute-care services for patients who have Erb’s Palsy.
New Jersey Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**
*Morristown Memorial Hospital*
100 Madison Avenue
Morristown, NJ 07962
info@atlantichealth.org
At Atlantic Health, the physicians pride themselves on being the leader in new treatments for all neurological problems.

**IDEA (Special Education)**
*State Department of Education: Special Education*
*N.J. Department of Education*
P. O. Box 500
Trenton, NJ 08625-0500
609-633-6833
http://www.nj.gov/njded/specialed/
The Office of Special Education is the go-to place to find out about the legal rights that go with special education.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**
*Learning Disabled Children Parent Support Group*
P.O. Box 354
Hazlet, NJ 07730
LDPCSG@AOL.COM
http://hometown.aol.com/LDPCSG/
The Learning Disabled Children Parent Support Group helps to connect parents whose children have learning disabilities.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**
*NJ Erbs Palsy Support Group*
Contact Person: Denise Gyug
32 Hillard Road
Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857
732-723-2517
The NJ branch of the Erbs Palsy Support Group is committed to helping families of patients with the debilitating condition. They don’t have a website, but you can contact Denise at the above phone number.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**
*Cerebral Palsy Association of NJ*
354 South Broad Street
Trenton, NJ 08608
609-392-4004 x513
info@cpofnj.org
http://www.cpofnj.org
The Cerebral Palsy Association of NJ has access to hundreds of resources within the state of New Jersey, including support groups and doctors, in order to help patients and their families in living with Cerebral Palsy.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**
*Liberty Health*
355 Grand St
Jersey City, NJ 07302
201-915-2000
news@libertyhcs.org
http://www.libertyhealth.org/jcmc.html
The Liberty Health hospital is a teaching hospital that provides the highest level of care for patients with Erb’s palsy.
New Mexico Resources

Trauma Center for Brain Injury
UNM Carrie Tingley Hospital
1127 University Blvd NE,
Albuquerque, NM 87102
505-272-5200
http://hospitals.unm.edu/unmcth/index.shtml
The Carrie Tingley Hospital's neurology department is committed to serving patients who have brain injuries and diseases of all kinds.

IDEA (Special Education)
Special Education, Department of Education - Education Building
Contact Person: Robert Pasternack, Ph.D., State Director
300 Don Gaspar Avenue
Santa Fe, NM 87501-2786
505-827-6541
bpasternack@sde.state.nm.us
www.sde.state.nm.us
The Department of Education has all of the information a parent will ever need about special education opportunities in their area.

Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities
Parents Reaching Out
Contact Person: Sallie Van Curen, Executive Director
1920 B Columbia Dr., SE
Albuquerque, NM 87106
505-247-0192
nmproth@aol.com
www.parentsreachingout.org
Parents Reaching Out is a place that parents of children with disabilities can go to find support information and support groups that are available where they live.

Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support
None found.

Local Chapters of CP Support
Brain Injury Association of New Mexico
Contact Person: Karen Krout, President
11000 Candelaria Blvd., NE, Suite 113-W
Albuquerque, NM 87112
505-292-7414
The Brain Injury Association of New Mexico helps patients with all types of brain injuries, especially Cerebral Palsy.

Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy
Department of Neurology
Health Sciences Center
1 University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131-0001
505-272-3342
http://hsc.unm.edu/SOM/neuro/faculty.shtml
The Health Sciences Center at the University of New Mexico has a large panel of neurological doctors committed to helping patients with Erb’s Palsy.
New York Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**

*Neurological Institute of New York*

710 West 168th Street
New York, NY 10032-3784
212-305-2700
web@neuro.columbia.edu
http://cumc.columbia.edu/dept/neurology/

The Neurological Institute of New York is one of the nation's number one treatment centers for patients with brain injury.

**IDEA (Special Education)**

*State Department of Education: Special Education*

Contact Person: Lawrence Gloeckler, Deputy Commissioner
1 Commerce Plaza, Room 1606
Albany, NY 12234
518-474-2714
vesidspe@mail.nysed.gov
www.nysed.gov

The Department of Education in New York has all of the information you will need about special education opportunities and special education laws.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**

*Parent to Parent of New York State*

Contact Person: Carolyn Schimanski, Director
500 Balltown Road
Schenectady, NY 12304
518-381-4350
Parent2Par@AOL.com
www.parenttoparentnys.org

Parent to Parent matches up parents who have children with disabilities to other parents who are in a similar situation so that they may support and help one another.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**

*Brachial Plexus Support Group*

Contact Person: Jeff DeBryne
18 Stacey Lane
Webster, New York 14580
716-787-0197
jdebryne@aol.com

The Brachial Plexus Support Group has all of the access information for people living with Erb's Palsy.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**

*United Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State, Inc.*

Contact Person: Susan Constantino, Executive Director
330 West 34th Street
New York, NY 10001
212-947-5770 x201
information@cpofnyc.org
http://www.cpofnys.org/

The United Cerebral Palsy Association is committed to helping patients who have cerebral palsy have access to any and all information that they might need.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**

*NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, Columbia University Medical Center*

630 West 168th Street
New York, NY 10032
877-NYP-WELL
http://www.nyp.org/services/neurology.html

The Neurology unit of New York Presbyterian Hospital is a leader in innovative research to help patients with neurological disorders like Erb’s Palsy.
North Carolina Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**

*Mission Hospitals*
509 Biltmore Avenue
Asheville, NC 28801
828-213-1111
[http://www.missionhospitals.org/index.htm](http://www.missionhospitals.org/index.htm)
Mission Hospitals specializes in treating patients with neuromuscular disorders, such as Cerebral Palsy and Erb’s Palsy.

**IDEA (Special Education)**

*Exceptional Children Division of the Department of Public Instruction*
Contact Person: Mary N. Watson, Director
301 N. Wilmington St, Education Bldg., #570
Raleigh, NC 27601-2825
919-715-1565
mwatson@dpi.state.nc.us
[http://www.ncpublicschools.org/ec/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/ec/)
The Department of Education in Raleigh is the place to go to find out more information about special education opportunities.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**

*Family Support Network of North Carolina*
Central Directory of Resources
University of NC at Chapel Hill
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7340
919-966-2841
cdr@med.unc.edu
[www.med.unc.edu/commedu/familysu](http://www.med.unc.edu/commedu/familysu)
The Parent-To-Parent support network has all of the information about parenting support groups in North Carolina.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**

*North Carolina Erbs Palsy Support Group*
Contact Person: Debra Miller
106 Rose Sky Court
Cary, NC 27513
dmill1084@aol.com
The North Carolina Erbs Palsy Support Group helps patients with Erb’s Palsy find resources in their community.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**

*United Cerebral Palsy of NC*
Contact Person: Mrs. Connie Cochran, Executive Director
P.O. Box 27707
Raleigh, NC 27611-7707
919-832-3787
[www.ucpnc.com](http://www.ucpnc.com)
The North Carolina branch of the United Cerebral Palsy support group has all of the local and national information about living with cerebral palsy.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**

*The Johnson Neurological Clinic*
175 Kimel Park Drive, Suite 100
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
336-714-0263
[http://www.johnsonneurological.com/contact.html (email form)](http://www.johnsonneurological.com/contact.html)
[http://www.johnsonneurological.com/about.html](http://www.johnsonneurological.com/about.html)
The Johnson Neurological Clinic is prepared to help patients who suffer from Erb’s Palsy become more comfortable and self-sufficient.
North Dakota Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**

*Neurosurgery Clinic - St. Alexius*
310 North 10th Street
Bismarck ND  58501
701-530-6500
www.st.alexius.org

The Neurosurgery Clinic of St. Alexius hospital has doctors that are experienced in dealing with brain trauma that has resulted from injury.

**IDEA (Special Education)**

*North Dakota Department of Public Instruction: Special Education*
Contact Person: Bob Rutton, Director of Special Education
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 201
Bismarck, ND 58505-0440
701-328-2277
brutton@nd.gov
http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/speced/index.shtm

This state-funded department provides information and support for teachers, parents, and children with disabilities. On their website, you can learn about state guidelines and find other valuable education news.

**Pathfinder Parent Training And Information Center**

Arrowhead Shopping Center
1600 2nd Ave. SW, Suite 30
Minot, ND 58701-3459
701-837-7500
ndpath01@ndak.net
www.pathfinder.minot.com

The ND Pathfinder Parent Training And Information Center gives parents vital information about their children and IDEA's.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**

*North Dakota Family to Family Network*
Contact Person: Pat Conway
501 North Columbia Road Stop 9037
Grand Forks, ND 58202-9037
701-777-2359
ndf2f@medicine.nodak.edu
http://www.med.und.nodak.edu/depts/rural/family/index.html

This network connects parents of children with disabilities to support one another. They also provide resources for families like information, access to policy makers, training, and more.

**Local Chapters of Erb's Palsy Support**

*Brain Injury Association of North Dakota*
Contact Person: Mary Simonson
Open Door Center
209 2nd Avenue S.E.
Valley City, ND 58072
701-845-1124
ndf2f@medicine.nodak.edu
http://www.med.und.nodak.edu/depts/rural/family/index.html

The Brain Injury Association of North Dakota is the place to go for information about Erb's Palsy and the local resources available to help families and individuals who are dealing with the condition.

**North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities**

500 University Avenue West
Minot, ND 58707
701-858-3580
ndcpd@minotstateu.edu
http://www.ndcpd.org/

This organization serves all people with any kind of disability, including Erb's Palsy.
North Dakota Resources (Continued)

Local Chapters of CP Support

Children’s Special Health Services
Contact Person: Tammy Gallup-Milner, Director
State Capitol, 600 East Blvd. Avenue, Dept. 325
Bismarck, ND 58505-0269
701-328-2436
SONELR@state.nd.us
http://lnotes.state.nd.us/ds/dhsweb.nsf
Helps individuals and families of people who have cerebral palsy link to helpful groups and has information readily available.

Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy

Regional Neurological Center
1100 Weiss Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58503
701-222-1300
www.regionalneurocenter.com
Dr. James Ragland is experienced in dealing with patients who are suffering from Erb’s Palsy.
Ohio Resources

Trauma Center for Brain Injury
Wallace-Kettering Neuroscience Institute
3533 Southern Boulevard, Suite 5200
Kettering, Ohio 45429
937-395-8002
Jean.Ruppert@kmcnetwork.org
www.wkni.org
The Wallace-Kettering Neuroscience Institute is devoted to studying, and helping, patients who have brain trauma.

IDEA (Special Education)
Special Education Services
27900 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44132
216-289-4332
aimeegilman@sbcglobal.net
http://olsr.ohio.gov/asp/olsr_SpecialEducation.asp
Special Education Services of Ohio was created in order to make sure that all children have an equal chance at a solid education.

Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities
Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities
165 West Center Street, Suite 302
Marion, OH 43302-3741
740-382-5452
ocecd@gte.net
http://www.ocecd.org/ocecd/res.cfm?ResTypeID=31
The Ohio Coalition for Education has lists of all of the parent support groups that meet in the state of Ohio and access to more information parents who have children with disabilities will find helpful.

Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support
Ohio BPI Erb’s Palsy Support Group
Contact Person: Karen Ritz
1256 Ashland Ave
Columbus, OH 43212
614-486-3320
ohioerbispalsy@aol.com
Ohio’s BPI Erb’s Palsy Support Group is committed to helping families cope with members who have Erb’s Palsy.

Local Chapters of CP Support
UCP of Central Ohio
440 Industrial Mile Rd
Columbus, OH 43228
614-279-0109
http://www.ucpofcentralohio.org/Contact (email form)
http://www.ucpofcentralohio.org/
United Cerebral Palsy of Central Ohio continues with the national goal to make resources readily available to patients and families with cerebral palsy.

Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy
Kettering Inpatient Medical Rehabilitation Unit
3535 Southern Boulevard
Kettering, OH 45429
937-395-8180
http://www.kmcnetwork.org/rehab/
The Kettering Inpatient Medical Rehabilitation Unit is capable of providing excellent care for patients who have difficult conditions, such as Erb’s Palsy.
Oklahoma Resources

Trauma Center for Brain Injury
Southwestern Medical Center
5602 SW Lee Boulevard
Lawton, OK 73505
580-531-4700
http://www.swmconline.com
The Southwestern Medical Center has a special unit in their hospital for patients who suffer from neurological conditions, including conditions created from a brain trauma.

IDEA (Special Education)
Special Education Services of the Oklahoma State Department of Education
Contact Person: Carrie Howell, Division Support Coordinator
2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Room 412
Oklahoma City, OK 73105
405-522-3248
carrie_howell@sde.state.ok.us
http://se.sde.state.ok.us/SES/
The Oklahoma Department of Education is devoted to all students within its state and works diligently so that every student can have a good education.

Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities
Learning Disabilities Association - Oklahoma Chapter
P.O. Box 1134
Jenks, OK 74037-1134
918-298-1600
ldao@fullnet.net
http://www.ldao.org
The Oklahoma Chapter of the Leaning Disabilities Association has lists of different parenting support groups that meet throughout the state, in order to help parents who have children with disabilities.

Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support
Oklahoma BPI Support Group
Contact Person: Gage L. Schultz
855 N. Country Meadow Lane
Skiatook, OK 74070
918-396-0829
The Oklahoma BPI Support Group is focused on helping patients and their families cope with the devastating condition. They don’t have a website, but you can use the phone number above to contact the organization.

Local Chapters of CP Support
UCP of Oklahoma
10400 Greenbriar Place, Suite 101
Oklahoma City, OK 73159
405-759-3562
info@ucpok.org
http://www.ucpok.org/
This local branch of the UCP funds all programs supporting cerebral palsy and supports patients suffering from cerebral palsy in Oklahoma.

Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy
Southwestern Medical Center
5602 SW Lee Boulevard
Lawton, OK 73505
580-531-4700
http://www.swmconline.com
Southwestern Medical Center has an entire unit set aside for patients who have neurological diseases, such as Erb’s Palsy.
Oregon Resources

Trauma Center for Brain Injury

IDEA (Special Education)
Office of Special Education of the Department of Education
Contact Person: Steven B. Johnson, Associate Superintendent
55 Capitol Street NE
Salem, OR 97310-0203
503-378-3598
steve.johnson@state.or.us
www.ode.state.or.us/sped/index.htm
At this state run center, you can receive help with your child’s disabilities. This department covers all of the needs of students in the school district.

Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities
Oregon COPE Project (Coalition in OR for Parent Education)
Contact Person: Anne Brown and Janice Morrow, Directors
999 Locust Street, N.E.
Salem, OR 97303
503-581-8156
orcope@open.org
www.open.org/orcope
With this group, you can get support for all of the disabilities that your children might have.

Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support
None found.

Local Chapters of CP Support
UCP of Oregon
11731 Northeast Glenn Winding Drive
Portland, OR 97220
503-777-4166
ucpa@ucpaorwa.org
http://www.ucpaorwa.org
The UCP of Oregon continues with the nation-wide effort to make living with cerebral palsy possible.

Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy
None found.
Pennsylvania Resources

Trauma Center for Brain Injury
Penn Neurological Institute at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
3400 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
215-662-4000
http://pennhealth.com/neuro/index.html
The Department of Neurology at the University of Pennsylvania is one of the leading brain injury treatment programs in the country, so the doctors and nurses found at the Penn Neurological Institute are only the best.

IDEA (Special Education)
Parent Education Network
2107 Industrial Highway
York, PA 17402
717-600-0100
pen@parentednet.org
http://www.parentednet.org
PEN seeks to help parents and children with special needs get the education they deserve. Their website also has a wealth of other information about special education and disability laws.

Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities
The Family Support Project by United Cerebral Palsy of Pennsylvania
908 North Second Street
Harrisburg, PA 17102
866-761-6129
info@unpofpa.org
http://www.ucp.org/ucp_localsrv.cfm/130/9349/9359/449
This support service was designed to help individual families with their specific needs. They are the UCP advocates to the legislation.

Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support
Brachial Plexus Injury Support Group of the Lehigh Valley
Contact Person: Allison Steigerwalt
1226 North Troxell Street
Allentown, PA 18109
610-437-0578
pxy-dust@webtv.net
http://www.ubpn.org/awareness/A2002linksupport.html
Contact Allison Steigerwalt to learn more about the area this organization serves and how they can help you.

Brachial Plexus Palsy Foundation
Contact People: Tom and Trish Cirino
210 Springhaven Circle
Royersford, Pennsylvania 19468
610-792-0974
brachial@aol.com
http://www.ubpn.org/awareness/A2002linksupport.html
This group serves all of eastern Pennsylvania, assisting in support for Erb’s Palsy patients.

Local Chapters of CP Support
Cerebral Palsy Association of Chester County
749 Springdale Drive
Exton, PA 19341
(610) 524-5850
jmckit@ccil.org
http://www.ccdisability.org
The mission of the Chester County CP Associated is to promote independence and assist individuals with everyday needs.
Pennsylvania Resources (Continued)

Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy

The Brachial Plexus and Peripheral Nerve Injury Center at the University of Pittsburgh
Contact Person: Dr. P. David Adelson, MD, Director
3705 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
412-692-5090
David.Adelson@chp.edu
http://www.neurosurgery.pitt.edu/brachialplexus/index.html
Rhode Island Resources

The center provides evaluation and treatment for Erb’s Palsy from a number of neurology specialists.

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**

**Brain Injury Association**
Contact Person: Sharon Brinkworth, Executive Director
Independent Square, 500 Prospect Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
401-725-2360
[http://65.242.98.185/RI/index.htm](http://65.242.98.185/RI/index.htm)
This chapter of the BIA provides services for all suffering from traumatic brain injuries.

**IDEA (Special Education)**

**Office of Special Needs of the Department of Education,**
Shepard Building
Contact Person: Robert M. Pryhoda, Director
255 Westminster Street, Room 400
Providence, RI 02903-3400
401-222-4600, ext. 2301
ride0032@ride.ri.net
This is the state-sponsored advocacy program for students with disabilities.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**

**RI Parent Info Network (RIPIN)**
Contact Person: Annie Bisson, Executive Director
175 Main Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
401-727-4144
bisson@ripin.org
www.ripin.org
This organization’s mission is the education and support families in the quest for equal healthcare, education, and public service for children with disabilities.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**
None found.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**

**UCP of Rhode Island**
200 Main Street, Suite 210
P.O. Box 36
Pawtucket, RI 02862
401-728-1800
ucprisupport@ucpri.org
[http://www.ucpri.org](http://www.ucpri.org)
Like all branches, the RI branch of the UCP supports all children and adults suffering from cerebral palsy.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**
None found.
South Carolina Resources

Trauma Center for Brain Injury

**Brain Injury Association of South Carolina**
Contact Person: Joyce Davis, Director
920 St. Andrews Road
Columbia, SC 29210
803-731-9823
sbraininjury@bellsouth.net
http://www.biausa.org/SC

This chapter of the BIA serves all of South Carolina in treating and preventing brain injuries.

IDEA (Special Education)

**State Department of Education, Office of Programs for Exceptional Children**
Contact Person: Ora Spann, Director
1429 Senate Street, Room 808
Columbia, SC 29201
803-734-8806
ospann@sde.state.sc.us
http://ed.sc.gov/

Parents can contact this state-run department to find out more about South Carolina's special education options for their children.

Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities

**P&A for People with Disabilities**
Contact Person: Gloria M. Prevost, Executive Director
3710 Landmark Drive, Suite 208
Columbia, SC 29204
803-782-0639
scpa0639@AOL.com

Contact Gloria at the above email address or phone number to learn more about how this organization can help you or your children.

Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support

**Reaching For Others South Carolina & Georgia**
Contact Person: Shannon Green
91 Silver Fox Way
North Augusta, South Carolina 29841
803-819-0848
gnsgreen@comcast.net

There’s no website, but you can contact this organization at the above phone number or email address to find out more about meeting times and support services.

Local Chapters of CP Support

**UCP of South Carolina**
342 Riverchase Way, Suite C
Lexington, SC 29072
803-926-8878
info@ucpsc.org
http://www.ucpsc.org

This organization serves all of South Carolina residents suffering from cerebral palsy, as well as provides support to patients with other developmental diseases.

Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy

None found.
South Dakota Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**

*Avera Hospital*
3900 West Avera Drive
Sioux Falls, SD 57108
605-322-4799
http://www.avera.org/avera/about/contact (email form)
http://www.avera.org
This hospital treats all types of brain trauma and even offers scholarships for students pursuing health care education.

**IDEA (Special Education)**

*Office of Special Education*
Contact Person: Ann Larsen, Special Education Programs Director
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501-2291
605-773-3134
Ann.Larsen@state.sd.us
http://doe.sd.gov/oess/specialed/index.asp
This state-run program helps parents get the best education possible for their children.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**

*SD Parent Connection*
Contact Person: Bev Schreck, Director
3701 W. 49th Street, Suite 200B
Sioux Falls, SD 57106
605-361-3171
bschreck@dakota.net
http://www.sdparent.org/
This organization empowers families and helps children get the support they need, as well as provides workshops and training.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**

*South Dakota Advocacy Services*
221 S. Central Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
605-224-8294
sdas@sdadvocacy.com
www.sdadvocacy.com
This agency helps families with children who have disabilities, including Erb’s Palsy, by protecting their rights and providing services.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**

*United Cerebral Palsy*
1660 L Street NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20036-5602
202-776-0406
national@ucp.org
http://www.ucp.org
There is no UCP or other cerebral palsy support group in South Dakota, but you can contact the national UCP organization to find out information of how to find resources in neighboring state or start your own CP organization.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**

None found.
Tennessee Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**

*Brain Injury Association of Tennessee*

Contact Person: Stephanie Pruitt, Executive Director  
151 Athens Way, Suite 100  
Nashville, TN 37228  
615-248-5878  
Stephaniepruitt317@yahoo.com  
http://www.biaoftn.org/  
This organization can connect patients with all the resources they need to overcome brain injuries.

**IDEA (Special Education)**

*Division of Special Education of the Department of Educa-
tion*

Contact Person: Joseph Fisher, Executive Director  
Andrew Johnson Tower, 5th Floor  
710 James Robertson Pkwy.  
Nashville, TN 37243-0380  
615-741-2851  
jfisher@mail.state.tn.us  
http://www.state.tn.us/education/speced/  
This organization promotes special education and advocates for rights for special education students.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**

*Support and Training for Exceptional Parents, Inc. (STEP)*

Contact Person: Nancy Diehl, Executive Director  
424 East Bernard Avenue, Suite 3  
Greeneville, TN 37745  
423-639-0125  
tnstep@AOL.com  
www.tnstep.org  
This statewide program is available to all parents with disabled children up to the age 22. There is no charge for services.

**Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP) Program**

Contact Person: Suzanne Rothacker, Coordinator  
Cordell Hull Building, 5th Floor  
426 5th Avenue North  
Nashville, TN 37247-4750  
(615) 741-0353  
srothacker@mail.state.tn.us  
Contact this organization at the above phone number to find out more information.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**

*Tennessee Erbs Palsy Support Group*

Contact People: David & Melanie Frueauff  
8192 Londonberry Road  
Nashville, Tennessee 37221  
615-646-6867  
Mfrueauff@aol.com  
They don’t have a website, but you can contact David and Melanie via phone or email to find out more information.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**

*United Cerebral Palsy Association of the Mid-South*

Contact Person: Diana Reid, Executive Director  
4189 Leroy Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38108  
901-761-4277  
www.ucpmemphis.org  
This chapter of the UCP encourages people with cerebral palsy to participate in their own community and supports a high quality of life for all.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**

None found.
Texas Resources

Trauma Center for Brain Injury
Blue Bird Circle Clinic at the Texas Children's Hospital
Contact Person: Tammy Christensen, Clinic Manager
6701 Fannin Street, Ninth Floor
Houston, TX 77030
832-822-5046
http://www.texaschildrenshospital.org/carecenters/Neuro/Neurology/Default.aspx#contact
In addition to treating accidental brain trauma, this clinic also treats epilepsy, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, brain tumors, multiple sclerosis, headaches, sleep disorder, and a number of other neurological problems.

IDEA (Special Education)
Council of Education for Students with Disabilities
Contact Person: David M. Richards, General Council
13091 Pond Springs Road, Suite 300
Austin, TX 78729
512-219-5043
dave@rlmedlaw.com
http://www.504idea.org/idearesources.html
The CESD provides training and resources for families and educators who are dealing with children with disabilities.

Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities
Family to Family Network
Contact Person: Jill Dietrich, Executive Director
13150 FM 529, Suite 106
Houston, TX 77041
F2fnetwork@sbcglobal.net
www.familytofamilynetwork.org
This organization provides information resources, education, disability support, and more to families dealing with children with disabilities.

Texas Parent to Parent
Contact Person: Laura J. Warren, Executive Director
3710 Cedar Street, Box 12
Austin, TX 78705-1449
866-896-6001
laura@txp2p.org
www.txp2p.org
This nonprofit organization supports parents of children with disability, chronic illnesses, and special needs. They offer a peer support program, as well as fund resources and public education.

Local Chapters of Erb's Palsy Support
North Texas Erb's Palsy Support Group
Contact Person: Pam Lester
1307 Coral Reef Lane
Wylie, TX 75098
972-429-1930
pam@theideabox.com
There's no website available for this support group, but you can call Pam for more information about how to join.
Texas Resources (Continued)

Local Chapters of CP Support

United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Houston
Contact Person: Elise Hough, Executive Director
4500 Bissonnett, Suite 340
Bellaire, TX 77401
713-838-9050
ehough@ucphouston.org
www.ucphouston.org
This agency has a budget of $5.3 million to help with services, advocacy, education, and research in the Houston area.

United Cerebral Palsy of Metropolitan Dallas
Contact Person: Bill Knudsen, President
8802 Harry Hines Boulevard
Dallas, TX 75235
214-351-2500
billknudsen@ucpdallas.org
www.ucpdallas.org
Established in 1953, this chapter of the UCP serves north central and east Texas and provides services to children and adults dealing with CP.

Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy

Methodist Neurological Institute of the Methodist Health System
6560 Fannin Street, Suite 944
Houston, TX 77030
712-441-3800
http://www.methodisthealth.com
This hospital provides those with Erb’s Palsy the best technology and medical staff in order to treat this condition.

Texas Children’s Brachial Plexus Clinic
6621 Fannin Street
Houston, Texas
832-822-4778
This center was founded in 1987 and provides treatment to children suffering from Erb’s Palsy. You can call a pediatric neurologist at 832-822-2778 to schedule an appointment or you can call a pediatric rehabilitation specialist at the clinic at 832-826-6106. For all other questions, call the ambulatory services administrator at the number above.
Utah Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**

*Neurosurgical Clinic of Utah*

Contact People: Robert S. Hood, MD and David J. Nathan, MD
24 South 1100 East, Suite 302
Salt Lake City, UT 84102-1563
801-531-7806
jwalton@neuroutah.com
http://www.neuroutah.com/index.html

These doctors deal with complicated back and brain problems and are dedicated to care with comfort.

**IDEA (Special Education)**

*At Risk and Special Education Services*

Contact Person: Mae Taylor, Director
State Office of Education
250 East 500 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84111-3204
801-538-7706
mtaylor@usoe.k12.ut.us
www.usoe.k12.ut.us/sars

This department provides resources for educational, legal, and medical services, as well as family training and information.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**

*Parent Training and Information Project*

Contact People: Helen Post, Executive Director and Jennie Gibson, Project Coordinator
Utah Parent Center
2290 East, 4500 South, Suite 110
Salt Lake City, UT 84117
801-272-1051
upc@inconnect.com

This parent training program provides support for families of children with all kinds of disabilities.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**

*Brain Injury Association of UT, Inc.*

Contact Person: Ron Roskos, Executive Director
1800 South West Temple, Suite 203-22
Salt Lake City, UT 84115
(801) 484-2240
biau@sisna.com

The BIA helps people with all brain injuries by providing services for all patients, including those suffering from Erb’s Palsy.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**

*United Cerebral Palsy of UT*

Contact Person: Marta Macdonald, Executive Director
1018 West Atherton Drive, Suite A103
P.O. Box 70309
West Valley City, UT 84170-0309
801-266-1805
ucputah@mail.xmission.com

You can call the UCP of UT to find out more information about their specific services.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**

*Department of Neurosurgery*

Health Science Center
Bldg 550, 5th Floor
175 North Medical Drive East
Salt Lake City, UT 84132
801-581-6908
http://uuhsc.utah.edu/neurosurgery/

The doctors here specialize in neurosurgery, cerebrovascular disease, peripheral nerve disorders (including Erb’s Palsy), radiosurgery, and spinal surgery.
Vermont Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**

*Vermont Head Injury Foundation*
Contact Person: Emmie Burke, Executive Director
P.O. Box 1837, Station A
Rutland, VT 05701
(802) 446-3017
You can contact this foundation at the above number for more information.

**IDEA (Special Education)**

*Family & Educational Support Team*
State Dept. of Education
Contact Person: Nancy MacDonald
120 State Street, State Office Building
Montpelier, VT 05620-2501
802-828-2755
Nancy.MacDonald@state.vt.us
This state organization runs a variety of programs for parents and teachers, as well as advocates for better schools for special education students.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**

*Client Assistance Program*
Contact Person: Laura Philipps, Director
264 North Winooski Avenue
P.O. Box 1367
Burlington, VT 05402-1367
802-863-2881
lphilipps@vtlegalaid.org
They don't have a website, but you can contact Laura using the above information to find out more about programs in your area.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**

*None found.*

**Local Chapters of CP Support**

*Association for Cerebral Palsy*
Contact Person: James Lund, Executive Director
73 Main Street, Room 402
Montpelier, VT 05602
802-223-5161
cvarc@adelphia.net
This organization runs a number of programs throughout the state and funds resources to help cerebral palsy patients.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**

*None found.*
Virginia Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**

*Brain Injury Association of VA*
Contact Person: Anne McDonnell, Executive Director
3212 Cutshaw Avenue, Suite 315
Richmond, VA 23230
804-355-5748
info@biav.net
http://www.biav.net/
Since 1983, this organization has been providing residents of Virginia with information about brain trauma.

**IDEA (Special Education)**

*Office of Special Education and Student Services, Department of Education*
Contact Person: H. Douglas Cox, Director
P.O. Box 2120
Richmond, VA 23218-2120
804-225-2402
dougcox@pen.k12.va.us
www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/newvdoe/div.html
This is the state sponsored education department that provides you with support as well as the IDEA program.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**

*Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC)*
Contact Person: Cherie Takemoto, Executive Director
10340 Democracy Lane, Suite 206
Fairfax, VA 22030
703-691-7826
partners@peatc.org
www.peatc.org/
The PEATC recognizes that parents are a child's first teacher, so they provide training for parents of children who need special attention.

**Parent Resource Center, Office of Special Education and Student Services**

*Contact Person: Anita Swan, Specialist*
Virginia Department of Education
P.O. Box 2120
Richmond, VA 23218-2120
800-422-2083
aswan@pen.k12.va.us
http://www.fcps.k12.va.us/ss/prchomep.htm
This website is a center for information about special education, or your can call to find out more information about services and resources.

**Local Chapters of Erb's Palsy Support**

*Hand In Hand DC/MD/VA Support Group*
Contact Person: Joann Beale
PO Box 49
Mt. Vernon, Virginia 22121
703-799-0388
beale4@aol.com
Contact Joann to find out more about the meeting times and resources available in your area. This organization seeks to meet the needs of all Erb’s Palsy patients.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**

*UCP of Southern and Central Virginia*
5690 Greenwich Rd., Suite 100
Virginia Beach, VA 23462
757-497-7474
ucpofva@pilot.infinet
Like all chapters of the UCP, in Virginia, you'll find family support, child services, and adult resources.
Virginia Resources (Continued)

**Department for Rights of Virginians with Disabilities**
Contact Person: Susan Ferguson, Director
Ninth St. Office Building, 9th Floor
202 North 9th Street
Richmond, VA 23219
804-225-2042
www.cns.state.va.us/drvd

This group provides you with local support groups in each of the towns in Virginia.

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**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**

*None found.*
Washington Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**

*Brain Injury Association of WA*
Contact Person: Ed Miller, President
16365 N.E. 87th Street, Suite B-4
Redmond, WA 98052
(425) 895-0047
biawa@biawa.org
http://www.biawa.org
If you contact this organization, they’ll send you lots of information about brain injuries.

**IDEA (Special Education)**

*Special Education Department*
Contact Person: Douglas Gill, Director, Superintendent of Public Instruction
P.O. Box 47200
Olympia, WA 98504-7200
360-753-6733
speced@ospi.wednet.edu
http://www.inform.ospi.wednet.edu/sped/spec.html
This is the state sponsored special education program that will provide families and children with support.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**

*Client Assistance Program*
Contact Person: Jerry Johnsen, Director
P.O. Box 22510
Seattle, WA 98122
206-721-5999
CAPSeattle@adcomsys.net
This will provide parents with support groups for all types of disabilities.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**

*Helping Hands Greater Northwest BPI SG*
Contact People: P. Ferguson & J. Aten
PO Box 2090
Belfair, Washington 98528
360-275-5501
peggy@ubpn.org
This local support chapter for Erb’s Palsy doesn’t have a website, but you can contact Peggy at the above email address or phone number of meeting information.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**

*UCP of South Puget Sound*
3720 6th Avenue, Suite C
Tacoma, WA 98406
253-565-1463
info@ucp-sps.org
http://www.ucp-sps.org

**United Cerebral Palsy of WA**
Contact Person: G. Tim Gojio, Executive Director
18560 1st N.E., MS#2
Seattle, WA 98155
206-361-1125
ucpwash@uswest.com
All chapters of the UCP provide services for children and adults suffering from cerebral palsy. They also advocate for rights and provide community education.
Washington Resources (Continued)

Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy

Children’s Hospital & Regional Medical Center’s Dept. of Rehabilitation
Contact Person: Dr. Kit M. Song, MD
4800 Sand Point Way, NE
P.O. Box 5371/CH-59
Seattle, WA 98105
206-987-2180
http://ubpn.org/medicalresources/song-contact.html
Contact Dr. Song’s patient care coordinator, Karen Peterson, at the above phone number for more information.
West Virginia Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**

*Brain Injury Associate of WV, Inc.*

Contact Person: Jennifer J. Stockton, Executive Director  
P.O. Box 574  
Institute, WV 25112  
304-766-4892  
BIAWV@AOL.com  

This is the best place to find information on which hospitals specialize in traumatic brain injury.

**IDEA (Special Education)**

*Office of Special Education, Department of Education*

Contact Person: Dr. Dee Bodkins, Director  
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East  
Bldg. 6, Room B-304  
Charleston, WV 25305  
304-558-2696  
dbodkins@access.k12.wv.us  

This is the state sponsored special education program that will provide children and parents with support as well as with programs to use in the schools.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**

*Preschool Disabilities*

Contact Person: Ginger Huffman, Coordinator  
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East  
Bldg. 6, Room 304  
Charleston, WV 25305  
304-558-2696  
ghuffman@access.k12.wv.us  

This is the center which coordinates all of the parent support groups for children with disabilities.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**

*Support Group of West Virginia*

Contact Person: Julia M. Wise  
905 4th Avenue  
Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101  
This support group specifically caters to people with Erb’s Palsy. They don’t have a website, but you can contact them by writing to the above address.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**

*WV Family Support Council*

Contact Person: Bob Craig, Chair  
Rt. 1, Box 412  
Farmington, WV 26571  
304-293-1495  
b craig@hsc.wvu.edu  

This is the organization that coordinates the various support groups for cerebral palsy in West Virginia.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**

None found.
Wisconsin Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**

*The Brain Injury Rehab Center of Milwaukee*
Contact Person: Kalli Reinheimer, Director
5700 West Layton Avenue
Greenfield, WI 53220
414-281-7200
kalli.reinheimer@bhshealth.org
http://www.mountcarmelbhs.org/braininjury.htm
They support people with all kinds of brain trauma and offer long-term care programs as well as short-term treatment.

**IDEA (Special Education)**

*Wisconsin State Department of Education: Special Education*
Contact Person: Stephanie Petska, Director of Special Education
125 South Webster Street
P.O. Box 7841
Madison, WI 53707-7841
608-266-1781
stephanie.petska@dpi.state.wi.us
www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpid/dlsea/een
Special education is funded by the state and parents can contact this department to learn more about education options and rights.

**Wisconsin Statewide Parent-Educator Initiative**

Contact Person: Mary Skadahl, State Project Coordinator
800 Wisconsin Street, Building D-2
Suite 420-I, Mailbox 64
Eau Claire, WI 54703
715-833-0739
marys@cesa12.k12.wi.us
www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/parent.html
This state-funded program brings together parents and educators who need help with children with disabilities.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**

*Wisconsin FACETS Parent Training & Information Center*
Contact People: Jane Serak and Charlotte Price, Executive Co-Directors
2714 North Dr. Martin Luther King Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53212
4140374-4645
wifacets@wifacets.org
www.wifacets.org
The Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training and Support supports parents all over Wisconsin with family training, resources, and education assistance.

**Local Chapters of Erb's Palsy Support**

*None found.*

**Local Chapters of CP Support**

*Cerebral Palsy of Mideast Wisconsin*
Contact Person: Judith K. Britton, Executive Director
36 Broad Street, Suite 120
P.O. Box 1241
Oshkosh, WI 54903-1241
920-424-4071
cpmideastwi@vbe.com
http://cpmideastwis.com/
This program supports cerebral palsy patients with after-school programs, family support, social development, living considerations, and more. They serve Admas, Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Outagamie, Waupaca, Waushara, and Winnebago counties.
Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy

*The Brachial Plexus Clinic at the Froedtert and Medical College Hand Center*

Contact Person: Dr. Hani Matloub, MD
9200 West Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53226
414-805-5900
healthlink@mcw.edu
http://healthlink.mcw.edu/article/907123261.html

This clinic is held once a month for the evaluation and treatment of Erb’s palsy. It is staffed by Dr. Hani Matloub, a Wisconsin Medical College hand surgeon and Dr. Richard Jacobson, MD, of the Neurology department.
Wyoming Resources

**Trauma Center for Brain Injury**
*Niobrara Health & Life Center*
Contact Person: Kit Nelson, Administrative Assistant
921 South Ballancee
Lusk, WY 82225
307-334-4000 x242
[http://www.hospitalsoup.com/ExternalWebFrame (email form)]
[http://www.hospitalsoup.com](http://www.hospitalsoup.com)
The emergency center here can help with brain trauma, and their general medical services provide patients with patients suffering from long-term neurological problems.

**IDEA (Special Education)**
*Department of Education, Special Programs Unit*
Contact Person: Patti J. Muhlenkamp, Director
Hathaway Building, 2nd Floor
2300 Capitol Avenue
Cheyenne, WY 82002
307-777-7417
[pmuhle@educ.state.wy.us](mailto:pmuhle@educ.state.wy.us)
[www.k12.wy.us](http://www.k12.wy.us)
This is the state sponsored special education department. This will provide special education and other needs to students with disabilities or who need special education.

**Parenting Support Group for Children with Disabilities**
Contact Person: David Haines, Children’s Services Manager
Department of Health, Division of Developmental Disabilities
Herschler Bldg, 1st Floor West
122 West 25th St.
Cheyenne, WY 82002
307-777-5246
These programs provide support for children with disabilities and support for the parents of special needs children as well.

**Local Chapters of Erb’s Palsy Support**
*Brain Injury Association of Wyoming*
Contact Person: Stacy Hernandez, Task Force Coordinator
246 South Center, Suite 16
Casper, WY 82601
307-473-1767
[biaw@tribcsp.com](mailto:biaw@tribcsp.com)
This organization helps people with all brain and nervous system injuries, so although there are no specific Erb’s palsy support groups in Wyoming, you can look to them for help.

**Local Chapters of CP Support**
*Division of Developmental Disabilities*
Department of Health
Herschler Building, 1st Floor West
122 West 25th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82002
307-777-7115
[http://ddd.state.wy.us](http://ddd.state.wy.us)
There are no chapters of the UCP in Wyoming, but you can contact this organization for help if you or your child is suffering from cerebral palsy.

**Hospitals with Departments/Specialties for Erb’s Palsy**
*None found.*
GENERAL GLOSSARY OF CEREBRAL/ERB’S PALSY TERMS

**Anesthesia:**
Anesthesia is a type of drug used for surgery or other medical reasons (such as labor and childbirth) to temporarily reduce or eradicate all feeling either in a part of the body or the entire body for the duration or the medical procedure or other length of time deemed appropriate by the anesthesiologist.

**Anterior Shoulder:**
The anterior shoulder is considered the front part of the shoulder in humans. It is the part of the shoulder that gets trapped during shoulder dystocia.

**Apgar Score:**
The Apgar score is the number score achieved by a newborn upon their delivery based on their assessed evaluation on the Apgar test.

**Apgar:**
The Apgar is a test that was developed by U.S. physician Virginia Apgar to evaluate the state of health in a newborn infant. It measures respiratory function, heart rate, skin color, and muscle tone, among other health indicators, and also checks for birth defects and birth injuries, such as Erb's Palsy and cerebral palsy.

**Apneic Spells:**
Apneic spells occur when individuals—particularly infants—suffer random or periodic and temporary spells in which their breathing stops while they are sleeping. Apnea is also common in obese people.

**Asphyxia:**
Asphyxia, most commonly caused by choking, strangulation, drowning, or carbon monoxide poisoning, refers to a condition where there is a major decrease in oxygen and increase of carbon dioxide in the body which leads to unconsciousness and often death. Asphyxia can be self-inflicted or accidental. It can also occur during labor, resulting in fetal asphyxia brain injuries, including cerebral palsy.

**Asphyxial Injury:**
An asphyxial injury is an injury that results from asphyxia, whether self-inflicted or accidental. Typical asphyxia injuries include drowning, poisoning, unconsciousness, and brain injuries. Fetal asphyxia brain injuries occur from asphyxia during labor, and asphyxia during labor is considered one of the causes of cerebral palsy.

**Avulsion Injury to Brachial Plexus:**
An avulsion injury to the brachial plexus is a type of brachial plexus injury or Erb's Palsy—generally considered the most serious type—in which a nerve is torn away from its attachment to the spine.

**Baby’s “Station”:**
A baby’s “station” refers to its position inside the mother during labor and delivery. More specifically, it indicates the position of the head of the fetus as it descends through the mother’s pelvis.

**Birth Canal:**
The birth canal is the term used to describe the passage through which babies travel to exit the mother’s body and enter the outside world. The birth canal comprises the cervix, vagina, and vulva.
Birth Defect:
A birth defect is a congenital disorder (medical condition at birth) that specifically refers to a significant structural abnormality, which could be hereditary, or the result of something the mother consumed (illegal drugs, alcohol, certain medications, etc.) or did not consume (enough folic acid). Birth defects include spina bifida, physical malformations or missing body parts, and brain defects that can cause cerebral palsy.

BPI (Brachial Plexus Injury):
BPI is the abbreviation for brachial plexus injury, also known as Erb's Palsy, which refers to an injury of the brachial plexus, which normally occurs from high-speed vehicle accidents or, in infants, from a difficult delivery.

Brachial Plexus Injury:
A brachial plexus injury, also called Erb's Palsy, is an injury to the brachial plexus, the group of nerves connecting the spine to the nerves that support and control the upper limb, that can occur obstetrically (from a difficult labor) in a newborn, or traumatically (most often from vehicle accidents) at any age.

Brachial Plexus:
The brachial plexus is a network of nerve fibers and cables in the human body that runs from the spinal cord, down the neck and the armpit area, and into the arm. Its function is to innervate (supply with nerves) the whole upper limb (shoulder, armpit, arm, and hand).

Bradycardiac Spells:
Bradycardiac spells are random spells in which the heartbeat slows down to an abnormal rate; less than 60 beats per minute in adults.

Brain Damage:
Brain damage is damage done to the human brain as a result of a disease, other underlying medical condition, or an accident resulting in injury.

Breaches of the Standard of Care:
A breach of the standard of care refers to the legal negligence related to or the violation of a particular level of care (i.e., caution and discretion) required for someone (like a doctor) under duty of care, which is defined as a legal responsibility enforced upon them requiring them to use a certain degree of care in their practice. The term “malpractice” is often used in conjunction with breach of the standard of care.

Cerebral Palsy:
Cerebral palsy is a disorder generally caused by a brain defect present at birth or a brain injury occurring at birth that can often be characterized by paralysis, muscular weakness, impairment, and lack of coordination, as well as learning difficulties and speech impairment.

Complete Brachial Plexus Impairment:
Complete brachial plexus impairment relates to a traction-related injury, such as shoulder dystocia, in which the brachial plexus is completely impaired.

Difficult Labor:
Difficult labor, also known as dystocia, is a labor experienced by a woman that is long, hard, abnormal, or wrought with complications. Generally speaking, a difficult labor indicates the need for an operative (or medically assisted) vaginal delivery.
General Glossary of Cerebral/Erb’s Palsy Terms (Continued)

**Elective Cesarean:**
An elective cesarean, or a planned cesarean, is a cesarean section (or C-section)—surgery of a pregnant woman’s stomach and uterus to deliver the baby—conducted when the woman is not in labor, for medical reasons, obstetrical reasons where a natural labor and delivery is not possible or recommended, or the specific choice of the mother.

**Entrapped Shoulder:**
An entrapped shoulder is a shoulder that is trapped or stuck. In most cases, an entrapped shoulder refers to the anterior shoulder of an infant that gets trapped behind the mother’s pelvis during labor and delivery (shoulder dystocia).

**Epidural:**
An epidural is a form of regional anesthetic injected into the spine whereby much, if not all, of the sensation (anesthesia) and/or pain (analgesia) is temporarily lost in the abdominal, pelvic, and genital areas; used during labor for women who request it (for pain relief), as well as for gynecological surgery.

**Excessive Force During Delivery:**
Excessive force during delivery occurs when a doctor, nurse, or midwife applies excessive force to a laboring woman and/or infant in the birth canal during the delivery of that infant, which can cause delivery complications and could result in birth trauma or birth injuries, such as brain damage, which could lead to cerebral palsy. It is considered a form of medical malpractice.

**Fetal Brain Damage:**
Fetal brain damage is damage done to the brain of a fetus during pregnancy or during childbirth and can be hereditary, the result of something the mother was exposed to, or a problem or complication during labor and delivery. Fetal brain damage can result in cerebral palsy.

**Fetal Distress:**
Fetal distress refers to an abnormal condition of a fetus or signs in a pregnant woman that the fetus is not doing well, usually discovered and diagnosed during labor as an abnormal heart rate or rhythm, but can exist in other forms (such as breech position or shoulder dystocia) as well as earlier in the pregnancy.

**Fetal Monitor Strip:**
A fetal monitor strip is an electric device generally placed over a pregnant woman’s abdomen and is used to monitor the fetus—particularly its heartbeat for indications of stress or distress—during labor and delivery.

**Fetal Sonographic Measures:**
Fetal sonographic measures are the specific sonographic measurements and results of a fetal sonogram.

**Forceps:**
Forceps is a medical instrument that comprises a pair of strong and sturdy pincers that’s used as an extractor, particularly for babies during childbirth who are unable to be fully pushed through the birth canal using the mother’s pushing alone.

**Full Dilation:**
Full dilation, insofar as it relates to labor, refers to the complete dilation of the cervix—which is 10 cm—in preparation for childbirth. The cervix must be dilated to the full 10 cm before the pushing stage can begin. Effacement, or the thinning of the cervix, goes along in conjunction with dilation, and must be at 100% before pushing.
Fundal Height:
The fundal height is a term of measurement used by obstetricians, gynecologists, family doctors, and midwives to measure the distance from the pubic bone to the top of the uterus to determine whether the uterus is growing in accordance with a pregnant woman's due date.

Fundal Pressure:
Fundal pressure is considered a form as assistance during delivery in which a health-care professional presses down on a laboring woman's abdomen in order to help deliver the baby. It is controversial in that its risks generally outweigh its benefits, as it can cause harm to the mother and birth injuries, like brain damage, which can cause cerebral palsy, to the infant.

Gestation Period:
The gestation period refers to the specific and full length of time of gestation—or pregnancy, during which an embryo and fetus develop. The gestation period in humans averages nine months, or around 266 days.

Gestation:
Gestation is actually another term for pregnancy, and refers to the entire length of development of a human or animal from conception until birth. In humans, gestation lasts for an average of nine months.

Gestational Diabetes:
Gestational diabetes is the type of diabetes that affects women for the first time while they are pregnant, although only a small percentage of pregnant women get gestational diabetes. The cause is generally understood to be because of a pregnant woman's hormones, which can cause high blood sugar.

Glucose Intolerance:
Glucose intolerance is associated with insulin resistance and is considered a pre-diabetic condition known as dysglycemia.

Hip Flexion During Childbirth:
Hip flexion during childbirth involves the hip flexors bending the hips during childbirth.

Hip Flexion:
Hip flexion refers to the bending of the hips using hip flexors, the muscles in the hips that, when contracted, bend the hips.

Infant Eye Deviation:
Infant eye deviation occurs when the muscles of an infant's eyes are underdeveloped and "unlearned" in that they are unable to control the eye movements properly, resulting in uncoordinated movement and misaligned appearance.

Infant Lip Smacking:
Infant lip smacking refers to the smacking of the lips in infants, which can be the result of mimicking an adult's sounds and behavior, a sign of hunger (ready to breastfeed, etc.), or, more seriously, an associated sign or symptom of a seizure or neurological disorder like cerebral palsy.

Infant Seizures:
Seizures (sudden spasms or convulsions) that occur in infants, which are generally considered to be very serious.

Infant Tongue Thrusting:
Infant tongue thrusting is considered a physiological behavior in infants in which they flatten and thrust their tongue forward while swallowing and speaking and sometimes making other verbal sounds.
Informed Consent:
Informed consent refers to the consent given by a patient to a medical professional to have a surgery or another medical procedure done (or to take part in a clinical study) only after the patient has received all the information about the procedure (including potential risks or side-effects associated with it).

Ischial Spines:
The ischial spines are small, thin, pointy, bony, and triangular prominences extending backward from the posterior part of the ischiums, the lowest major bones found in each half of the pelvis.

Jerky Movement:
Jerky movement refers to uncontrollable, spasm-like, random, sporadic, and very quick movements and motions in the body that serve no purpose and often interrupt normal movements. It can be a manifestation of Erb’s Palsy or cerebral palsy in babies who experienced birth injuries.

Labor:
Labor is the process of childbirth starting from the onset of the first uterine contractions and ending when the infant leaves the mother’s body after being pushed out.

Learning Disabilities:
Learning disabilities, or learning disorders, refer to an infant’s, child’s, or teenager’s hindered ability to learn new skills, particularly as they relate to language skills (speech, reading, spelling, writing), and understanding new mathematical concepts, caused by a number of diseases, disorders, or conditions (generally neurological in nature, but could also be cognitive or psychological). Cerebral palsy is known for causing learning disabilities.

Maternal Exhaustion from Labor:
A laboring woman experiences maternal exhaustion from labor when her body is overtired and has gone passed its limits during a difficult labor or a very long labor (or both). Maternal exhaustion from labor often requires medical interventions such as forceps, a vacuum, or even an emergency C-section.

Medical Malpractice:
Medical malpractice refers to the failure of a medical professional (doctor, physician, surgeon, nurse) to perform his or her expected duties because of ignorance, negligence, or criminal intent, most often when a complication, injury, or death occurs as a result.

Medical Record:
A medical record is a patient’s written account of their medical history, all their doctor visits, symptomatic complaints, allergies, tests and examinations, treatments, and diagnoses.

Metabolic Acidosis:
Metabolic acidosis is a pH imbalance wherein too much acid exists inside the body without enough base to neutralize it, caused by starvation, a starvation-like diet, lack of insulin, a condition or disorder of the gastro-intestinal tract, or, in more severe cases, poisoning or drug overdose.

Mid-pelvic Delivery:
A mid-pelvic delivery is an assisted delivery where a baby is delivered using forceps or vacuum extraction when it’s reached the middle of the mother’s pelvis in its descent.
Nerve Damage:
Nerve damage refers to damage done to a nerve, several nerves, or a group of nerves in the body; generally the result of a neurological disease, or an injury to the nerve or nerve group. Nerve damage is also sometimes referred to as neuropathy, which is defined as any type of abnormality, disease, or condition of the nervous system. During labor and childbirth, shoulder dystocia can cause nerve damage in the form of Erb's Palsy, an injury to the brachial plexus.

Obstetric Brachial Plexus Injury (OBPI):
Obstetric Brachial Plexus Injury, or OBPI, refers to an injury of the brachial plexus (Erb’s Palsy) that occurs to a newborn infant during delivery (particularly a long and difficult labor), whereby this group of nerve fibers are stretched and then torn.

Operative Vaginal Delivery:
Operative vaginal delivery is an assisted vaginal delivery where a doctor or other qualified health-care professional must use a forceps device or special vacuum in order to help the laboring mother expel the fetus from her body.

Pediatric Medical Malpractice:
Pediatric medical malpractice involves the failure of a pediatric health-care professional (such as a pediatrician or pediatric nurse) to comply with the medical standards associated with his or her job by acting in an ignorant, negligent, or criminally intent manner toward his or her patient (an infant, child, or teenager), which results in injury or other complication.

Pelvic Wall:
The pelvic wall is the network of muscles and ligaments that support the pelvis, the bony structure situated in between the hips.

Permanent Brachial Plexus Injuries:
Permanent brachial plexus injuries are injuries to the brachial plexus considered to be permanent (lifelong) in nature, as well as more serious and consequential. Shoulder dystocia (when a fetus' shoulder is trapped behind its mother's pelvis) is a leading cause of permanent brachial plexus injuries (also referred to as Erb's Palsy).

Precipitous Labor:
A precipitous labor is a labor that progresses extremely rapidly, and the entire labor and delivery process is usually less than three hours long in total, which can provide a number of complications, including birth injuries.

Pubic Bone:
The pubic bone, also called the pubis, is the forward section of both hipbones; the two pubic bones join together to form the front part of the pelvis.

Rupture Injury to Brachial Plexus:
A rupture injury to the brachial plexus is a type of brachial plexus injury, or Erb's Palsy, in which the nerve is torn, but not where it attaches to the spine, rendering it a less severe injury than an avulsion injury.

Seizures:
Seizures occur when an individual experiences a sudden physical spasm or convulsion that they can't control usually due to an ongoing medical condition or disorder, such as epilepsy.
Shoulder Dystocia:
Shoulder dystocia is considered an obstetric emergency when, during the pushing stage of labor, the baby's anterior shoulder gets trapped behind the mother’s pelvis, preventing the baby from making a safe delivery on its own. Medical attention in the form of manipulation is necessary. Shoulder dystocia can be complication-free and benign, but it can also lead to brachial plexus injuries, or Erb’s Palsy.

Signs of Fetal Distress:
Signs of fetal distress are signs and symptoms in a pregnant woman that signify the fetus is not faring well or there is some kind of abnormal condition. These signs include decreased fetal movement (as monitored by the mother), an abnormal heart rate or rhythm monitored by cardiotocography, meconium in the amniotic fluid, and biochemical signs such as fetal acidosis.

Sonogram:
A sonogram refers to the image of either an internal body organ, or a developing fetus in utero, which is taken through ultrasonography, for diagnostic or monitoring purposes.

Sonograph:
A sonograph is simply synonym for a sonogram—an image of a body organ or fetus using ultrasonography.

Sonographic Measures:
Sonographic measures, or measurements, refer to the specific measurements and results discovered after an internal examination done through a sonogram.

Spastic Quadriplegia:
Spastic quadriplegia is a form of cerebral palsy in which the individual has the inability to properly use and control the movements of all their limbs (arms and legs).

Suprapubic Pressure:
Suprapubic pressure is a manual obstetrical maneuver used by a health-care professional on a laboring woman to help facilitate the delivery of an infant with shoulder dystocia, which can cause Erb’s Palsy. The attendant makes a fist over the mother’s pubic bone, and pushes the anterior shoulder lodged behind the pelvis in a direction to help the baby move freely down the birth canal.

Ultrasound Exams:
Ultrasound exams are considered the same as ultrasounds—medical tests using high-frequency sound waves to create an image of and examine a specific internal body part, such as the uterus to monitor the growing fetus.

Ultrasound:
The ultrasound is a medical technique in which ultrasonic waves are used to create an image of some part of the body internally for diagnosis, monitoring, or therapy. Pregnant women generally have at least one ultrasound during their gestation, usually at a half-way point in their pregnancy, in order to monitor the growing fetus. An ultrasound can also check for birth defects.

Umbilical Cord pH:
The umbilical cord refers to the acid-base balance in the umbilical cord, which is attached from the fetus' navel to the placenta in utero.

Umbilical Cord:
The umbilical cord is the “cord” that connects a growing fetus at his or her navel with the placenta inside its mother’s uterus and is used to bring nutrients and sustenance to the fetus as well as remove waste.
Vacuum Extractor:
The vacuum extractor, also known as a ventouse, is a type of vacuum device that's used in the technique known as vacuum-assisted vaginal delivery as an alternative to forceps to help delivery a baby when he/she is not coming out on his/her own despite the mother’s attempts at pushing (sometimes for hours).

Vaginal Delivery:
Vaginal delivery is the delivery of a baby pushed through and out of the vagina after the cervix has dilated to 10 centimeters and the baby moves down the vagina, head first.

Weeks of Gestation:
The term “weeks of gestation” refers to how many weeks along a woman or female animal is in her gestation, or pregnancy, which generally lasts about 40 weeks total.
WAYS TO DELIVER WHEN THE BABY’S SHOULDER IS ENTRAPPED

Cesarean Section:
Also called a c-section, this may be done in an emergency, but also is done if the doctor suspects that the shoulders are too large for the birthing canal. The mother has the option of receiving spinal anesthesia or an epidural, or general anesthesia may be used. A surgeon then makes a cut above the pubic bone, going all the way through to the uterus. The baby is delivered through this cut, rather than down the birthing canal.

Emergency C-Section:
Emergency cesarean sections (c-sections) are those done after vaginal birth has already started, but there is an indication that there might be a problem. In this case, these may or may not be time to numb the mother before the doctor makes a surgical incision through the abdomen and uterus above the pubic bone to deliver the baby.

Episiotomy:
This method can be used in the McRobert’s position or otherwise. An assistant holds the baby's head (if necessary), and the doctor cuts or extends the episiotomy to increase the room for the baby.

McRoberts Maneuver:
The mother is moved from her position to the very edge of the bed. Two assistants are used to hold the woman’s thighs in a hyperflexed position onto the abdomen. Another assistant elevated the baby’s cut (if necessary), and the episiotomy is cut or extended. The baby is then gently forced downward for delivery.

Posterior Arm Sweep Maneuver:
With one hand, the doctor delivering the baby finds the posterior arm and elbow. The arm is gently extended and delivery is attempted in a rotate position with the arm raised.

Suprapubic Pressure:
Also known as the Ruben’s Method, the doctor delivering the baby gently applies downward pressure while an assistant applies suprapubic pressure to the trapped shoulder. A rocking motion may be used if continuous pressure doesn’t work. The shoulder is rotated toward the chest to deliver the baby.

Symphysiotomy:
Formerly known as a sigualtian section, this operation is done instead of a c-section. A surgeon divides the ligaments found in the symphysis to increase the diameter of the uterus.

Woods/Rubens Maneuver:
The Wood’s Maneuver is a continuation of the suprapubic pressure method. As the accoucheur uses one hand to push on the shoulder as with above, he or she uses the second hand to help with the rotation while protecting the head.

Zavanelli Maneuver:
The baby’s head is gently pushed back into the vagina and delivered immediately by emergency C-section instead. Typically, this is a method used only after others have failed.