Who can I contact?

First, talk with your child’s regular doctor about your concerns and observations.

Consider reaching out to the Baby Net Program through the Center for Development and Disability.

Call 505-272-8549 or 1-800-552-8195

Or visit http://www.cdd.unm.edu/infonet/babynet.html

You can also contact the Family Infant Toddler Program to discuss the possibility of receiving early intervention

1-877-696-1472

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References

Cerebral Palsy Foundation: www.yourcpf.org

What is cerebral palsy?

The term cerebral palsy describes a group of movement disorders caused by an injury or disturbance early in brain development, specifically in the areas involved with movement and posture. Each person with cerebral palsy is affected differently. Some are affected throughout their body; others only in parts of their body. Some people are only affected in the way that they walk, while others may use a wheelchair. Some are affected in their ability to talk or swallow. Some people require a lot of assistance throughout their life, while others become independent as they reach adulthood.

Is there a cure?

There is not a cure for cerebral palsy. However, there are many different kinds of therapy and technology that promote a child’s development and independence. It is important to have the child participate in these interventions as young as possible to get the most benefit. Early detection of infants at risk for cerebral palsy is critical so babies and families can access the extra care and services they need. Detection of cerebral palsy is possible in the first year or even the first few months of life, if parents and professionals know what to look for!