

# NCPA

"We Provide The Highest Quality Services To The  
Children And Adults In Our Agency"

The United Cerebral Association of Nassau County, Inc. (**ucpn**) is a non-profit, multi-faceted health care agency serving over 1,800 children and adults with cerebral palsy, developmental and other disabilities. The Association, founded in 1948, provides comprehensive treatment, educational and rehabilitation services on their main campus in Roosevelt, New York that have earned international recognition for innovative and high quality programs.

The **ucpn** is a total therapeutic community meeting the needs of individuals from birth through their senior years. Services are provided for people with a broad range of mild to severe disabilities by highly trained, experienced staff.

## Medical and Rehabilitation Services

Primary Care	Physical Therapy
Pediatrics	Occupational Therapy
Internal Medicine	Speech Therapy
Dentistry	Orthotics
Orthopedics	Splints
Physiatry	Seating and Mobility
Podiatry	Augmentative Communication
Optometry	Computer Access
Gynecology	Social Work
Psychiatry	Case Management
Psychology	
Rehab Tech for Durable Medical Equipment (DME)	
TRAID – Technology Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities	

## Program Offered Year Round

Children's Learning Center

Adult Day Programs  
Life Options  
Day Habilitation  
Adult Day Treatment  
Traumatic Brain Injury

Residential Program

International Competitive Sports Team

The Guardianship Program  
Nassau Cerebral Palsy  
Association, Inc.

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*Helping provide peace of mind for parents and  
guardians of individuals with special needs.*

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"I designated the guardianship corporation as guardian for my child who resides in a NCPA home and is a Life Options program participant. My child has had many medical issues for which the corporation has made decisions. I am very happy about the arrangement. It is a relief for me to know that the NCPA Guardianship program exists because there is no one else who would care for my child when I am not here."

-A Relieved Parent

The NCPA Guardianship Corporation is made up of board members, family members, and the President, Vincent Russo, an attorney who has been a champion and an advocate for people with disabilities and their families since 1985.

The purpose of the corporation is to be designated by the family to either be a primary or stand by guardian of the person when the present guardian passes away and there is no one to step in.

The NCPA guardian provides assurance that decisions are made in the best interest of the individual by:

- Accessing good health care and medical supports
- Ensuring appropriate residential and day programming
- Exploring appropriate employment or vocational needs
- Fulfilling religious wishes
- Offering social and recreational opportunities
- Providing financial guidance and legal support

The family makes a financial commitment to the corporation by providing a payment in full or through an insurance policy. In some cases, families leave their houses to NCPA.

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## What is Guardianship?

In New York State, parents of persons with developmental disabilities are considered the guardians of their children until their eighteenth (18) birthday. After a person reaches 18 years of age, he or she is assumed to be legally competent and able to manage his or her own affairs.

Guardianship is an alternative that enables parents and relatives to plan for their loved one who may require assistance in managing their personal, medical and/or financial needs. Advocates, known as guardians, may be legally designated to act in the best interest of the individual with a disability. A guardian offers protection and support to vulnerable individuals by making decisions, respecting the individual's values and preferences and ensuring the individual's basic human rights as well as accessing benefits and entitlements.

After the age of 18, a guardian must be appointed by the court. Legal guardianship cannot be granted from, or specified in, a will.

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