

Cerebral Palsy Inc. Summary Report

Information about the Applicant

CP is a locally run 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides therapy and life skills services to children and adults with physical, cognitive, developmental and sensory conditions.

Programming is offered through four services areas: Adult Day Services (ADS), Therapy Services (occupational, speech and physical therapy), the Aquatic Center, featuring two warm water therapy pools, and CP Early Education & Care, our inclusive daycare.

CP's goal is to help people live the lives they want to live. Whether it's taking that first independent step, learning important life skills, finding a voice or learning how to be an active part of the community – CP has been there to help people achieve things they didn't know they could and go way beyond what they thought possible.

CP has been a proud part of Northeast Wisconsin communities for nearly 70 years, and reaches more than 2,100 infants, children and adults throughout the area every year at our locations in Green Bay, Fox Cities and on the Lakeshore in Two Rivers.

Statement of Need

The Snoezelen Room is a highly requested class/space among our adult clients at CP. Snoezelen is a combination of two Dutch words meaning to relax and explore. The goal is to create an environment that provides gentle sensory stimulation through the use of sights, sounds, texture and aromas in a safe and calm environment. To accomplish this, specialized equipment like bubble tubes, interactive panels, weighted fiber optics, multisensory seating and projectors are used.

The sensory stimulus is meant for the client to enjoy and make choices to create the environment they prefer.

The sensory room first opened at CP in 2012 and the equipment has never been replaced or upgraded. Items like the vibroacoustic bean bag, specialized stereo, fiber optics and wireless controller are failing. Replacing these items will ensure the Snoezelen room will be available to any clients needing space to regulate their sensory input and find different ways to explore their environment.

Project Goals and Expected Benefits

Replacing worn equipment will help create the sensory experience clients are seeking and provide the opportunity for staff to help promote client self-exploration, empowerment and decision making skills in a calm environment. The goal is to lessen over stimulation so a client remains calm or to regulate their sensory input enough where they may be able to participate in typical class programming without stress.

In addition, clients have the opportunity to get out of their wheelchairs and work with staff on stretching and range of motion which can help decrease joint and muscle contractures, improve circulatory and respiratory functions and decrease muscle spasms and contractures.

Project Implementation Plan

Upon approval of the grant, CP will be able to purchase a replacement vibroacoustic bean bag, a stereo system that connects to the bean bag, fiber optics with a wireless controller, additional seating options and handheld sensory items along with updating an electrical switch for one of our interactive panels within the ADS Snoezelen Room in a matter of weeks.

Evaluation Plan

This new equipment will aide clients in their ability to create their own sensory environment where they feel safe, comfortable and empowered to make their own decisions. Success will be measured by staff

who catalogues client outcomes daily, marking areas that have improved as well as areas to focus additional work towards. Areas measured include trying different sensory equipment, peer interactions, making and maintaining eye contact, accepting hand over hand assistance with staff and successful implementation of relaxation techniques. These outcomes are weighted against the goals outlined in each client's personalized plan, which is reviewed and updated annually by the client's care team.

Budget

Description	Qty	Cost
Musical Positioning Cushion	1	\$ 1,225.00
Mini Shelf Stereo System	1	\$ 314.00
Experia Superactive LED Fiber Optics Bundle	1	\$ 2,382.00
Yogibo Max 6-ft. bean bag chair	1	\$ 300.00
Large Soft Rocker	1	\$ 1,620.00
Therapeutic Listening Player & Accessories	various	\$ 500.00
Variable Axis Swing	1	\$ 630.00
4 ft Bubble Tube w/ Fish	1	\$ 125.00
Varied Interaction Sensory Items	1	\$ 1,000.00
Electrical switch upgrading	n/a	\$ 500.00
Shipping Costs	n/a	\$ 500.00
TOTAL		\$ 9,096

Staff Recommendation

The grant application can be approved. The proceeds will provide the necessary supplies and equipment so that Cerebal Palsy Inc. can improve the sensory room. As outlined in the proposal the sensory room will provide a direct benefit to persons with disabilities.