

Our Story

In April, 1997, a beautiful little girl named Brittany was born. At first everything seemed to be normal, but when Brittany was six months old, she began to have seizures. Soon, those who loved her found out that things were not as they seemed. After several days in the hospital, her parents were told that Brittany did not have a normal brain. Soon after, she was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy.

As time went on, Brittany did not seem to develop much at all. Her family tried to make life as normal as possible. She attended school in Marysville, where she received all of the therapy that was available, but it wasn't enough to make much of a difference. When she was unable to hold her head up at the age of two, her family became desperate to help her. They began to research alternative programs for Brittany. Soon, with the help of Brittany's nurse, they discovered Conductive Education.

After talking with her pediatrician, Brittany's family decided to try Conductive Education. At that time, this therapy was not offered in the United States, so they packed their bags and headed to Canada. Brittany is now twelve and has attended six Conductive Education classes and has made progress with every class. Fortunately, Conductive Education is beginning to spread throughout the United States, but unfortunately, it is not yet available in central Ohio.

Brittany's family and friends recognize the difference Conductive Education has made in Brittany's quality of life and they want to provide the same opportunity for other children with motor disabilities. They have decided to open a non-profit organization for Conductive Education in Marysville, Ohio.

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Our Mission:

*Brighter Beginnings through
Conductive Education will provide
Conductive Education for children
with motor disabilities or delays
in and around Central Ohio.*

Motivation



Working



Socialization



What is Conductive Education?

Conductive Education was developed in Budapest, Hungary in the late 1940's by Dr. Andras Peto. He had a belief that individuals with disabilities were not fundamentally different than any other individual.

Conductive Education is an intensive learning approach for children with a wide range of disabilities.

Conductive Education is not a cure, but rather a learning system. A trained teacher (called a conductor) assists the children in specific exercise designed for each individual child. Repeating these exercises encourages the child's brain to find alternative paths to muscle groups in the body allowing intentional movement. Conductive Education supports children to achieve age appropriate independence in movement, self-care, language and socialization.

The benefits of Conductive Education not only deters progression of the child's motor delay or disability, but also helps with the child's developing social skills. Learning to sit, stand and walk correctly will lead to daily skills such as eating, dressing and playing. Conductive Education is also beneficial in preventing future medical problems. Children learning to move correctly helps prevent falls that cause injury. In addition, learning how to move and stretch correctly can improve blood circulation and prevent future medical conditions.

Standing Tall



Concentration



A Typical Conductive Education class:

- Each child walks into the classroom, aided or unaided, depending on current need.
- Stretching while lying on a plinth table
- Standing program: practice going from sitting to standing position, standing while holding onto a ladder, walking with the ladder (varies to meet individual needs)
- Individual program: working on needs specific to the child
- Sitting program: hand-eye coordinated movement and communication skills while sitting
- Walking: Each child walks out of the classroom (aided or unaided, depending on current need)