

Multiple Treatment Options for CP Sufferers

When most people think of treating the symptoms of CP, they probably think about treatments that focus on the sufferer. These would be treatments such as muscle massages that loosen spasms; speech therapy that helps to facilitate communication and social skills and tutoring that helps to teach basic academic skills. Researchers in Canada recently found that other forms of therapy can work, as well.

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One of the treatment options for cerebral palsy sufferers is to alter their environment in ways that help them to develop new skills. An article in ScienceDaily.com explains how researchers used this model of therapy to teach a child fine motor skills. The child was being taught to feed themselves cheerios. Because the child couldn't grasp them, the therapist put peanut butter on them so that the child could just get the cheerios to stick to their finger. According to the article, the success the child experienced helped them to keep learning and to develop the required motor skills to pick up the food without the peanut butter to help.

What researchers found in the study cited in the article is that treatments that focus on the child and treatments that focus on the environment both enjoy about the same rate of success. This means that parents can tailor their treatment options and their treatment methods to their child's specific needs. Whether a treatment that centers on the environment is used or a treatment that centers on the child is used, there can be great success.

There are a variety of treatments available these days, from innovative muscle treatments to devices that actually stimulate the muscles with an electrical pulse. With so many options and methods available, children are more likely to enjoy richer and more gratifying lives than they have been before, even if they suffer rather severe CP.

The treatments for CP, no matter what type is employed, can be very expensive. There are cases of [cerebral palsy in infants](#) that are the result of physician negligence. If you believe that this is the case with your child's cerebral palsy, you should consider contacting a [birth injury attorney](#). The sums that juries sometimes award in compensation oftentimes include monies to help pay for the cost of treatment throughout the child's life. Good attorneys will sit down with you for a free consultation where they can help you to determine if filing a lawsuit would be a good option.