



Children's Hemiplegia and Stroke Association



Babies and kids have strokes. Get the Facts!

Stroke in babies occurs in 1 in 1600 births and is the leading cause of hemiplegic cerebral palsy in children. Better understanding of the impact of early stroke will lead to a more fulfilling life for these individuals and their families.

Signs & Symptoms	Lifelong Disabilities	What We Need
<p>In Newborns and Infants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ seizures ◦ extreme sleepiness ◦ tendency to use only one side of their body <p>In Children & Teens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ remember F.A.S.T. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Face drooping ◦ Arm weakness ◦ Speech difficulty ◦ Time to call 9-1-1 <p>Other signs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ severe headache, vomiting, sleepiness, dizziness & coordination problems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 1 in 1,600–5,000 babies will have a stroke before the age of 30 days ◦ 11 in 100,000 children will have a stroke ◦ 60% will have cerebral palsy ◦ 30–60% will have epilepsy ◦ 25% will have language delays ◦ 22% will have behavioral issues ◦ learning differences ◦ sensory issues ◦ Attention Deficient Disorder ◦ anxiety & depression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ early diagnosis & treatment —hand preference in a child under 3 is not typical development ◦ more research to identify the needs of these children throughout their lifetime ◦ more treatment options ◦ support for caregivers ◦ classification of pediatric stroke under the IDEA Traumatic Brain Injury special education category ◦ faster identification of stroke in children in the ER

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Visit CHASA.org to learn more about pediatric stroke and related conditions, find support from others, become a volunteer, or donate.

More about CHASA

Since 1996, CHASA, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, has served as a source of help and hope for families of children who have survived an early stroke. CHASA programs directly benefit families by providing online support and information, local groups and a national family retreat, mom weekends, shoe exchange program, college & athletic scholarships, orthotic grants, research funding and awareness initiatives.