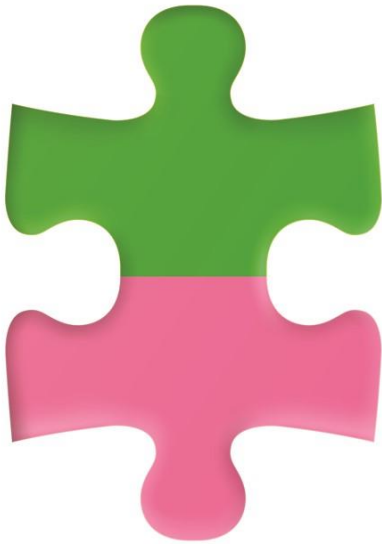


## Cerebral Palsy



### Common areas of gifting or strength

❖ Persons with CP have many areas of gifting, which may include humor, creativity, intelligence, music... get to know an individual to find out their gifts and abilities!

### Common areas of challenge

- ❖ Physical strength, muscle control
- ❖ Speech and other muscle-controls may be affected to varying degrees (a person may use a wheelchair, walker, crutches, and/or wear ankle-foot-orthotics, or may not need any of these)

### Quick facts

- ❖ Cerebral Palsy is a group of neurological disorders describing when areas of the brain are damaged in early development.
- ❖ There are 4 types of CP:
  - Spastic, which may present as
    - quadriplegia -difficulty controlling limbs, trunk and face
    - diplegia -difficulty controlling the legs
    - hemiplegia -difficulty controlling one side of the body
  - Dyskinetic, causing twisting and sudden movements
  - Ataxic, affecting balance and walking
  - Mixed, in which several parts of the brain are affected

## Resources

### Further Learning

- ❖ [allbelong.org/ruby-and-friends/](http://allbelong.org/ruby-and-friends/)
- ❖ [cparf.org/](http://cparf.org/)
- ❖ [yourcpf.org/](http://yourcpf.org/)

### Books for Adults

- ❖ *Accessible Gospel, Inclusive Worship*, by Barbara J. Newman
- ❖ *Cerebral Palsy: a Complete Guide for Caregiving, 3rd Edition*, by Freeman Miller & Steven Bachrach

### Books for Kids

- ❖ *Dillon the Dolphin: Educating Children about Cerebral Palsy*, by Shelly Weiss
- ❖ *Can I Tell You about Cerebral Palsy? A Guide for Friends, Family and Professionals*, by Marion Stanton

### Videos

- ❖ Dancing with Cerebral Palsy: [facebook.com/watch/?v=1684959555139804](https://facebook.com/watch/?v=1684959555139804) (also viewable from this article about Jerron Herman: [www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/entertainment/2017/may/pro-dancer-with-cerebral-palsy-calls-disability-the-iso-best-tool-rsquo-god-has-given-him](http://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/entertainment/2017/may/pro-dancer-with-cerebral-palsy-calls-disability-the-iso-best-tool-rsquo-god-has-given-him))
- ❖ “Brain Development and Cerebral Palsy” (2:32) [canchild.ca/en/resources/264-cp-the-brain-video](http://canchild.ca/en/resources/264-cp-the-brain-video)
- ❖ Khan Academy, “What is Cerebral Palsy and What Causes It?” (11:00) [youtu.be/ii1MBfj7-Sk](https://youtu.be/ii1MBfj7-Sk)