

## UCP Delrey School

*An Educational Setting for Children with Disabilities*

UCP Delrey School serves children ages 2 to 21 throughout central Maryland and is conveniently located in a new, spacious, fully accessible, state-of-the-art facility just minutes from the Baltimore Beltway and I-95 in Lansdowne, Md. The school provides comprehensive services to children with multiple disabilities, combining academics with the latest therapeutic techniques and communication strategies to help students better engage in learning.

In addition to the special education program, UCP Delrey School offers many other essential services including physical, occupational, and speech-language therapy; assistive technology and adaptive equipment; nursing; social work; wheelchair evaluation; mobile dental services orthotics; extra-curricular activities; community enrichment program; and community daycare.

UCP Delrey School is a nonpublic school certified by the Maryland State Department of Education and provides a challenging academic program based on the Maryland Voluntary State Curriculum. In compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), both academic and functional performance outcomes are included in each student's Individual Education Plan (IEP).



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## Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI)

### UCP Delrey Speakers Series

**Sandra Newcomb, Ph.D.**

**Date: May 27**

**Time: 7-9 p.m.**

**Cost: \$25**



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## About the speaker...



### Sandra Newcomb, Ph.D.

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Sandra Newcomb recently earned her Ph.D. at the University of Maryland, and holds certification in Early Childhood Special Education and in Visual Impairment. After several years of teaching in North Carolina, Dr. Newcomb moved to Maryland and worked as an Infants/Toddlers teacher from 1986 to 2000, in DC and then in Prince George's County, where she also served as a vision specialist for five years. In addition, she maintained a position at the University of Maryland since 1985, serving as Coordinator of various grants, and teaching courses in the Department of Special Education. Dr. Newcomb's particular areas of interest include working with families, family support, and Cortical Visual Impairment. She provides technical assistance, consultation, and training to parents, educators, and related service providers, focusing on the needs of infants, toddlers and preschool-aged children with deaf-blindness.

## An Introduction to Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI) \*

Cortical Visual Impairment or CVI is vision loss due to damage or malformation in the brain that interferes with a child's ability to understand vision information coming from the eyes. CVI is now the leading cause of visual impairment in young children. An introduction to the causes of CVI as well as a description of the unique visual characteristics of children with CVI will be discussed. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to observe those characteristics in videos of children with varying levels of severity of CVI. A brief introduction to functional vision assessment of children with CVI will be presented with an emphasis on how assessment information can be used to design home and classroom modifications that support a child's use of vision.

### CVI Lecture Agenda \*



**7:00 - 7:15**

- Intro to CVI
- Causes of CVI



**7:15 - 7:45**

- Unique Visual Characteristics of Children with CVI



**7:45 - 8:00**

- Observation of Children with CVI



**8:00 - 8:20**

- Functional Vision Assessment of Children with CVI
- Severity of CVI



**8:20 - 8:50**

- Intervention for Children with CVI

\* CEU approval pending



## Registration Form

Make checks payable to: Delrey PSO

Mail to: UCP of Central MD  
Attn: Lauren Magee  
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**DETACH AND MAIL BY MAY 22, 2009**  
(please print clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**\$25 individual fee**

### UCP Delrey Speakers Series

The UCP Delrey Speakers Series provides quarterly lectures on topics of interest for parents of children with disabilities and the professionals that serve them.

For more information, contact Terri Clark at  
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