

The Lekotek and Compuplay programs are provided at United Cerebral Palsy's Children's Centers

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The guiding mission of Lekotek is:

"To facilitate the inclusion of children with disabilities and developmental delays into the full range of family and community life, Lekotek uses family-centered play as the cornerstone upon which to build inclusive environments."

The Lekotek/Compuplay at United Cerebral Palsy of Northeastern Pennsylvania is an affiliate of the National Lekotek Center.



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What is Lekotek?

Lekotek is a unique learning and resource center for children with special needs and their families. "Lek" is the Swedish word for play and "Tek" means library.

Begun in 1986, UCP's Lekotek program was the first in Pennsylvania. The Lekotek concept was invented in Sweden in the 1960's. Lekotek was brought to America in 1984.

What is Compuplay?

A computer-based component of the Lekotek program, Compuplay increases access to technology for children with special needs in order to maximize their capabilities.

Compuplay was introduced by the National Lekotek Center in 1984. The Lekotek at UCP of Northeastern Pennsylvania has operated a Compuplay program since 1998.

LEKOTEK

Play is a natural way for children to learn and families to interact. During a session, the Lekotek leader models play activities that enhance both the child's development and the family's interaction.

Lekotek is a place to play.

Lekotek makes the world of play accessible to children with all types of disabilities and levels of abilities. While they are playing, children learn new skills that form the base for literacy, mathematical reasoning and computer use - and consequently future achievement and independence.

- ◆ Lekotek sessions are monthly and last for one hour.
- ◆ Conventional and specially adapted toys are used and are chosen based on the child's developmental goals and needs.
- ◆ Toys are borrowed and exchanged each month on a lending library basis.
- ◆ Parents and siblings can attend sessions.
- ◆ Support groups and periodic special activities are held for socializing and networking opportunities.

COMPUPLAY

Technology helps level the playing field for children with disabilities in all areas of life. Compuplay provides computer classes, activities and services to children with disabilities and their families.

Through the use of software, adaptive equipment and positive play methods, children are able to learn, create, explore and make decisions while using the computer.

Compuplay can be part of a Lekotek session or special group sessions called Compuplay Camps.

- ◆ A variety of software and access switches are available to ensure that all children are included.
- ◆ Different inclusive Compuplay Camp sessions are available depending on the age of the child.
- ◆ Younger children are taught how to access and use the computer, and can play computer games.
- ◆ Older children can use the computer and internet for educational activities.
- ◆ Teenagers can use the computer for educational and pre-vocational interests.



Lekotek services are available to families that have a child with special needs.

Fees are based on the child's age and choice of program.

Scholarships are available.

Contact Sally McCullon, Lekotek Leader at United Cerebral Palsy's Children's Center in Clarks Summit for more information.

About UCP of NEPA

United Cerebral Palsy of NEPA provides services for people with a variety of disabilities.

Early intervention services, and the Lekotek and Compuplay programs are for children with special needs.

Services for adults include a day program, supported employment service and community living opportunities.

The Home Services and Assistive Technology programs both serve individuals of all ages.

No person shall be excluded by UCP from services due to race, color, creed, sex, disability, age, national origin, or limited English proficiency.