

Families of Special Needs Children Find Hope AND Results

Delaware Valley center offers chance at normal life for kids around the world

Your child will never lead a normal life” – so goes the prognosis often heard by parents lucky enough to find The Family Hope Center (FHC), the forecast is quite different. It maintains instead - Your child’s life can be changed.

This was true for the Singers, and for thousands of other families whose children had been diagnosed with a wide spectrum of developmental disorders including Autism, Cerebral Palsy, ADD, and Down syndrome. For them, The Family Hope Center has meant just that, hope for the entire family.

Hope borne of results. Working with over 15,000 parents to date, both here and abroad, The Family Hope Center can claim an uncommon expertise in the treatment of brain injury in children. Its unique methodology has been shown to be effective regardless of the cause or severity of the impairment. Working closely with families, FHC has seen children go from paralysis to physical excellence, from blindness to sight, from far below average intelligence and social awareness to above average in both – defying a whole list of diagnoses that fall under the heading “disabled.”

Fortunately, The Family Hope Center doesn’t believe in “disabled.” An independent, university-based study bears out the benefit of ignoring such labels: reports from this ongoing study show remarkable gains for children on Family Hope Center programs, especially when compared to results from other facilities across the United States. Children with diagnoses of Autism Spectrum Disorders, for example, show more than twice as much improvement with FHC as the national average; children with Cerebral Palsy, more than three times as



(Above) The “centerpiece” of The Family Hope Center is the Mobility Room, where families are trained in therapies to help their children, featuring “Jungle Joy” by Philadelphia artist Monica Armstrong, a full-sized mural measuring approximately 10’ high by over 60 feet long, covering the 3 walls of the therapy room.



Director and Vice Director, Matthew and Carol Newell

much improvement with FHC; and for developmental delay disorders in the aggregate, well over twice as much improvement.*

Established in 2002 by acclaimed child brain developmentalists Matthew and Carol Newell, The Family

Hope Center believes that all hurt children have the potential to be made well - so much so that they can equal or even surpass their peers. “The brain has an incredible capacity to respond and improve with the correct stimulation,” says Matthew Newell. “Our job is to give parents the tools to make it happen.”

The tools he refers to - a comprehensive and integrative program comprised of physical, nutritional, social and cognitive therapies - are tailor-made for each child by

the Center’s team of experienced, caring professionals. Parents start by attending a three-day seminar, in which the brain and brain development are thoroughly explained. “Five minutes into the session,” says Bruce Kirk, father of seven-year-old Kevin, “I could see that they were focused on fixing the core problem, rather than treating symptoms.” Other parents claim that the seminar sheds new light on their child’s diagnosis and the possibility for healing.

The seminar is followed up by a comprehensive two-day evaluation - a complete audit of the child’s abilities, pinpointing the location of the injury in the brain so that treatment can be specifically targeted to that area. With an understanding of how the brain has been compromised and where the child is in terms of his neurological situation, the damaged pathways in the brain are targeted for

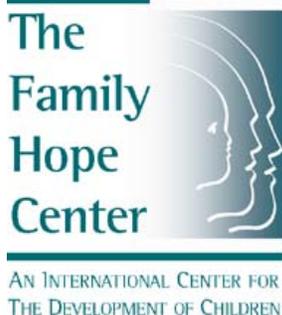


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healing, so that learning can occur.

Believing that there is no one better suited to help their child, The Family Hope Center trains the parents to carry out the therapy at home, with on-going guidance, follow-ups and lots of encouragement. “Loving families,” says Carol Newell, “make the very best therapists.” Parent David Singer returns the compliment. “Jake’s a totally different child today, and it’s because of the support and hope we’ve gotten all along the way from The Family Hope Center.” “The results are telling,” adds his wife Sue. “Big time.” For more information, www.familyhopecenter.org, call 800.888.9370.

*Reports by Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation (UDSMR), an independent, university-based non-profit that has developed the world’s most widely used system, “WeeFIM,” for assessing abilities and disabilities in children. 



Our story of hope ...



Written by David and Sue Singer

Jacob entered this world with many challenges. After a very uneventful pregnancy, he was born with a cleft lip, cleft gum, congenital heart problems and very low muscle tone.

Over Jacob’s first couple years we consulted and met with many different doctors. The message that they all passed on to us was “we’ve never seen a child quite like him”. None gave us any recommended course of action to help our child or gave us any hope that he would be okay in this world. He was diagnosed with developmental delay and eventually cerebral palsy. We were told to be prepared for a long road where it’s likely that he’ll never be able to walk.

We received early intervention therapies for Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy and a Teacher to come to our house every week. After more than two years of these therapies, he made little or no progress. At 2 1/2 years he still couldn’t sit up, roll over, or crawl, he made no eye contact, showed no affection and often seemed to be in his own world.

Over time, we became more and more frustrated with his lack of progress and did extensive research for an alternative program that would help our son.

Our search led us to The Family Hope Center located in Blue Bell, PA led by Matthew and Carol Newell. We attended their three day seminar and immediately knew that we were in the right place! Their passion and success stories gave us hope! We followed the seminar with a personal evaluation with their professional staff and they created a custom “home-based” program for our son to get well.

Their approach to Jacob was totally different from all of the other professionals that we had met with previously. They explained how they’ve worked with many children with the same issues as Jacob and talked about the successes that they’ve had. More importantly, they set up personal goals for our son with realistic timeframes. Their approach was multidimensional holistic approach, which looked at all of the systems and their interaction with each other. They focused on what could be done to maximize Jacob’s potential and capabilities, instead of focusing on what he couldn’t do.

We’ve been working with the Family Hope Center for over five years. Jacob has progressed in many ways and has reached many milestones. This past October, Jacob began taking his first independent steps! He’s currently walking about 1 1/2 miles per day! We’re very excited and look forward to celebrating more milestones soon!

The Family Hope Center website is www.familyhopecenter.org. If you’d like to view a video that shows our son Jacob then go to the website above and click on “online videos”, then scroll down to “cerebral palsy”. 

