

Our Vision

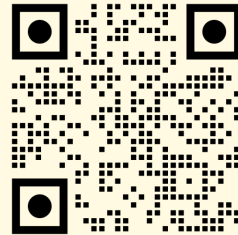
We envision being the provider of choice for children and adults with differing abilities and making sure all people have the opportunity to live, learn, engage, work, and reach their full potential.



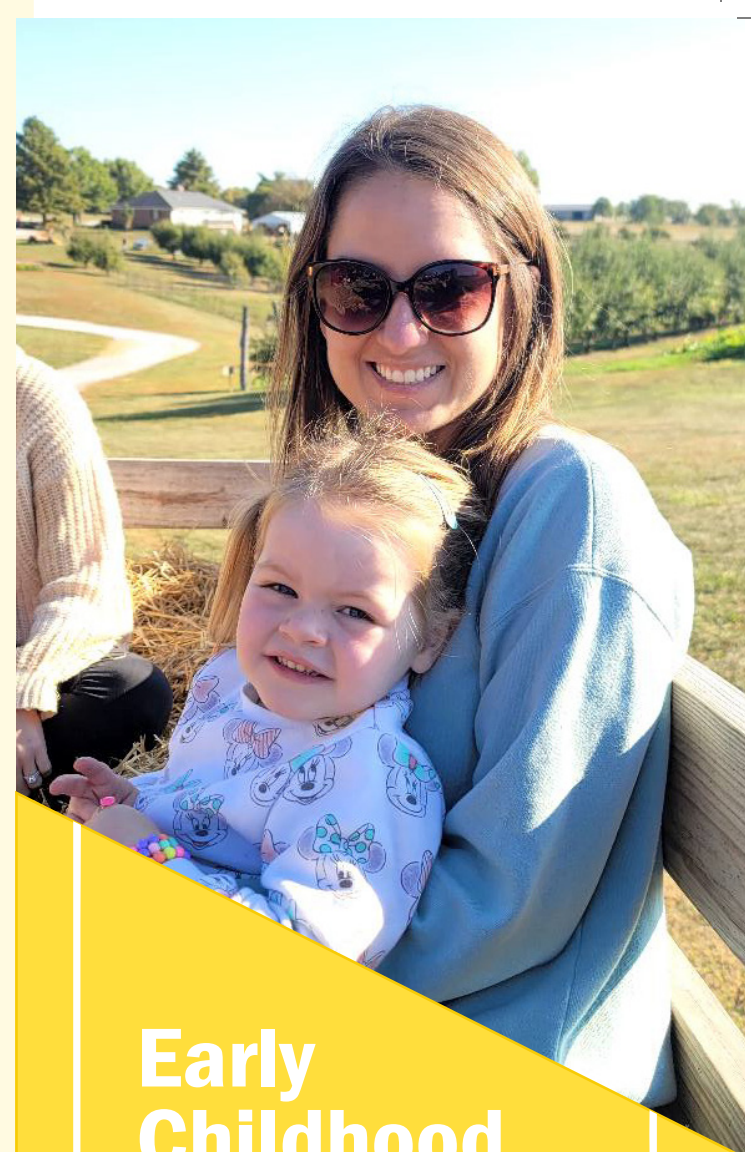
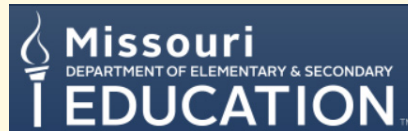
Locations

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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ACCESSIBILITY



Early Childhood Development

Providing an inclusive environment where children of all abilities can learn and grow.



Our Mission

At UCP Heartland, our mission is to provide children and adults living with differing abilities extraordinary care and support they need to thrive in school, at home, at work, and in the community.

UCP Heartland was established in 1953 by a group of concerned parents. For seven decades and beyond, we have been the beacon of hope, breaking barriers and fostering a sense of belonging for every individual. We are a 501 (c)3 non-profit dedicated to advancing the productivity and independence of people living with a spectrum of differing abilities including Autism, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, traumatic brain injuries, and other developmental disabilities.



The CDC is a licensed and accredited early care and education center that offers a unique environment where young children of all abilities learn together. Our collaborative development center includes early intervention and education, active learning and nurturing relationships.

Half of the CDC's children have a diagnosed disability; the rest of the students are "developing typically." The program helps each child maximize their gifts and unique abilities to prepare them for kindergarten.

The UCP Heartland Child Development Center in Columbia, Missouri is committed to bringing high-quality, state-of-the-art early care and education to families.

Learning by Doing

UCP Heartland's "learning by doing" philosophy is based on the latest research about how children learn. This approach meets the unique needs of every child and allows children to learn and grow at different levels. Knowledgeable and compassionate teachers work together in teams to foster each child's progress. First Step therapists come to the Center to provide specialized services and assist children with special needs to ensure their inclusion in the classroom.



Program Goal

Provide a preschool where both children with and without developmental disabilities can learn in an inclusive environment.

UCP Heartland strives to assist each individual with achieving their greatest level of self-independence.

Not sure where to start?
We are here to help!

Contact our Center Director
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