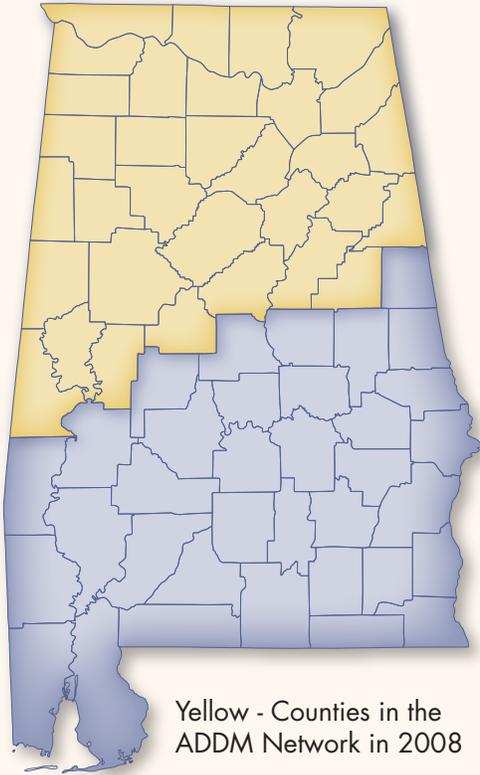


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SITE INFORMATION

Part of Alabama Included in ADDM CP Network, 2008

32 counties: Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Hale, Jackson, Jefferson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, Pickens, Shelby, St. Clair, Sumter, Talladega, Tuscaloosa, Walker, and Winston

Population of 8-Year-Old Children in Study Area, 2008

8-Year-Old Children: 36,566

White: 67.0%

Black: 25.4%

RESULTS

Cerebral Palsy (CP) Prevalence, 2008

Number of 8-year-old children identified with CP: 118

Total prevalence of CP: 3.2 per 1,000

Boys: 4.0 per 1,000

Girls: 2.4 per 1,000

Race/Ethnicity*

White: 2.9 per 1,000

Black: 4.1 per 1,000

Documented CP Diagnosis

Percentage of children identified with CP by AASP who had a CP diagnosis documented in their records: 99.2%

CP Subtypes

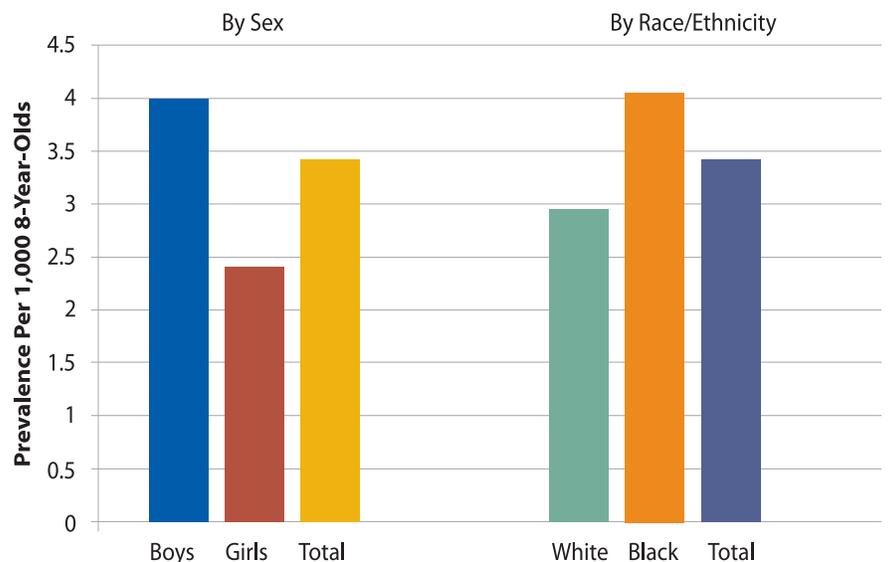
Spastic: 87.3%

Non-Spastic: 3.4%

Other: 9.3%

*Does not include racial/ethnic groups with less than 10 children with CP

Prevalence of Cerebral Palsy, AASP





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AASP tracks the number of 8-year-old children in the population with autism spectrum disorder, CP, or both. This tracking system provides an accurate count of the number of children in Alabama living with these disorders. The investigators are members of the Department of Health Care Organization and Policy in the School of Public Health at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) and are working as agents of the Alabama Department of Public Health. The AASP is a joint undertaking with CDC, the Autism Society of Alabama, and other Alabama state partners, agencies, and organizations that serve children with developmental disabilities and their families. The AASP has completed the 2002, 2004, 2006, and 2008 surveillance years and will continue to collect data for the 2010 and 2012 surveillance years.

Does AASP conduct community outreach?

Through their partnership with the Autism Society of Alabama, AASP staff provide workshops and trainings for parents, teachers, and primary health care providers to increase recognition of the early signs and enhance their ability to identify and diagnose autism spectrum disorder. In addition, AASP's partners are actively engaged in trainings that help providers and parents recognize developmental disabilities sooner.

What are some of the resources available in Alabama for children with developmental disabilities, their families, and the professionals who serve them?

- The Alabama Parent Training & Info Network for Children with Disabilities provides information and

services to families with children with disabilities. For more information, visit

<http://alabamaparentcenter.com/2012/ALPTI/index.php>

- United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) provides services to individuals with CP and other disabilities and has local chapters across Alabama, including:
 - UCP of East Central Alabama (www.ecaucp.org)
 - UCP of Greater Birmingham (ucpbham.com)
 - UCP of Huntsville & Tennessee Valley (www.ucphuntsville.org)
 - UCP of Mobile (www.ucpmobile.org)
 - UCP of Northwest Alabama (ucpshoals.wordpress.com)
 - UCP of West Alabama (www.ucpwa.org)

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“Being a part of the ADDM CP Network has provided the opportunity to expand our understanding of CP more broadly than if we were working as a single site in Alabama. Also, the local staff and community providers who share data for the project have been dedicated to working together and with us. Because of the willingness of our partners to share information and the care our data collectors and analysts use in handling that information, we can confidently present our findings. The team at AASP is grateful for the opportunity to make a unique contribution to the field of developmental disabilities.”

-Dr. Martha Wingate