



CHARITY WATCHLIST

United Cerebral Palsy



ABORTION & CONTRACEPTION

- On page 19 of the [Legislative Public Policy Agenda 2023/2024](#) signed by UCP and nine other disability organizations, it states that they want legislation to:

*"Provide accessible and comprehensive sexual education for all students with disabilities including sexual behavior, adult relationships, safe sexual choices, and information to make informed **choices about reproductive health care.**"*

- Page 26:

*"Ensure that individuals with disabilities have access to a full range of accessible information about their health care **including sexual and reproductive care.** Support, privacy, and self-determination are key policy principles that are essential for health care decision making."*

- Page 28, under "Maternal Healthcare":

"Ensure accessible reproductive and sexual health information is available to all people with IDD [Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities]."

EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

- ALL received a response on 7/13/2023 from UCP regarding human embryonic stem cell research:

*"Our Research Initiative began in 2020, and to date we have **not supported** research that includes the use of human embryonic stem cells."*

- ALL contacted the organization in October 2024, inquiring if the organization's history of not funding human embryonic stem cell research still stood and if they would ever be open to funding this type of research. UCP sent the following response:

*"At this time UCP's Research Council does **not support** research that includes the use of human embryonic stem cells."*

PARTNERSHIPS

- UCP's [Center for Disability Services](#) partners with [United Way](#), as do several of the other UCP affiliates.

LGBTQ+

- UCP Heartland's [DEI statement](#) includes the following:

*All of us at UCP Heartland value diversity, equity, and inclusion and are conscious of the dynamics inherent when cultures interact. UCP Heartland does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, veteran status, **gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation (real or perceived)**, or any group membership or characteristic protected by applicable state, federal, or local law.*

- UCP of Mobile's [DEI statement](#) includes training on "LGBTQ+ awareness."

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Mission

Promote independence and inclusion of people with cerebral palsy, intellectual, developmental, and other disabilities.

Focus

human services, disabled persons' rights, genetic research, diseases and conditions

- United Cerebral Palsy publishes 'Pride Month' and 'LGBTQ+ History Month' posts to its Instagram account:

June 13, 2024



"This Pride month we continue to highlight queer and disabled activists like Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowalski.

Karen and Sharon were a lesbian couple that fought for the rights of gay and disabled people to have the freedom to make their own choices about their lives. This came about because after several years of partnership Sharon was hit by a drunk driver and suffered from severe brain damage and was not able to walk or speak. This meant despite her relationship with Karen, Sharon was sent to live in a nursing home by her parents who did not recognize the union between Sharon and Karen. Despite Sharon's please [sic] through writing to let her live with Sharon."

June 1, 2024



"Happy Pride Month from UCP National! This June 2024 we celebrate the joy, inclusion, and contributions of queer people.

Pride month was started to honor the 1969 Stonewall Riot as a way to commemorate LGBTQ+ people's fight for equal rights in the U.S. It is also important to recognize the intersectionality of Disabled Queer people and their individual journey's."

October 1, 2024



"Happy LGBTQ+ History Month from United Cerebral Palsy! This month we celebrate the advocates and history of LGBTQ+ figures in the US that fought for equal rights and continue to advocate for their community. This includes disabled queer advocates who fought on more than one front to have their rights recognized."



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