

# Special Children's League ~ South Bay Committee

## Programs We Support



United Cerebral Palsy of Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara supports more than a thousand individuals with developmental disabilities and their families throughout five counties in Southern California. Among these programs are four Adult Day Programs that help UCPLA's program participants develop skills and independence throughout the course of their lives. Learn more at [www.ucpla.org](http://www.ucpla.org).



With each new milestone reached, with each new friendship made, with each new challenge met Pediatric Therapy Network is there; empowering families, touching lives and bringing hope. Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Language Therapy, Camp Escapades, Early Head Start, Early Intervention, Mental Health, Social Skills and Community Integration.



For over 67 years, AbilityFirst Camp Paivika has brought the joys and benefits of sleep-away camp to thousands of children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities. While campers enjoy a full range of traditional camp activities like swimming, horseback riding, talent shows, and arts and crafts, their families enjoy valuable respite and a chance to relax and reconnect with friends and families.



Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra (DSES) is dedicated to changing the lives of disabled children and adults and their families by offering year-round outdoor sports and activities utilizing adaptive equipment and expert instruction. Activities are customized to each individual and are offered for private as well as group instruction.



ICAN California Abilities Network creates job opportunities and helps find employment for people with developmental disabilities. With their recently launched Marketplace Initiative, ICAN continues to grow, improving the lives of more and more disabled individuals.



Golden Heart Ranch Social Living Club provides vital skills for future employment success, personal interactions and growing independence with an after school program in the South Bay for kids, teens and young adults with special needs. Programs include: Challenger League, Track Club, Supper Club and Cooking Classes.



Since 2008, SCL has funded innovative programs for students with special needs in South Bay school districts. These grants have included assistive technology, sensory equipment, special programs and educational tools to help meet the unique needs of these students. Our goal is to provide opportunities, enhance learning, and increase acceptance of students with special needs within the general education setting.



Ride to Fly is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing therapeutic horseback riding and the associated learning experiences to children and adults with disabilities in a safe, nurturing environment, serving the South Bay since 1994. Riding exercises the spirit as well as the body. The horse has the wonderful ability to allow the rider to unconditionally bond and form a loving friendship, promoting trust. And perhaps most importantly of all... it is fun!



Switzer Learning Center was founded in 1966 by Dr. Janet Switzer to provide an innovative educational therapy program to students with learning disabilities. Today Switzer provides special education classes and clinical services to students from elementary school to young adulthood.



The United States Adaptive Recreation Center (USARC) was founded in 1983 (as California Handicapped Skiers) to ensure that access to skiing is available to people with all types of disabilities. The USARC believes people are empowered when they undertake and succeed at challenging outdoor recreation. In 1989, the USARC established the first full-time on-site adaptive ski school in Southern California at Bear Mountain Resort. Adaptive watersports and summer camping programs were added in 1993 and continue to evolve today.