**Manessa D post to week 6 discussion 1**

“Cerebral palsy (CP) is a group of disorders that affect a person’s ability to move and maintain balance and posture. Cerebral means having to do with the brain. Palsy means weakness or problems with using the muscles. CP is caused by abnormal brain development or damage to the developing brain that affects a person’s ability to control his or her muscles” (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2020) para 1. Some children who have cerebral palsy have different types of motor disabilities and these forms can either be mild, not noticeable, to severely dependent on brain damage. Some children who have cerebral palsy may be clumsy or unable to walk which some children are in wheelchairs or must have special walking devices to assist them to walk. Brain damage during birth or before birth. This is called congenital CP.

Some of the different signs of a child with cerebral palsy are different because of the different types of CP and the effects for each child. CP affects only one side of the child's body. CP's child may feel stiff, head lags may feel floppy, legs may become stiff and cross if the child is being picked up. “Cerebral palsy is caused by malformation or damage to the brain, usually during pregnancy, but occasionally during delivery, or immediately after birth” (American Pediatric Academy, 2020) para 3. If a child's mother has an infection child born small, and jaundice, Children will have been referred to speech therapy, occupational/physical therapist, and some children may have difficulties with problem-solving which with some can be retardation. In the article for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cerebral palsy common with boys and 75%-85% have spastic CP which means inner muscles are stiff and movements will be awkward. Some children who have CP have other conditions for example epilepsy.

Reference:

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