Babies and kids have strokes. Get the Facts!

Stroke in babies occurs in 1 in 1600 births and is the leading cause of hemiplegic cerebral palsy in children. Better understanding of the impact of early stroke will lead to a more fulfilling life for these individuals and their families.

### Signs & Symptoms

**In Newborns and Infants:**
- seizures
- extreme sleepiness
- tendency to use only one side of their body

**In Children & Teens:**
- remember F.A.S.T.
  - Face drooping
  - Arm weakness
  - Speech difficulty
  - Time to call 9-1-1

**Other signs:**
- severe headache, vomiting, sleepiness, dizziness & coordination problems

### Lifelong Disabilities

- 1 in 1,600–5,000 babies will have a stroke before the age of 30 days
- 11 in 100,000 children will have a stroke
- 60% will have cerebral palsy
- 30–60% will have epilepsy
- 25% will have language delays
- 22% will have behavioral issues
- learning differences
- sensory issues
- Attention Deficient Disorder
- anxiety & depression

### What We Need

- early diagnosis & treatment—hand preference in a child under 3 is not typical development
- more research to identify the needs of these children throughout their lifetime
- more treatment options
- support for caregivers
- classification of pediatric stroke under the IDEA Traumatic Brain Injury special education category
- faster identification of stroke in children in the ER

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**More about CHASA**

Since 1996, CHASA, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, has served as a source of help and hope for families of children who have survived an early stroke. CHASA programs directly benefit families by providing online support and information, local groups and a national family retreat, mom weekends, shoe exchange program, college & athletic scholarships, orthotic grants, research funding and awareness initiatives.