## Myths Surrounding Cerebral Palsy

<u>Baby brain damage</u> is always terrifying, but there are quite a few myths about it that may make you worry more than you have to, in some cases. <u>Birth injuries</u> do, oftentimes, entail some significant effects upon the child. In some cases, however, even a serious condition such as cerebral palsy may not be totally debilitating. Some people with CP have very rich lives, enjoy the full level of mental function that any other individual enjoys and have minimal symptoms.

## **Costs and Treatments**

Some birth injuries can be treated and some cannot. Its true brain damage cannot heal and there is no way to reverse the injury. If your child has CP, they will almost certainly have some problems with mobility and with fine motor skills. They may not, however, suffer any mental impairment and may have few other symptoms. While the actual damage will not worsen with time, the symptoms of the damage may get worse.

People with cerebral palsy usually have some movement difficulties, due to the effects of this condition on the muscles, but this doesn't mean that all of them need wheelchairs. In some cases, CP sufferers get around very well on a pair of simple crutches and can keep up with most anyone. Because CP can come in degrees of severity, some people's muscle problems manifest as problems keeping their balance more than they do as outright dysfunction.

## **Legal Options**

There are sometimes legal options you may want to consider pursuing if you have a child with cerebral palsy. Whether or not this is a realistic option will depend upon whether or not it's likely that medical negligence played a part in the child's injury. If the child was injured because of natural causes that couldn't be avoided, it means that you likely cannot sue. However, if the child was injured as the result of negligence, there may be a case that you can press.

If you decide to take on a CP case, contacting an attorney will be the first step you have to take. The attorney may not take your case if it seems like there was no negligence involved and if the causes were natural, even if you strongly believe that there was negligence involved. You'll have to be able to establish negligence to a jury, and this will require a lot of proof. An experienced attorney can help you gather and assemble that proof for your case.