



# UCP Therapy Clinics Summer Quarterly Newsletter



**Happy Summer! Thank you for being a UCP family!**

We are accepting clinic therapy referrals for children ages 0-12

Contact Tanya Thomas at 602-682-1844 for Therapy Referrals to get started



## SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL PARENTS

On June 15th we hosted the last Support for Special Parents meeting for the 2016-2017 year. We will resume meeting in September 2017 with a few new parents joining the parent leadership team! Stay tuned for dates and topics for the new year of meetings. We are excited to plan another year of helpful information and tools for parents!

If you have any topics you would like to discuss during next year's meetings, please send them to:

Casey Malinoski - [caseymalinoski@yahoo.com](mailto:caseymalinoski@yahoo.com)

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### Arrive on Time for Therapies

Please arrive 5 minutes early for therapy sessions! This allows for time to get checked in and meet with your child's therapist in the family room before the appointment start time. If you arrive late for a

## UCP CEO UPDATE

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After serving UCP as CEO for nearly 7 years, Armando Contreras has left UCP of Central Arizona. He has truly left a legacy of excellence in serving individuals with disabilities.

Armando will continue his great work as the new President and CEO of UCP National. Although he has left UCP of Central Arizona, he has let everyone here know that this will always be his UCP home!

Chuck Smith has been named Interim CEO for UCP of Central AZ. Chuck Smith has served on the Board of Directors for UCP of Central Arizona from 2002-2017 with 3 terms as Board Chairman. In addition to his service to UCP, Mr. Smith also served on the Board of Directors of Raising Special Kids where he provided guidance and mentoring to other families with special needs during life milestones.

Chuck Smith's passion for the disability community is motivated primarily by his adult daughter, Courtney, who has cerebral palsy and has been receiving services from UCP for most of her life. "My eight children are better people because of Courtney, and one thing my own children will say is; we all have special needs, Courtney's are just different. UCP has blessed us for so long; I believe it's incumbent upon me to give back to the community just like UCP has given to my family", expressed Mr. Smith.

**We are happy to have Chuck Smith as our Interim CEO!**

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## WELCOME NEW CLINIC THERAPISTS!!

**Lisa LaBarbera, OTR/L**

session, the appointment may need to be cancelled and rescheduled. If you arrive late and the therapist sees your child, the end time will remain the same so that the next child can receive therapy at their scheduled time.

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## Back to School Schedules!!

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**Lindsay Federico**

**602-313-8830**

If you will need to change your child's therapy times when the new school year begins, please talk to your therapist ASAP! You may also speak with Lindsay Federico to discuss scheduling needs

## Stay on Site During Therapy Sessions

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Parents/caregivers must remain on UCP premises during therapies at all times. UCP encourages all parents to participate or observe therapy sessions in the therapy clinic.

## Therapy Clinic Closures

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**Monday, July 3rd**

July 4th Eve

**Tuesday, July 4th**

Independence Day

**Monday, September 4th**

Labor Day



Liza Labarbera joins the Laura Dozer therapy clinic as a full time occupational therapist. Liza has extensive experience in pediatrics through work in schools as well as home health. Liza is creative and loves to use assistive technology to help kids achieve their goals. Welcome, Liza!

### **Kimberley Carpenter, MOTR/L**



Kim Carpenter has transitioned from a part-time occupational therapist to a full time therapist in the Laura Dozer therapy clinic. Kim specializes in providing feeding support for children with sensory based challenges with eating. We are delighted to have Kim on the team full-time!

### **Therapy Clinic Hours**

Laura Dozer Center:  
Monday-Friday 7am-6pm


UCP Downtown:  
Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

### **Contact us!**


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