



THE LET CEREBAL PALSY KIDS LEARN FOUNDATION

5TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM REPORT



March 2022

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The symposium is our signature Annual event that brings together parents, Educators and interested members of the general public to discuss, with a view to creating workable Nigeria solutions to the challenges with Inclusive Mainstream education for children with Cerebral Palsy in Nigeria .

In the first year, The question we answered was 'Can children with Cerebral Palsy learn in Mainstream Schools.? Our answer was Yes!

in the second year, The question we asked was, How can parents and schools work together to achieve Inclusive Education goals?

It was a charged conversation that produced solutions that are still helping families, teachers and schools till date.

In the third year we gathered to answer questions around support staff. Who should hire, onboard, pay, and what are the reporting lies. As a result of that conversation, the friction between schools, support staff and parents have reduced drastically

In the 4th edition, We gathered to discuss the cost of Inclusive Mainstream Education for children with Cerebral Palsy. How schools can be truly inclusive without breaking the bank, and how parents can make the cost of Inclusive education work for their pockets.

As a result, most parents have learned to find schools that work for their budgets, while schools have learned to provide inclusive services without becoming too expensive. This year, we focused on the School- Child Fit. The focus of the conversation was on how parents can choose the right inclusive school for their children and how schools can be the right inclusive schools for their learners. With an 88% average approval rating, we can say that the goal of the symposium was achieved.

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PROGRAM FLOW

The program started at 10am with participant registration followed by an opening address by the Chief Responsibility Officer. This was followed by the presentations by our guest speakers, testimonials from a partner school and a parent respectively, The Moses Ajayi Legacy Series and awards of recognition.



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GUEST SPEAKERS



Mrs Basirat R. Shuib of The Winford Center For Women and Children spoke on the topic, 'Choosing The Right Inclusive School For Your Child'

She started by reiterating the definition of Education and the why of Inclusive Education

She went on to show parents in practical terms how it was easy to get carried away by aesthetics the and not focus on the important things, such as teaching and learning strategies, willing and attitude of staff and of course affordability and proximity.

She also reiterated to the participants that Education is a partnership between the parents and schools for the benefit of the children and not the abdication of all responsibility to schools alone.

She went on to take questions from the participants about government provisions and improving Education in underserved schools



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The second speaker, Mrs, Ronke Adeniyi of LePosh School, Ikoyi, spoke on the topic 'Being The Right Inclusive School For your Learners

Her session was a fully practical session where she showed participants the simple ways that they can make learning inclusive in their classroom. She showed ready made resources and also showed locally sourced alternatives.

She also touched on the topic of differentiated assessments in the inclusive Classroom.

Following on from her session was the Moses Ajayi Legacy Series by Rhoda Odigboh. This focused on parenting lessons that could be learned from the life and times of the organization's Late Board Chair, Dr, Moses Olubumi Ajayi.

There was a big focus on being present as a parent in the places that matter to your child and the things that matter.





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PRESENTATIONS AND ROUND UP

The organization gave out Learning Materials to outstanding schools and parent advocates who have provided excellent support to families of children with Cerebral palsy in the course of the previous year.

Our Outstanding School for the year was Outliers School Surulere and our outstanding Parent Advocate of the year was Mrs. Awolusi

After this the program rounded off with the cutting of the anniversary cake and pictures.

Participants continued to network and ask final questions from the guest speakers as the event came to an end.

There were about 60 participants at the event .

