

The Let Cerebral Palsy Kids Learn Foundation

# 7TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM REPORT

#### **EVENT AT A GLANCE**

## **Guest Speakers:**

Mrs Faith Nnamdi-Ofuasia Mrs Charity Ibeabuchi

# **Total Participants:**

71

#### Theme:

Achieving Inclusive Mainstream Education for Children living with Cerebral Palsy: Preparing for Transitions

## **Event Video:**

Replay of the Event can be viewed on our Facebook page @The Let Cerebral Palsy Kids Learn Foundation



#### 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 of creating solutions to the challenges with Inclusive Mainstream Education for children with Cerebral Palsy in Nigeria. What have we been discussing and proffering solutions to in the past six years?

**1st:** Can Children with Cerebral Palsy learn in Mainstream Schools?

2nd: How can parents and schools work together to achieve Inclusive Education goals?

**3rd:** What are the responsibilities of each member in the support staff team?

4th: How can we make the cost of Inclusive Education affordable for parents?

**5th:** How can parents choose the right inclusive school for their children and how can schools be the right inclusive schools for their learners?

**6th:** What are the right mindset that can make Inclusive Education work?

**7th:** This year, we look at how parents and caregivers can prepare adequately for transitioning their children from one educational level to another

After every Symposium, our participants leave with actionable steps to make Inclusive Education in Nigeria work!



#### **EVENT FLOW**

The event started at 10am with the participants registration followed by an opening address by the Chief Responsibility Officer, Ms. Tobiloba Ajayi.

Afterwards, our guest speakers gave their presentations, answers and solutions were given to all the burning questions and concerns our participants had.

This was followed by a presentation from Lead Way Assurance is one of Nigeria's foremost insurance service companies. They introduced the participants to how to they can begin insurance plans for their children.



## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

#### MRS FAITH NNAMDI-OFUASIA

Ms. Faith Ofuasia spoke on the topic "Preparing for Educational Transitions". She started by sharing her story on how she began her Special Needs Education journey. She went ahead to show the participants necessary steps and key stakeholders involved in Preparing adequately for transitioning a child from one Educational level to another.

She went on to take questions and concerns from the participants about the challenges that hinders them from achieving a smooth transition.





## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

#### MRS CHARITY IBEABUCHI

Ms. Charity Ibeabuchi spoke on the topic.'Preparing for Adolescence and Adulthood'.

She simplified the meaning and signs of Puberty in males and females, afterwards, encouraged Parents to avoid focusing on the negative, instead focus on the positive. She then gave the parents some practical ways to ensure a good hygiene for their children. She also reiterated the need for parents to help their children build their independence as they grow.

Finally, she took questions and concerns from the participants which eventually turned into a safe space where parents shared their worries.





## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

#### MRS FUNMI AYOOLA- BUILDING SPECIAL NEEDS TRUSTS

A team from Leadway Assurance, led by Mrs Funmi Ayoola, facilitated a session on 'Building Special Needa Trusts'. The session focused on showing the parents and caregivers present, how they can start small to begin to plan for continuity of care of their children with Cerebral Palsy in the event of the passing away or permanent disability of the primary caregiver.

The session was very eye opening for the participants and got them thinking on the next steps required to plan for the care of their children in the future.





#### PRESENTATIONS AND ROUND UP

Our Chief Responsibility Officer gave a closing remark and presented Learning Materials to Parent and School of the year-this is a way the organization recognizes and encourages Parents and Schools who have provided excellent support to families of Children with Cerebral Palsy in the course of the previous year.

Our Outstanding Parent Advocate of the year was Yemisi Adedokun and our Outstanding school of the year was Salmah Citadel Montessori School. After this, the program rounded off with 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.

With an 88.5% approval rating, we can confidently say that the goal of the Symposium was achieved.





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We also specially appreciate the exceptional contributions of our volunteers who do the work of keeping our events running smoothly.

Thank you for your service!