



THE LET CEREBAL PALSY KIDS LEARN FOUNDATION

## 8TH AUNUAL SYMPOSIUM REPORT

*March, 2025*

## 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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## ARRIVAL/REGISTRATION



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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## OPENING ADDRESS



Tobiloba Ajayi stated that this year, our focus is on Maintaining Emotional Well-Being which is about exploring the role that emotional health and wellbeing plays in the learning process of children with Cerebral Palsy and how to ensure that the emotional needs of the learner in the classroom are not neglected in the teaching and learning process.

She also stated that we will also explore the steps that parents should take to ensure that their emotional health as caregivers of children with Cerebral Palsy is healthy- as well as the tools required to ensure that they maintain balanced emotional health as caregivers.

This year's theme is a result of multiple conversations with both parents and schools, who have genuine concerns – The schools wonder if it is possible for children with Cerebral Palsy to have emotional challenges, and if this can affect learning; Many parents are overwhelmed and burnt out by the daily demands and rigours of caregiving and wonder if how they can maintain their emotional well being while continuing to care for their children.



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## SYMPOSIUM TESTIMONIAL SPEECH



Two participants gave their testimonials about the symposium and general experiences about the Organizer. They were super grateful at how much impact they had gained over the years by being present and open to learning at every symposium. They further urged parents in attendance to not relent and always put in practice whatever they are being taught because it will go a long way.



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## CAREGIVERS EMOTIONAL HEALTH

Mrs Olajobi took the floor and addressed the school owners and classroom teachers in our midst on 'Emotional Health and The Classroom' and also addressed parents and caregivers on 'The Caregiver's Emotional Health and' hoped that we will leave here with the tools that we need to maintain emotional well being both at home and in school. She stated that situations sometimes might way one down but in as much as you love and want to take care of your children, parents should take time out for themselves considering their mental health and well-being.





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## EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND THE CLASSROOMS



Mrs Mabel pointed out the fact that not behaviors your child does that are bad to you is actually bad. Every action or reaction from the children also stands as communication one way or the other. This is why one must always be patient and attentive to their children with cerebral palsy.

She went ahead to address the Teachers to always be patient with the kids in school and also remember not to transfer aggression to the children.

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## QUESTIONS AND QNSWERS/ OPEN FLOOR

Questions asked by participants were answered by Mrs Mabel Okoreafor and Mrs Olayobi. Participants went ahead to ask questions like how they can identify how their child may be feeling as they don't communicate verbally. They also asked best ways in which they can best educate their children and how to keep them activate. Questions on how to maintain theirs child hygiene as some of them had gotten to the purberty stage in their lives and best way in which they could be handled.





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## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS BY THE LET CEREBRAL PALSY KIDS LEARN FOUNDATION

There were two categories to be awarded, we had the School of the year [ Patfin Schools Akesan] and the Parent of the year [Ms Oluwabunmi Ajayi]. The images are as followed;

1. Patfin Schools Akesan – School of the Year,



2. Parent of the Year-- Ms Oluwabunmi Ajayi





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## GROUP PICTURES

