

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST'S WORK WITH CHILDREN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY

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Research purpose. The aim of the presentation is to introduce occupational therapist's work with children with cerebral palsy.

Keywords: abnormal brain development, Cerebral palsy, fine motor skills, occupational therapy

Research Methodology. Analysis of scientific literature.

Results / Findings. Cerebral palsy is caused by abnormal brain development or damage to the developing brain. Cerebral palsy affects a person's movements, coordination and intelligence. Occupational therapy techniques for children with cerebral palsy improve their fine motor skills, communication skills and intelligence.

Originality / Practical implications. Inclusive education will come into force in Lithuania in 2024, which means that children with certain disabilities, including cerebral palsy (according to the latest research (2020), there are 3.1 children with cerebral palsy per 1,000 inhabitants in Lithuania), will be taught alongside able-bodied children, and teachers need to be able to know how to help them to learn.

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