

## **Hand In Hand Early Learning Program Financial Aid Application**

A limited amount of funds are set aside each year for the purpose of providing financial assistance to eligible families. The amount of available funds varies from year to year and is contingent upon the operating budget of United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Birmingham, Inc.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

Children eligible for scholarship must have a documented financial need as supplied in the attached Financial Aid Application **AND** one or both of the following:

1. A documented medical diagnosis or history that has a probability of resulting in developmental delay.
2. Delays in development equal to or greater than 25% in one or more of the five developmental areas [cognitive, social/emotional, communication, physical (including hearing and vision) and adaptive] as documented on standardized assessments.

A child who has been determined eligible and awarded a scholarship shall be deemed qualified for the duration of the school year during which the scholarship was awarded regardless of developmental progress.

Special consideration may be given to siblings of children who meet the above criteria.

### **Overview of Scholarship Program**

Eligible families who have children who meet the above criteria and are interested in obtaining financial assistance for Hand In Hand must first apply to either Child Care Central or Child Care Resources for financial assistance. To receive assistance from either program, you must be employed and/or enrolled in school/training and making no more income than is allowable according to established criteria. To determine if your family is eligible for assistance through either program, please call Child Care Central, **941-0115** or Child Care Resources at **795-2303**.

In the event that a family does not qualify for assistance through the programs above, or if the level of assistance is such that a family feels additional financial assistance is needed, they may apply to Hand In Hand's Scholarship Program by completing this Financial Aid Application in its entirety (front and back).

A committee made up of individuals serving on the Board of Directors of United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Birmingham makes the determination of scholarship awards. Decisions are made based on criteria defined by the Scholarship Committee and are made without regard to race, religion, creed, age or sex. Should the Scholarship Committee require additional information from you, your family's service coordinator or the Hand In Hand business office will contact you to make necessary arrangements for you to provide this information.

All financial aid information is held in the strictest confidence. If you have further questions, you may contact Amanda Warren at 944-3918.