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## **UCP Suffolk Students to Participate in Empire State Games**



A Pep Rally kicked off the excitement at the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Suffolk, Inc. (UCP) The Children's Center in Commack. The children have been training to compete in the Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged on May 29 at Mitchell Field in Nassau County. The athletic events enable children with physical disabilities from across the state of New York to compete against each other in a variety of recreational sports. Some of the children from UCP Suffolk will compete in track and others in field sports, such as soft discus, club throw, precision throw and distance kick. The children who will represent UCP Suffolk at The Games range from age seven to 21 years old and they all attend programs at the UCP Children's Center and reside in Suffolk County.

According to Beth Apostoli, Director of Educational Services/Principal, "Everyone at UCP Suffolk, especially the Children's Center is proud of these youngsters and knows that they will do their best to represent the agency and win lots of ribbons and medals."

The Children's Center will host an Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, June 3 at 10 a.m., where the children will be presented with their ribbons and medals. For more information about UCP Suffolk programs and services please call 631-232-0015.

### **About United Cerebral Palsy**

UCP Suffolk, based in Hauppauge, NY, supports almost 4,000 children and adults with a variety of disabilities and their families annually by providing services which include, but are not limited to, job training and placement, physical therapy, individual and family support, as well as early intervention, preschool, school age, adult day and residential programs. UCP also operates a fully accessible Health Centers. Most UCP participants are people with disabilities other than cerebral palsy. For information, visit [www.ucp-suffolk.org](http://www.ucp-suffolk.org) or call 631-232-0011.

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