

United Cerebral Palsy Announces 2026 Latinos with Disabilities Community Series

Webinar series brings together Latino voices, lived experiences, families, professionals, and advocates to advance inclusion and build stronger communities.

VIENNA, VA, UNITED STATES, August 26, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [United Cerebral Palsy \(UCP\)](#), a leader in advancing independence, inclusion, and opportunity for people with disabilities, is pleased to announce the 2026 [Latinos with Disabilities Community Series](#), a four-week webinar series taking place from September 15 through October 6 during Hispanic Heritage Month.

Presented by UCP and sponsored by the ANCOR Foundation and Waymo, the series will bring together people with disabilities, family members, caregivers, self-advocates, professionals, educators, community organizations, and allies for conversations exploring the intersection of disability, culture, identity, access, advocacy, and inclusion.

United for Latinos with Disabilities: Together, We Are More

The Latinos with Disabilities Community Series reflects UCP's commitment to creating opportunities for people with disabilities, their families, and their communities to share experiences, exchange knowledge, and build a more inclusive future.

Previously offered as a two-day virtual conference, the new format provides attendees greater flexibility while encouraging deeper engagement over time. Through weekly one-hour webinars, participants will explore important issues, hear from advocates and experts, and connect with others throughout Hispanic Heritage Month. The 2026 theme, "Unidos, Somos Más" ("Together, We Are More"), celebrates unity and the collective strength of Hispanic and Latino communities.

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*Diane Wilush, interim
president and CEO for UCP*

themselves and recognize the power of their voices and experiences,” said Diane Wilush, interim president and CEO for UCP. “Too often, conversations about disability, culture, access, and inclusion happen without fully centering the people and communities most directly impacted. By bringing self-advocates, family members, professionals, and community leaders together over several weeks, we hope to strengthen connections, elevate lived experience, and inspire ideas and action that lead to more inclusive communities.”

Exploring Disability, Culture, Access, and Opportunity
The 2026 Latinos with Disabilities Community Series will

feature conversations on disability rights, family and caregiver support, educational equity, and workplace inclusion:

September 15: Disability Through Our Eyes: The ADA in Our Community

Latino disability advocates and community leaders will explore the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and examine how disability rights affect access to education, employment, healthcare, and community life, while recognizing the many ways disability identity can intersect with culture, family, and other aspects of an individual's experience.

September 22: Stronger Together: Families, Caregivers & Community Support

Parents, professionals, advocates, and community leaders will discuss the role families and communities play in supporting people with disabilities. The conversation will explore how Latino families can navigate barriers, build trust, strengthen advocacy, and develop more culturally responsive support systems.

September 29: How Stereotypes Against Latino Youth Harm Educational Outcomes

Drawing on interviews with Latino young adults and teachers, this presentation will examine how stereotypes and assumptions about language, immigration, and ability can influence how Latino students are perceived, supported, and placed in school, particularly when disability and learning differences intersect.

October 6: Workplace Inclusion & Economic Opportunities for People with Disabilities

This session will explore employment rights, reasonable accommodations, workplace inclusion, and pathways to greater economic opportunity. Disability advocates and ADA experts will discuss the importance of meaningful employment as a pathway to independence, economic stability, and full participation in community life.

All webinars will be held from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Eastern Time and will be presented virtually via Zoom. Attendance is free, but registration is required for each webinar. Sessions will be offered

in English with live Spanish interpretation.

Building on UCP's Mission

For more than 75 years, UCP has worked to advance the independence, productivity, and full citizenship of people with disabilities. While UCP was founded by families seeking greater opportunity and support for people with cerebral palsy, today the organization serves people with a wide range of disabilities.

Through advocacy, research, programs, services, partnerships, and community engagement, UCP works to expand opportunities for people with disabilities and their families to live, learn, work, participate in their communities, and pursue the lives they choose.

The Latinos with Disabilities Community Series builds on that commitment by centering voices and experiences that are essential to creating more equitable and culturally responsive communities.

"UCP is united for Latinos with disabilities, which reflects our belief that meaningful inclusion begins with listening, connection, and community," added Wilush. "Latinos bring diverse experiences, perspectives, cultures, and strengths to the disability community, and it's our mission to ensure those voices are heard and that individuals and families have opportunities to participate fully in the conversations and decisions that affect their lives."

The series is designed for people with disabilities, family members and caregivers, self-advocates, disability service providers, educators, healthcare professionals, community-based organizations, advocates, policymakers, researchers, students, and allies.

For more information and to register, visit bit.ly/4qztMfU.

About United Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) was founded in 1949, and today, its network of affiliate organizations across North America provides a wide range of services annually to approximately 200,000 children and adults with cerebral palsy and other disabilities. These services include information, resource referral, advocacy, research, educational instruction, early intervention, therapies, job coaching, integrated employment, home and community-based services, recreational opportunities, and housing assistance. UCP is committed to the mission that all people with disabilities should be treated as equal members of an inclusive society. Learn more at UCP.org.

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