



Muscular Dystrophy Association

What is the MDA? MDA is a voluntary health agency - a dedicated partnership between scientists and concerned citizens aimed at conquering neuromuscular diseases that affect more than a million Americans.

Who do we serve? Since 1950 MDA has provided Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky with the most comprehensive services of any voluntary health agency in the country. From the Cincinnati office MDA serves 13 counties in Ohio: Adams, Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties in Northern Kentucky and Adams, Butler, Brown, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, Highland, Scioto, and Warren counties in Ohio. Currently MDA of Cincinnati serves over 1200 families in these areas.

What is Muscular Dystrophy? Muscular Dystrophy is a term describing a group of diseases characterized by progressive degeneration of voluntary muscles. MDA covers 43 diseases (including ALS) with conditions varying in age and onset, rate of progression and muscles affected.

How does MDA help in our community? MDA has the most comprehensive program of any voluntary health agency in the country. MDA operates clinics in most metro areas.

Clinics - The MDA adult clinic is located at the Airing Center for Neurology at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. In addition, the pediatric clinic is located at Children's Medical Center.

MDA provide the following at no cost to its families:

- Initial diagnosis
- Follow-up medical care
- Physical, occupational and respiratory therapy
- Assistance with purchase of wheelchairs
- Influenza vaccinations

Summer Camp - Youth from ages 6-21 attend a weeklong session of fun including fishing, swimming, dancing, horseback riding and arts and crafts at Camp Campbell Guard in Hamilton, OH.

Support Groups - MDA provides emotional and practical support for affected individuals and their families.

Research - MDA's worldwide research program represents the largest single effort to advance knowledge of neuromuscular diseases and to find cures and treatment for them. MDA funds some 400 research investigations by top scientists worldwide.

