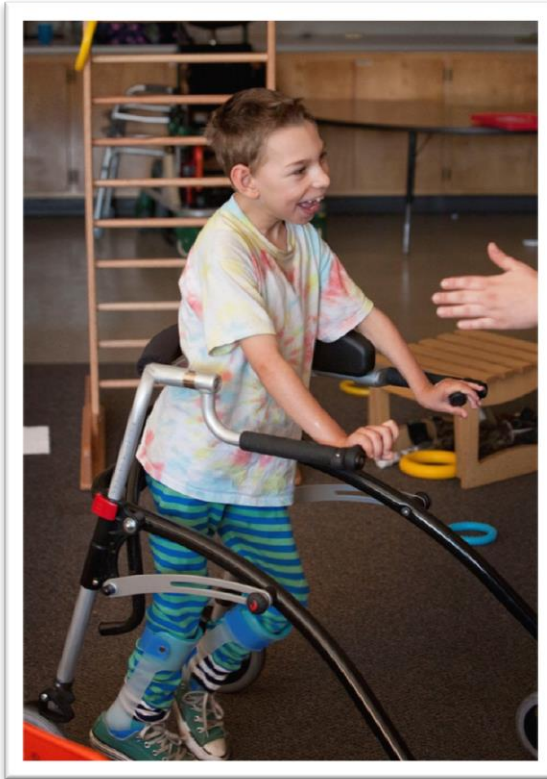


Sam's Story



"When Sam was in Early Start, it was thought he would always need lots of support to sit. During his first summer at BOOST Conductive Education, when he was 3 years old, Sam learned to sit on a bench with no support at all. Through the past five years Sam has learned to pull himself up to standing with a ladder frame and hold on with both hands. He now walks independently with a walker.

Sam loves working hard among his peers at BOOST Conductive Education, where he does not have to feel like the only different kid. He also enjoys knowing he is physically successful and that everybody expects him to succeed. Conductive Education gives Sam the opportunity to try everything, and with time build the skills and confidence to complete everyday tasks by himself.

Our family, including Sam's grandparents, have raised their expectations of Sam's capabilities. In turn, we have helped his school challenge Sam to sit up on the floor with other kids, push his own wheelchair, and walk with his walker during the day. Because the changes Sam has made over the years have so impressed them, members of Sam's school team have made the hour long journey over the summer to see Conductive Education in action."

Isis Brenner-Ward, proud mom of Sam, from Ukiah, California