

Why was the LPM created?

The purpose of the LPM organization is:

- to provide social, emotional, and educational support to the members and their families
- to educate the general public and create awareness within the public eye
- to provide medical knowledge and advice about people with short stature
- to refer members to various community services and government agencies for additional support.
- to enhance the life opportunities for all little persons in Manitoba.

The LPM organization was established in Winnipeg in 1981. The membership

consists of persons of short stature,

their immediate

family and friends

through out Manitoba.



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What is the Little People of Manitoba?

The Little People of Manitoba (LPM) is a non-profit organization dedicated to help people of short stature as well as parents with children of short stature within the province of Manitoba.

LPM strives to support and create awareness to the prominent issues affecting people with dwarfism.

Although some types of dwarfism may have associated medical complications, most little people have a normal life span and normal intelligence. People with dwarfism achieve the same range of career paths as average size people.

Frequently asked

Why are little people so small?

A: This question is the most common question asked to a little person. When asked by a child, the best answer to give is they were born that way. Inform the child that being small is the same reason of them having brown hair, or blue eyes. It is part of our physical makeup. The condition is known as dwarfism and is caused by a genetic mutation that happens 1/30,000 births. More than 80 percent of little people are born to average-size parents with no history of dwarfism in the family.

Q: What are the most common types of dwarfism?

A: There are 250 different types of dwarfism, but the most frequently diagnosed cause is achondroplasia, a genetic condition that results in disproportionately short arms and legs. The average height of adults with achondroplasia is 4'0". Other relatively common genetic conditions that result in disproportionate short stature include [spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia congenita \(SEDC\)](#), [diastrophic dysplasia](#), [pseudoachondroplasia](#), [hypochondroplasia](#), and [osteogenesis imperfecta \(OI\)](#).

What is a midget?

A: In some circles, a midget is the term used for a proportionate dwarf. However, the term has fallen into disfavor and is considered offensive by most people of short stature. The term dates back to 1865, the height of the "freak show" era, and was generally applied only to short-statured persons who were displayed for public amusement, which is why it is considered so unacceptable today.

Such terms as dwarf, little person, LP, and person of short stature are all acceptable, but most people would rather be referred to by their name than by a label.

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