

Williams Syndrome and Other Rare Conditions

Brief Description:

Williams syndrome (WS) is a genetic condition caused by the spontaneous deletion of 26-28 genes on chromosome #7 that is present at birth and can affect anyone.

How It Feels:

Embraceable - Trailer by: [Kent Creative](#) A documentary film about Williams Syndrome.
<http://www.embraceablemovie.com/>

Williams Syndrome

<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/embraceable/15607779>

Helpful Links:

- **Kansas University Medical Center** provides information on genetic/rare conditions as well as support groups.

<http://www.kumc.edu/gec/support/grouporg.html#national>

- **The Berkshire Hills Music Academy** is a post-secondary/transition program established to provide comprehensive training in music, essential academics, social, vocational, and independent living skills.

<http://www.berkshirehills.org/>

- **American Music Therapy Association's** mission is to advance public awareness of the benefits of music therapy and increase access to quality music therapy services in a rapidly changing world.

<http://www.musictherapy.org/>

- **The National Organization for Rare Disorders** is committed to the identification, treatment, and cure of rare disorders through programs of education, advocacy, research, and service.

<http://www.pcnet.com/~orphan>

- **The Family Village** is a site with a Williams syndrome discussion board.

<http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/index.htmlx>

- **The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)** is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities, and/or the gifted.

<http://www.cec.sped.org/>

- **Institute of Community Integration** works to improve the community services and social supports available to individuals with developmental and other disabilities, and their families.

<http://www.ici.coled.umn.edu/ici>

Resources Available At Our Center:

Early Intervention In Reading Level 1 and Level 2

Toss and Spell

Word Family Picture Wheels

Rhyming Words Reading Games

Kim Sutton Math

Ron Brown's Math Music

Dr. Jean's Reading Music

Support Groups:

- **The Arc** is the national organization of and for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

<http://www.thearc.org/>

- **The William Syndrome Association** is the most comprehensive resource for people and families living with Williams syndrome and provides resources, support and the latest medical information to help children and adults with Williams syndrome.

<https://williams-syndrome.org/>