

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

Strategies for Teaching and Assistive Technology for Students With Williams Syndrome and Other Rare Conditions

- **The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)** is committed to improving results and outcomes for people with disabilities of all ages.

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/index.html?src=oc>

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- **Texas AT Network** provides a good overview to understand the basics of assistive technology.

<http://www.texasat.net/default.aspx?name=trainmod.consideration>

- **WATI** also provides a good overview to understand the basics of assistive technology for students.

<http://wati.org/>