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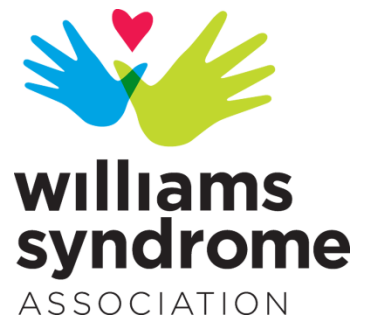
Extraordinary gifts, unique challenges.



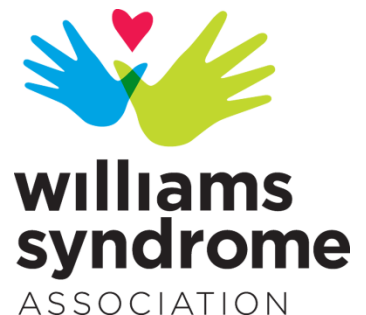
**One in every 10,000 babies
is born with Williams syndrome.**



**Williams syndrome affects both males
and females equally -
more than 25,000 people in the United
States have Williams syndrome.**



Children with Williams syndrome are highly social – friendly and endearing. Many share an affinity to music, and some individuals have unexpected musical skills.



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People with Williams syndrome often have medical problems, including cardiovascular disease, kidney disorders and gastro-intestinal issues.

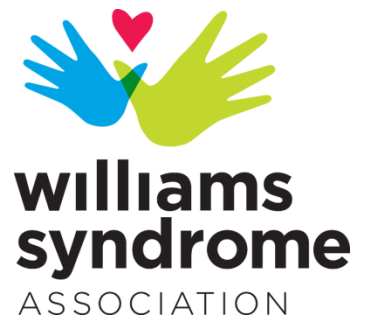


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learning disabilities are common.**



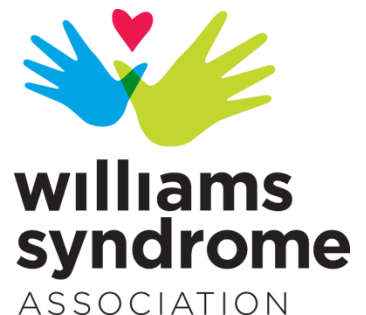
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Individuals with Williams syndrome have similar facial features, including a unique stellate (starburst) pattern in the iris of blue eyes, puffiness around the eyes, and full lips.



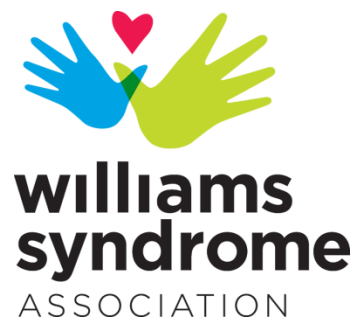
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**Individuals with Williams syndrome
are extremely friendly, yet are often
unable to form lasting friendships.**



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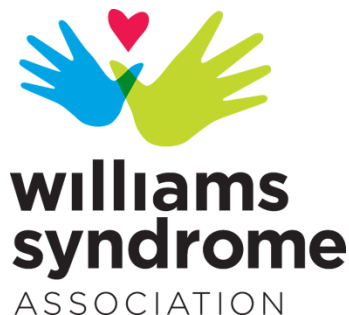
Children with Williams syndrome struggle in visual-spatial areas – handwriting, numbers and abstract reasoning can be extremely difficult.



Developmental delays are common in young children with Williams syndrome. Delays in fine and gross motor skills as well as speech acquisition require extensive therapeutic interventions.

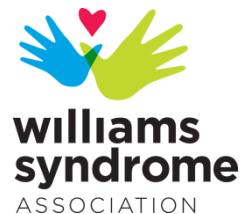


**Anxiety is common at all ages –
some scientists theorize that overly-
friendly behaviors are actually
defensive strategies for anxiety in
those the Williams syndrome.**

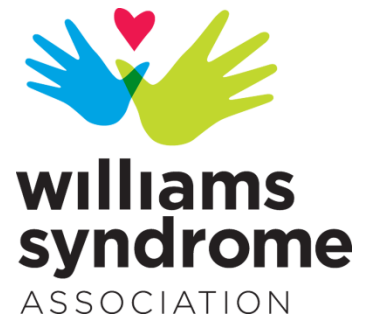


Cardiovascular disorders including aortic and pulmonary stenosis are a hallmark of Williams syndrome.

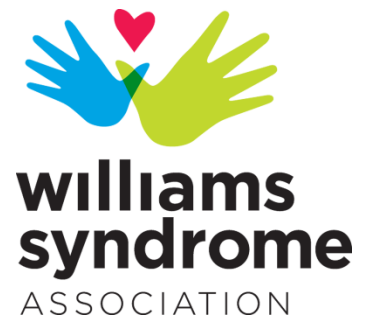
Seventy-five percent of people with WS are affected, and many will require 1 or more surgical interventions.



Many individuals with Williams syndrome have hyper-sensitive hearing. Certain sounds like thunder, engine noise and even loud clapping at an event, can be painful for some children & adults.



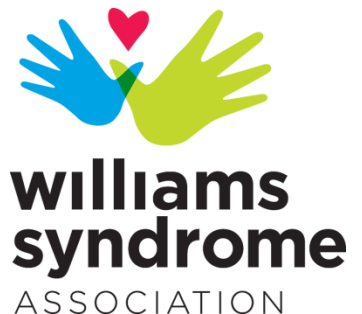
**Young adults with Williams syndrome
need help to attain essential
independent living skills and most will
require assistance throughout their
lifetimes.**



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Individuals with Williams syndrome will leave a legacy.

Scientists are studying those with WS, knowing that they hold the keys to helping millions of Americans with High Blood Pressure, Diabetes, Autism, and Anxiety disorders.





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and Social events each year.

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individuals with WS of all ages.

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& Post Secondary Programs.

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funding for critical research studies.

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for a lifetime.

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