

Williams Syndrome: Supporting your Child's Development

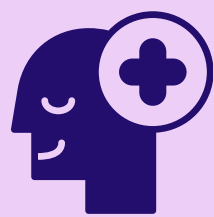
1. Strong Relationships

Children with Williams syndrome thrive with positive relationships. This impacts on their ability to learn.



2. Self-regulation

Your child may need support for regulation. Encouraging them to talk about feelings and emotions can help.



3. Whole-child Development

Try to provide balance in your child's development by involving them in music, art, drama, sports, games and play.



4. Awareness of WS Needs

Many professionals may not have WS knowledge, so understanding how WS impacts your child will be important.



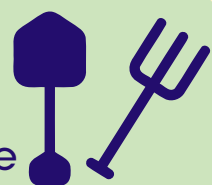
5. Safe Environment

Your child may need careful supervision. They may be a flight risk due to the high distractibility associated with WS.



6. Learn by Doing

Allow your child to try out new things, to support you in your daily tasks and to make mistakes. Use their social drive for motivation.



7. Decision Making

Enable your child to make some decisions from an early age, such as, what cup to drink from, or what clothes to wear.



8. Play

Provide many opportunities for your child to play (alone, with peers, and with you), as a way to learn and practice skills and language.



9. Language

Talk to your child using rich and interesting language, and teach words in other languages to support their linguistic abilities.

