

GEMSS: Genetics Education Materials for School Success – Williams Syndrome

www.gemssforschools.org

The AIM of GEMSS

To assure all children with genetic health conditions:

- Succeed in school-life
- Are members of neighborhood schools across the country



25+ Conditions in GEMSS

including...

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| Angelman | Prader-Willi |
| Cornelia de Lange | Rhett |
| Cystic Fibrosis | Sickle Cell |
| Down Syndrome | Turner |
| Fragile X | Urea Cycle |
| Fetal Alcohol | MCAD & VLCAD |
| Klinefelter | Williams |
| Marfan | 22q Deletion |
| Noonan | More! |

GEMSS is for Teachers, Parents, School Nurses, and Genetic Counselors

Teachers and parents:

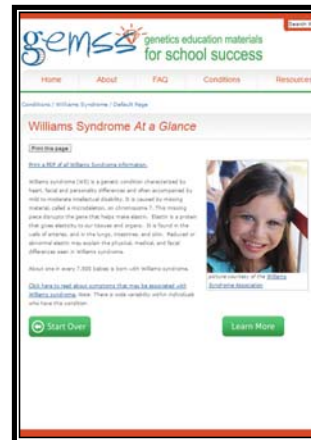
- Use GEMSS to better understand the needs of students who have genetic conditions
- Explore GEMSS to see if there are strategies you can implement
- Share the link with other families and groups

Nurses/Genetic Counselors:

- Refer families and educators to this site
- Provide feedback on new conditions and suggestions to the GEMSS team
- Provide printable handouts and flyers in your office waiting areas for families

GEMSS is a web based resource for families and school personnel that offers:

- Genetic conditions explained in plain language
- Helpful strategies for field trips, diet, communication, instruction, transition, and more
- General tips and strategies for other conditions and undiagnosed



Photos courtesy of Zhala and her family

To find the GEMSS website, go to www.gemssforschools.org
Now available on your mobile device!

Parent Ambassadors are invited to help us spread the word!

GEMSS was created by geneticists, genetic counselors, teachers and parents as part of the New England Genetics Collaborative.