

FACT SHEET: ANGELMAN SYNDROME

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What is Angelman Syndrome?

Angelman Syndrome is a genetic disorder that affects the nervous system, characteristics that include developmental delays, intellectual disability, and speech impairments. [Angelman](#) syndrome generally go unnoticed until the age of 1 year. Children typically have a happy demeanor and have a fascination with water

PREVALENCE

Angelman Syndrome is a rare disorder and affects 1 in 12,000 to 20,000 a year. Equally to less than 200,000 case a year. Affects all ethnicities and sexes equally.

Symptoms

- developmental delay
- intellectual disability
- epilepsy
- microcephaly
- short attention span
- happy demeanor
- hyperactivity
- hand-flapping

Associated Behaviors

- tongue thrusting
- feeding problems during infancy
- sensitivity to heat
- frequent drooling
- attraction to water

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TEACHING STRATEGIES

- Use task analysis in sequential order
- Give clear choices
- Use short and simple sentences
- Teach specific skills when possible
- Show what you mean
- Teach in multiple settings
- Use functional material