Williams syndrome is a genetic disorder associated with intellectual disabilities and a striking profile of cognitive and behavioral strengths and challenges. Persons with Williams syndrome tend to be verbal, engaging, and fascinated by sounds and music. Many have well-developed musical gifts and talents.

Caused by a deletion or small missing piece on one of the chromosome 7’s, Williams syndrome is associated with cardiac disease and other medical challenges. Persons with Williams syndrome may become quite anxious or worried about such things as loud sounds, stormy weather, or what others think of them.