



# Parley

Parents And Relatives  
Listening and Empathising  
with You

## Laura's Story

Hello, I am a mom of a very active and get's into everything little boy. My son, Alex, has hydrocephalus, diagnosed when I was 21 weeks pregnant. He was born 3 weeks early to have his shunt placed. After going through genetic testing he was diagnosed with X-Linked Congenital Hydrocephalus. It's passed from mother to son in my family. I also have a brother with hydrocephalus.

My son is developmentally delayed and cannot talk, but is smart, smart smart. He is always surprising everyone, including his teachers. It's going to be fun watching how far he goes.

My most favorite experience is being his mom and my least is when I was told (6 months pregnant) that he wouldn't live past a few days after birth.

What do they know anyway. ;)