

To the newly diagnosed parent,

Don't let your child's diagnosis steal your HOPE for their future. Take everything you've been told that your child won't do and toss it, because they will prove everyone wrong. Every. Single. Day. Presume competence in them with everything they do and anyone that presumes less has no place on their team. Your child has Angelman syndrome, but Angelman syndrome doesn't have them. They can, and they will, have the life they deserve. And you deserve to have HOPE, because it isn't a matter of if we will have a cure but when we will have a cure. FAST is moving mountains and kicking AS, and your child is going to kick it too.

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