

GEMSS: Genetics Education Materials for School Success  
 22q Deletion Velocardiofacial Syndrome [www.gemssforschools.org](http://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!        |

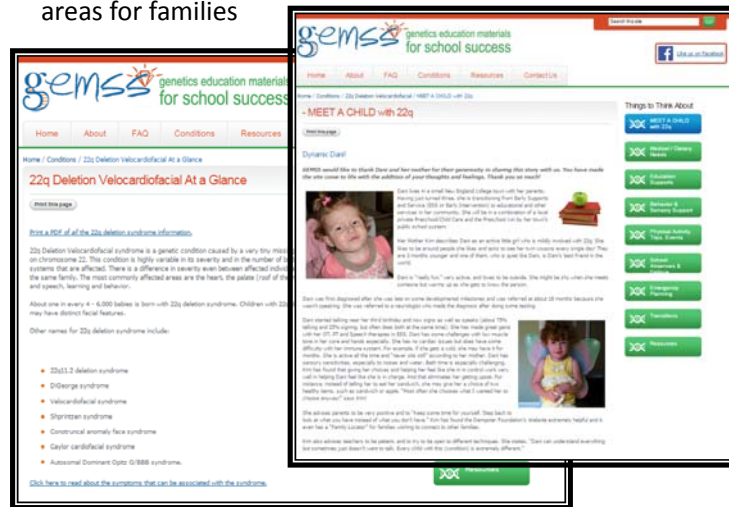
**GEMSS is for Teachers, Parents, School Nurses, and Genetic Counselors**

**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



To find the GEMSS website, go to [www.gemssforschools.org](http://www.gemssforschools.org)  
 Now available on your mobile device!

**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 Dani and her family

**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.