

# Meet Kaiden

## A We Care Success Story

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The first day two-year-old Kaiden started in the EXPLORERS classroom, we instantly fell in love with him and his family. His mom and dad came in ready to work with the teachers and therapists on goals we created just for Kaiden to help him grow stronger in his areas of need. Kaiden came in with a speech delay, gross motor and fine motor delay, and eating concerns. Despite all his needs, he had a smile that would brighten anyone's day and a special glimmer in his eyes that told us he was ready to play and learn!

At first he only came to school part-time on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. But as he started making progress in ALL areas, his parents requested he come full-time, Monday through Friday! His family noticed the progress he was making at home too and knew that the consistency and routine at school was just what Kaiden needed to keep on the right track. We were excited to hear this because this meant we could work with him even more and help him reach his goals.

While at We Care, Kaiden made great strides in the area of eating. He came in not being able to drink any liquids (because of choking). By the time he left he was able to drink any kind of liquid through a straw. Kaiden also did not have to be fed through his "button" (an opening for a feeding tube in his stomach) as much because he was eating more food at home and at school.

Kaiden's language developed dramatically in the short time he was at We Care. He started the program with only a few words, but by the time he left, he was speaking in full sentences! Here are some examples:

"I love my spaghetti!"

"I'm gonna put you in the crib."

"Don't touch my food!"

"I Love my mommy."

"I ate Red Robin last night."

"Why is Billy crying again?"

As time passed, Kaiden kept meeting his goals and we continued to make higher and more ambitious goals for him. He did so well that he ended up graduating from the EXPLORERS classroom a few months early because his scores were so high that he no longer qualified for services! His family was so happy and proud of Kaiden and all of his accomplishments, and so are we.



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