

Hi, my name is Kym. My parent to parents session

today is going to be talking about how to explain a medical diagnosis

to day care providers or schools, especially if it's a condition

that not a whole lot of people know about or understand.

Something like asthma is relatively common,

and a lot of people know exactly how to deal with that.

My daughter was born with a condition that happens

one in every 800,000 births.

So my anxiety had gone through the roof in trying to find a daycare,

find a school, find somewhere that I would be comfortable leaving her all day

to get her education and possibly make friends.

I had spoken to her team of doctors,

her intervention specialists, and her therapists

about what I need to do in order to make sure that she is going to be safe

and she's going to be happy. One of the things they told me

is to speak with the daycare and the schools ahead of time.

Call them up even a few months before you plan on enrolling

to explain to them I need to have a meeting person to person

and go over some of the things that are an issue.

one of the things my daughter has an issue with is eating.

She is on a feeding tube and this is something that I needed

to express to the school and make sure that they were comfortable with it.

The thing is, if we don't have the words to explain it,

they're not going to know what to do.

So the best thing is to be preemptive about it.

Get in touch with your schools, your daycares

give them sort of a run down.

Speak with the nurse if you have to to get a plan together

before any enrollment takes place.

Make sure that you're comfortable and even ask your child, you know,

if they're comfortable with it too, because they have to be on board as well.

That's what I learned for one of my very first medical child

issues I had to deal with, so I hope that my advice can help you.