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Milton Rogers: My name is Milton Rogers, and my son goes to TLC, which is the Learning Center for Families in St. George, Utah. My -- I have a son that's -- has a disability and this is a school that helps us with his development. He has hydrocephalus, which is water on the brain, and he got diagnosed at thirty-eight days old; he had to get a shunt in his head. And the Learning Center just helps us with his development and makes sure that he's on the right track...

... 'cause we wasn't really sure, with having brain surgery, if it was gonna affect his development. So we have a occupational therapist that comes out and works with him and also a -- a learning consultant that comes weekly in -- in the home and makes sure that we're doing the right things and giving us the right tools to help him with his development.

The one thing I -- I want to say to, like, the parents that may have a disabled child, don't feel that you did anything wrong -- 'cause I know my fiancée was blaming herself, like if she didn't do something right in her pregnancy and everything. But, you know, sometimes these things just happen and, you know, you have to just stay strong and -- and have faith in God when it comes to that.

And the school that we have helps all types of children and, you know, they help us interact with different parents. We have a parent committee, and we meet monthly and discuss different things. And it's not even all of just about the development of our child, they teach us about relationships, how to strengthen our -- our relationship as a -- as a whole and...

Yes... And then they also, you know, help -- helped us -- like personally helped us like with -- with our house. 'Cause I was -- at the time when my son was born, we were staying with my brother. You know, once we got our own apartment we basically moved with just our clothes. And they had all different types of resources to help us get furniture, clothing, and you know... It's just a really great program.

I -- I'd just tell them, you know, stay strong and -- and try to get as much help as you can and much information, you know, to help you help your child, you know. And I would just tell -- tell, like, especially, like, the fathers, you know, be strong and just be there, you know, for your wife and -- and your child and just, you know, try to help lift them up in this time of need and everything, you know. And don't -- don't blame yourself, 'cause it's nothing that -- you know, that you do that bring this on.

And that's -- that's about all I would -- you know, could really tell them, you know, far as my personal experience. I've only been in the program for maybe close to two years -- now coming close to two years, and my son has probably like another year in the program and he's doing extremely well. And I just really feel blessed.

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