

Albinism

FACTS:

- **Albinism is a simple lack of coloring in the skin.**
- **Albinism is genetic—passed from the birth parents.**
- **People who have albinism are sensitive to light. Children might squint a lot to protect their eyes.**
- **Children with albinism have normal intelligence.**
- **Children with albinism can expect to live long and healthy lives.**



Children with albinism vary in skin and hair color. Hair color ranges from white to a reddish-brown.



Children with albinism are often sensitive to light. Wearing hats and sunglasses helps them to see.

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TREATMENT:

- Albinism cannot be “cured” with medicine or surgery.
- Most children with albinism have vision issues. Some children’s eyes will move back and forth rapidly or will not track together.
- Wearing hats and sunglasses, even when indoors, can help make a child more comfortable and less sensitive to light.
- Wearing sunscreen is important anytime a child goes outside in order to prevent sunburn.



I can do
ANYTHING!



Families love their children
with albinism. They are healthy,
happy children.