

childhood dementia

THE FACTS



Childhood dementia is progressive. Children lose their ability to talk, walk, read, write and play, and eventually the body loses its ability to function.

1 in 2800 babies are born with a condition that causes childhood dementia

Childhood dementia takes a life every 11 minutes



CHILDHOOD DEMENTIA RESULTS FROM PROGRESSIVE BRAIN DAMAGE CAUSED BY 70+ GENETIC CONDITIONS



An estimated 700,000 children and young people worldwide have childhood dementia



Like adults with dementia, children can experience:

- memory loss
- confusion
- difficulty concentrating, understanding, learning and communicating
- personality changes
- hyperactivity
- disturbed sleep
- anxiety
- fear



75% of children with dementia will die before they turn 18



Symptoms can vary and progress over months, years or even decades, impacting both the child and their family.

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