

Hi my name is Eli Nathaniel Grover. I was born in Texas City, Texas on May 11, 2015 and came to my foster family in Delta, Colorado when I was five months old and adopted shortly after that in November 2016.

I have Congenital Hydrocephalus, Rhombencephalosynapsis, Gerd, gross motor development delay, vision problems, intero exposure to HIV (fully cleared at 12 mo.), g-tube with fundoplication, laryngomalacia, premature before 37 weeks, and recently since January 2018, I had some seizures.

I live with my adopted family, my mommy Stephanie, my sister, Karen; brother, Kameron, and two dogs. One dog is named Pepper who is a puppy and is my companion and soon to be a service dog once she is old enough to be trained.





Since Eli's arrival in Colorado, he has been in the Early Intervention program with Community Options. This has been the best decision having Eli in this program. Oftentimes, mom reports, I did not know if I could manage caring for a child with so many special needs. Community Options and the Early Intervention program gave me the support and the ability to learn from some amazing therapists and to be able to have important services in my own home that have impacted Eli for a lifetime. The challenges of transporting Eli while waiting for the right assistive technology would have been impossible to keep up with his therapy needs without the strain on my health. The Family Support program filled in the gaps when other funding sources were not able to assist Eli. Our new puppy, Pepper, is always by Eli's side and has already helped Eli to sit upright or playing on the floor and working those important muscles.



Thank you Community Options and Early Intervention Colorado!