

Preslee (written by her mom, Amber)

**I find conductive education to be the best of both PT and OT.
My daughter also enjoys it and sees the benefit.**

Preslee, who will be 10 in July, was born at 31 weeks, delivered during a very traumatic birth. Delivery was fast and furious, and she arrived in distress, blue and had to be resuscitated. She was only 3 pounds when she was born. Preslee was what they call a “feeder-grower baby”, because that was their plan, to feed her and help her to grow, as she had to weigh 4 1/2 pounds before she could go home. Because Preslee did so well in the NICU, they didn’t run any tests.



Because of her size, they started Physical Therapy to bridge the gap when she was only 3 days old. Other than Preslee being tiny and needing a little time to build her strength, we assumed she was a typical baby and didn’t know until she was 11 months old from seeing delays that something was going on. A CAT Scan at 11 months of age revealed that her condition was missed by the doctors early on. Our family moved to Philadelphia to pursue care for Preslee. She was diagnosed with PVL (Periventricular Leukomalacia, which is the most common ischemic brain injury in premature infants) that was manifesting itself in Cerebral Palsy. She has had PT, OT, Aquatic Therapy, and numerous Botox injections through her young life.

Our family found CFCE 6 years ago. Even though we lived in Casper, WY, we enrolled her in a CFCE summer camp. We are totally impressed with the diligence and patience of the CFCE staff. We saw improvements in Preslee’s strength and balance. After attending 6 summer camps in CO a friend mention that if Preslee were his daughter he would move to Colorado for conductive education. This got us thinking. This summer after returning home from our sixth summer in Colorado we decided to look at moving here. Preslee had also stated some of her "goals" and things she wanted to accomplish she believed these would not be met without conductive education therapy. Dad got online, found a job, and this November we moved to Windsor Colorado to be able to enroll Preslee is weekly therapy sessions with conductors. We are hoping for the best. Preslee as well as the family are willing to work hard. We love CFCE!