

Video Transcript: Describe a situation where your pediatrician valued your insights

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Blue background with title: Describe a situation where your pediatrician valued your input and insights as a parent related to your child's care.

Brad Thompson, MA, Licensed Counselor for the Hali Project is interviewed.

BRAD THOMPSON: When Hali was a sophomore in high school and seemed to me as dad going along fine. Karen looked at Hali and would see her during the day and say there's just something not right. And I would say she kind of looks the same as she did yesterday but Karen said my gut feeling just tells me there's something wrong. And our first stop was Dr Medford, our pediatrician and she being also a mother of a child with special needs and Karen connecting at a mom level as much as a doctor parent level Dr Medford heard her gut feeling and didn't just write it off as an over concerned mom or whatever. And because of that we ended up taking the steps to discovering that as a result of Hali's Chiari malformation—she had a cyst in her spine that was about 10 inches long that's the best example I can give. Now what that causes for me at home is that now is Karen ever says I just have a feeling I have to go with it and I have made her promise me that she'll never say she has a gut feeling if she really doesn't. (laughter).

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