

DIEGO'S STORY

Diego Torres Zermeño, my 7-year-old child diagnosed with epilepsy, underwent surgery when he was 2 1/2 years of age. He had a diagnosis of mesial temporal sclerosis, delayed gross and fine motor, language and intellectual disabilities when we met Dr Serrano.

My husband and I were in search of tools and methodologies that improve Diego's quality of life. On our path we found light and guidance on how much we needed to change our perception of our son and his medical condition first and foremost. The first thing Dr. Maria Serrano said to us was " You are the ones who must change first in order to see your child as a person who knows and understands everything that happens to him, rest assure that you can explain things with confidence to him and that he is totally capable of understanding you" It was amazing! After that first session we started to see changes.

Diego began to look at us as if he actually understood what was going on. Dr. Maria spoke firmly and with certainty with Diego, telling him that she knew all he was capable of and that together they would achieve everything. She asked us to speak with optimism and confidence to Diego. This was the beginning of a beautiful relationship between Diego and us and with the world.

Every day Diego shows improvements in his abilities, attitudes and general changes that have enhanced his quality of life. Today he is more aware of what happens in his environment as now he is capable of telling us what he wants, or even take what he needs, when before he was not capable of doing it. There has been an increase in his desire to communicate allowing us to implement a variety of communication techniques supervised by Dr. Serrano.

Improvement in his cognition, learning and development are reflected also in school as well as in his social life. Now he notices the presence of his peers and his 1 year old brother Matthew. He also knows where we are going. Sometimes he gets upset because we do not tell him what we are doing or where we are going.

We have had so many achievements and seen many changes in Diego thanks to Dr Maria's guidance and interventions. She knows exactly what do do next after one mildstone had been accomplished.

She is the compass that guides our path and I can only say that life with Diego never had been so much fun and our work with him more enjoyable! ... There is something enigmatic about Dr. Maria's work. It is definitely THE LOVE SHE PUTS IN HER WORK. I can not put into words what Dr Serrano has meant for us.

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