



Little Lavender Ebert was born 2 ½ months early and was only 1.6 pounds and 12 inches long. She was about the size of a pop bottle. Her mother, Jessica was a new young parent who was worried about her baby girl. Like any other parent, she just wanted her child to be healthy. Doctors immediately set Lavender up with Coulee Children's Center for help. At 4 months Lavender was finally able to leave the hospital and go home. Lavender's struggle wasn't over though. Coulee Children's Center stepped in and, Lavender began receiving weekly in home therapy and counseling sessions by their staff. These services were provided for free to Lavender because of the funds donated by the Great Rivers United Way.

Eating, sleeping, crawling, and walking are all things Lavender received help with. Each week the Coulee Children's Center Staff would set a goal with Lavender and Jessica and every week Lavender accomplished her goal.

Now, two years later, Lavender is a thriving little girl, thanks to the Coulee Children's Center support. Her mother stated that Lavender has exceeded everyone's expectations. You can see the joy Lavender brings to everyone around her. She may have been born physically weak, but her spirit has been strong from the beginning. We know Lavender will do great things in her life.

Lavender is now an active little girl who loves playing with her grand parents puppies, dancing to music and playing with her dolls.