

## About Down Syndrome

Down syndrome is the most commonly occurring chromosomal condition. Down syndrome occurs in approximately one in every 733 births, in people of all races and economic levels. Today, there are more than 400,000 people living with Down syndrome in the United States.

Individuals with Down syndrome have three copies of the 21st chromosome instead of two. This additional genetic material alters the course of development and is the cause for different characteristics associated with Down syndrome.

All people with Down syndrome experience cognitive delays. With a stimulating home environment, quality educational programs, good health care and support from family, friends & community, people with Down syndrome can develop to their fullest potential and lead a productive & fulfilling life.

\*Source: The National Down Syndrome Society

## About DSAV

The Down Syndrome Association of the Valley, (DSAV) is a local 501(c)3, non-profit organization in the Eastern Ohio Western Pennsylvania area established to provide support, resources, advocacy, education and opportunity for those with Down syndrome and their families.

Our organization is open to family members, healthcare professionals, educators and anyone interested in helping those in our community with Down syndrome reach their fullest potential.

**Our vision is for individuals with Down syndrome to be active participants in a fully inclusive society.**



In October 2009, the DSAV opened the first Down syndrome center in the area.

The DSAV Center for Success® is where families, community members, educators and health care professionals can come to obtain up-to-date information about Down syndrome.

The center serves as the DSAV office and provides space for activities, resources, educational programs, lectures, support and community awareness for individuals with Down syndrome and their families.

An inviting place for pre-natal and new parent support, the Center for Success® is able to accommodate meetings and activities covering the lifespan of individuals with Down syndrome.



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## What We Do

As affiliate members of:

- National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS)
- National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC)
- Down Syndrome Affiliates in Action (DsAIA)
- Ohio Down Syndrome Advocacy Network (ODAN),

our goal is to offer resources, support, advocacy and opportunity to individuals with Down syndrome and their families.

The DSAV encourages parents, families, friends, educators and healthcare professionals to work together in building a future where everyone can live successful and productive lives.

The DSAV represents the needs of people with Down syndrome and their families to improve quality of life, preserve rights and advance their interests. We work to enhance their status as citizens, and encourage maximum independence and participation in the community.



## What We Offer:

- ♥ New Parent Support
- ♥ Medical, Legal & Education Lectures
- ♥ Down syndrome Center
- ♥ Community & Social Events
- ♥ Age Responsive Programming & Materials
- ♥ Resource and Referral Services
- ♥ Public Awareness, Outreach & Advocacy



## Join Us:

We would love for you to be a part of DSAV!  
Fill out the form below or visit: [www.dsav.org](http://www.dsav.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Parent    \_\_\_\_ Healthcare Professional

\_\_\_\_ Educator    \_\_\_\_ Therapist

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about your child or friend with Down syndrome:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Activities/Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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