

★ FACTS ABOUT DOWN SYNDROME

- ★ Down syndrome occurs when an individual has **three, rather than two, copies of the 21st chromosome.**
- ★ Down syndrome is the most commonly occurring chromosomal condition. **One in every 733 babies** is born with Down syndrome.
- ★ There are more than **400,000** people with Down syndrome in the United States.
- ★ Down syndrome occurs in people of all **race and economic levels.**
- ★ **Life expectancy** for people with Down syndrome has increased dramatically in recent decades - from 25 in 1983 to 60 today.
- ★ People with Down syndrome attend school, work, participate in decisions that affect them and **contribute to society** in many wonderful ways.



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ADVOCACY NETWORK ★

"ODAN has brought together all of the Down syndrome organizations in Ohio.

Together, we advocate, share information, and support each other. We do this to make Ohio a better place to live for all people, including people with Down syndrome."

- Janet Gora, ODAN Co-Chair

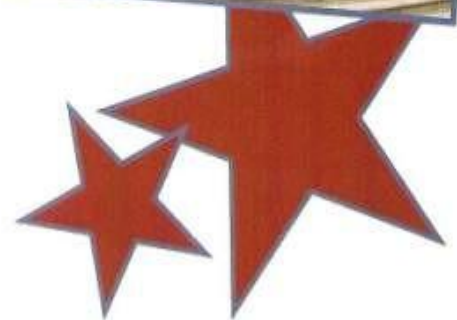
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MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

- ★ Down Syndrome Association of the Valley (Eastern Ohio & Western Pennsylvania)
www.dsav.org
- ★ The Up Side of Downs of Greater Cleveland
www.theupsideofdowns.org
- ★ Miami Valley Down Syndrome Association (Dayton Area)
www.mvdsa.org
- ★ Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (Columbus)
www.dsaco.net
- ★ Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati
www.dsagc.com
- ★ Down Syndrome Association of Greater Toledo
www.dsagt.org
- ★ Down Syndrome Association of Southeast Ohio

- ★ Down Syndrome Support Network of Stark County
330-949-5427
- ★ Down Syndrome Support Group of Allen County
419-296-1544



OHIO DOWN SYNDROME ADVOCACY NETWORK

VISION

The vision of the Ohio Down syndrome Advocacy Network (ODAN) is to ensure personal opportunities for all individuals with Down syndrome in their schools and communities to achieve their goals and reach their maximum potential by influencing policies and practices. ODAN works to ensure that individuals with Down syndrome live and work in an environment where diversity is valued, strengths and interests are accentuated, and opportunities equal those in the general community.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- ★ Removal of the words 'mental retardation' from the name of state and related entities
- ★ Working to ensure the Medicaid waiver provider certification process is efficient and family friendly
- ★ Advocating for families to ensure that IDEA regulations are enforced at the state level
- ★ Collaborating with other disability groups to advocate for supported employment options across the state
- ★ Changing perceptions of people with Down syndrome through awareness campaigns
- ★ Advocating on behalf of parents to ensure there is ample parent information and support at the school age level

