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# Piedmont Down Syndrome Support Network

## Our Purpose

- To provide information, educational opportunities, and support for families with individuals who have Down syndrome.
- To promote public awareness and better understanding of Down syndrome, its possibilities, its challenges, and its developments in education and treatment.
- To insist that appropriate programs for people with Down syndrome are available in all aspects of their lives, including education, recreation, worship, employment, and independent living.
- To protect and promote the rights of people with Down syndrome.
- To promote the training of competent and sensitive personnel to aid in the education, care, treatment, and hiring of individuals with Down syndrome.
- To address social policy issues & provide research into areas that will enhance the quality of life and improve treatment for individuals with Down syndrome.

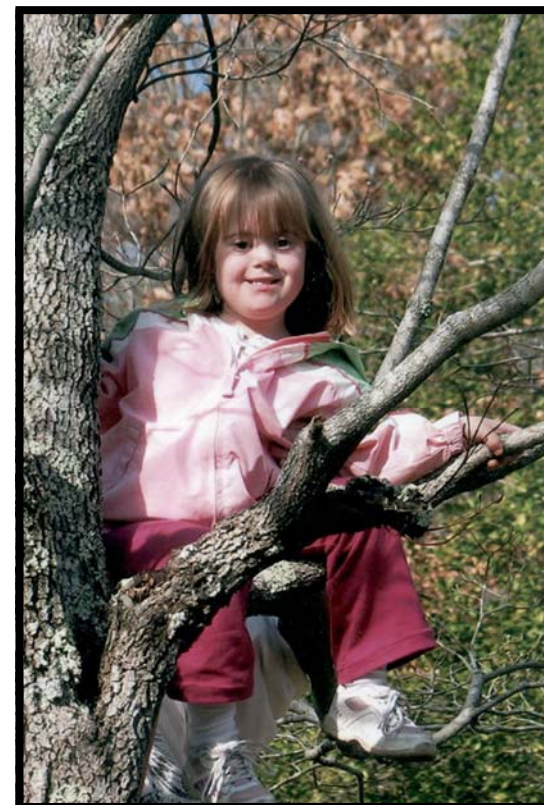


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# Welcome to PDSSN

## Our Mission

The Piedmont Down Syndrome Support Network is an advocacy organization that serves to enhance lives of individuals with Down syndrome, and to provide information and support to families and professionals.

PDSSN reaches out to new families, provides educational and social opportunities for our members, and educates the community to promote awareness, respect, and inclusion of persons with Down syndrome. We invite you to become a part of PDSSN! Our membership is open to anyone interested in supporting individuals with Down syndrome. Visit our website, at [www.pdssn.com](http://www.pdssn.com) for more information, and to download an application—or call the number on this brochure and we will send you one.



The Buddy Walk is our annual event—a fun time to celebrate people who have Down syndrome!

## About Down Syndrome

Down syndrome is a genetic condition that occurs once in every 733 live births. It is one of the most frequent randomly-occurring chromosomal abnormalities. It is caused by the presence of an extra 21st chromosome. More than 400,000 people in the US have Down syndrome.

People with Down syndrome attend public schools, participate in community activities, are active in sports, hold jobs, marry, pay taxes, and vote.

PDSSN provides a resource notebook for families new to Down syndrome. In our notebook you will find more detail about attributes unique to people who have Down syndrome.

## PDSSN Connects Families

- Family gatherings, quarterly
- Buddy Walk
- Educational programs
- PDSSN Resource Notebook
- Little Buddies Play Group
- Ladies Night Out /Guys Night Out
- BEES—parent support for behaviors
- REAL—REaders Are Learners (for people ages 18 and older)
- The Annual Meeting in January with a research update by geneticist, Dr. Tamison Jewett.



## Available in Our Community

- PDSSN—Piedmont Down Syndrome Support Network
- FSN—Family Support Network
- Early Intervention Services through the CDSA—Children's Developmental Services Agency
- Developmental Preschools
- Recreational and Social Programs
- Beyond Academics, a college-based program
- Vocational Training

## PDSSN Community Outreach

Our organization sponsors and/or supports activities that promote options for people with Down syndrome and other developmental disabilities. More information about our Community Outreach Grants is available on our website, [www.pdssn.com](http://www.pdssn.com).