



**Join us for the 37th Annual
NDSC Convention
July 31 - August 2, 2009**

GOLD! EUREKA!

REALIZE GOLDEN DREAMS

Join us this summer in Sacramento. You'll go home with new friends and new insights. And, you'll have at least one thing in common with those old prospectors — you'll have laughed and wept with pure joy in celebration as you realize golden dreams come true.



About 160 years ago, people by the droves came to Sacramento, driven by wild dreams of unimaginable riches.

About four decades ago smaller groups joined together to pursue what many thought an equally impossible dream — making real the idea that people with Down syndrome should take a place in our communities. That they could learn, perform and contribute.

Most 49ers went bust, but we've realized our golden dream.

Together we've discovered rich lodes of information on every aspect of Down syndrome. And, we've shared that with a growing community of dreamers — parents, families and professionals — who gather once a year at the NDSC annual convention.

The tradition endures — now for the 37th year, we will come together in Sacramento, California to gather nuggets of wisdom from national and international experts on Down syndrome. We will gather an incredible wealth of information on communication, behavior, nutrition, community integration and so very much more.

Sacramento

California at its very finest

One of the greatest of all American romances, the California gold rush, thundered into headlines across the globe in 1849 bringing a stampede of farm boys and factory workers, thieves and thugs to the lazy confluence of the American and Sacramento Rivers – to Sacramento.

The romance and excitement linger and will surround the 2009 National Down Syndrome Congress convention, July 31 through August 2.

Welcome to Sacramento — beyond the walls of the Sacramento Convention Center and hotel ballrooms lies Sacramento's Old Town where 49ers haunt cobblestoned streets lined with shops and contemporary treasure.

Rent a car or hop a train. Head west to the gold-bearing hills and the towering Sierra mountains. Discover for yourself spectacular Yosemite and beautiful Lake Tahoe.

We could go on to tell you of Monterey and Big Sur, of Fisherman's Wharf and Muir Woods. And of fine shopping, street musicians, many of the world's great golf courses – and on and on and on.



Dear Friend,
It is a great pleasure to invite you and your family to join us July 31 to August 2 in Sacramento, California for the 37th annual National Down Syndrome Congress convention. This summer the convention returns to the golden west, bringing cutting-edge information and happy reunions to folks from across the country and around the world. After all the years the convention has been a tradition for my family, I promise an experience that can change your life. At pre-conference seminars, plenary sessions and workshops you'll hear from the experts on early childhood stimulation, communication, teaching techniques and socialization. You will be inspired by self advocates attending the Youth & Adults conference and dance your heart out in celebration with them at the Friday night mixer and the Saturday evening banquet. These are exciting times for our community and for the NDSC. This year's convention promises to be a memorable event - but then, aren't they all.

Please join us in Sacramento to share Golden Dreams.

Sincerely,

F. Brooks Robinson
President, National Down Syndrome Congress



1, 2, 3 The NDSC Convention

— it is three conventions in one.



First is the general convention. It's a sprawling event made up of plenary sessions featuring inspiring keynote speakers and dozens of workshops conducted by experts in many aspects of Down syndrome. Side by side with the general convention is the NDSC Youth & Adults Conference conducted by and for teens and adults with Down syndrome. Finally, there's the NDSC Brothers & Sisters Conference.

General Convention

This is where it all starts, a unique gathering of people with Down syndrome, their families and the professionals who support them. For 37 years, the NDSC has gathered us to learn, meet and celebrate all we have achieved.

From Friday's pre-conference workshops through plenary sessions and workshops, the NDSC convention is about information. It's provided by the experts — from those who pioneered in early childhood communication, redefined the K-12 classroom and on to those on the frontier of adult challenges. Put simply, the greatest challenge may be what to take in amid such riches. That makes it sound as if it's all work. It's not. We also celebrate with a joyous and sometimes noisy reception and cap the weekend with our annual awards banquet, followed by the post-banquet dance.

Keynote Speakers for the General Session



Friday, July 31st 6:30–7:45pm

We're More Alike Than Different: Self Advocates Speak to the Nation

presented by NDSC's Carlene Mattson and Sue Joe and Self Advocates, Karen Gaffney, Meredith Martin and Lee Jones.

Saturday, August 1st 8:30–10:00am



Claire Pomeroy,
M.D., M.B.A., Vice Chancellor
for Human Health Sciences,
University of California, Davis;
Dean, UC Davis Medical
School, Sacramento, CA



Rosario Marin,
Former Treasurer of
the United States; author,
*Leading Between Two
Worlds*; mother of a son with
DS, Huntington Park, CA



Eleanor Bailey,
Community Advocate;
Student, Portland State
University Transition
Program, Portland, OR

Saturday, August 1st 3:30–4:45pm



Barbara Ransom,
J.D., Senior Attorney,
Disability Rights
California,
Sacramento, CA



Wayne Godwin,
Executive Council to
the PBS President
and Immediate Past
COO, PBS; father of
a daughter with DS,
Alexandria, VA



Christi Hockel,
Self Advocate;
Courtesy Clerk,
Safeway,
Walnut Creek, CA

Sunday, August 2nd 8:30–9:30am



William C. Mobley,
M.D., Professor and
Chair of Neuroscience,
University of California,
San Diego, CA

Youth & Adults with Down Syndrome Conference



The NDSC Youth & Adults Conference is the convention's fastest growing dimension. It's specially designed, presented and attended by self advocates. The conference features workshops, panel discussions and presentations on subjects ranging from healthy eating to relationships. It is fun, enriching and empowering — with more than 50 volunteers to lend support.

The Youth & Adults Conference is coordinated by Carlene Mattson, a parent, educator and NDSC board member. Advocate Andy Bean, also a parent of a son with Down syndrome, and educator Claire Odermann help facilitate the conference.

Please note these important details:

- The NDSC Youth & Adults Conference's popularity is fueled by the care taken to allow all people with Down syndrome to grow, share and shine.
- To properly support all, the NDSC gathers information allowing us to match individuals with volunteers. After registering, you will be sent an information packet. Please return the packet by June 22nd. This allows us to provide appropriate support to all.
- Because of our commitment to self advocates, we cannot accept on-site registration.
- Scholarships are available for those who could not attend otherwise. Complete information is available through the NDSC Center.

Brothers & Sisters Conference

(for those entering 6th–12th grades in fall of 2009)



The NDSC Brothers & Sisters Conference is a fun-filled weekend where siblings of individuals with Down syndrome can share ideas, experiences and make new friends.

It is a place to learn, to be inspired and grow, to be enlightened and encouraged, and to ask tough questions in a supportive environment. Participants will learn about Down syndrome and

disability-related issues, including how to advocate for themselves and for their brothers and sisters.

The B & S Conference will be facilitated by Ryan Rotundo and five additional returning siblings and college students. The weekend includes social gatherings and winds up in an exciting off-site trip.

Y & A Registration is required by June 22. Space is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Capacity may be reached prior to the deadline. Don't miss out, register early!

Those attending the Y&A Conference will:

- Gain empowering self-advocacy skills
- Participate in fun workshops led by people with Down syndrome
- Have an opportunity to participate in a talent show enjoyed by ALL Y&A conference attendees
- Build new, lasting relationships with peers from all over the world



Registration required by July 8th!

The NDSC offers two separate workshop tracks so younger siblings (those entering 6th–8th grades) as well as older teens (9th–12th grades) have an opportunity to participate in an amazing conference designed just for them.

Fri. 3:15pm–4:15pm
Get acquainted session

Sat 8:15am–5:15pm
All day session

Sun 8:30am–1:30pm
Off-site trip

Pre-Conference Sessions

The NDSC Pre-Conference Sessions offer in-depth opportunities to explore topics central to understanding Down syndrome. The sessions are held on Friday, July 31, from 8:15am to 2:30pm and require separate registration. Lunch is on your own. Our local host, the Down Syndrome Information Alliance, is working to coordinate Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for many pre-conference sessions. Please check their Website at www.downsyndromeinfo.org for further details.

A From Infant Babbling to Adult Speech: Helping Children with Down Syndrome Develop Understandable Speech

Libby Kumin, Ph.D., C.C.C.-S.L.P., Founder of the Down Syndrome Speech and Language Center for Excellence at Loyola College, Columbia, MD

Why it is often difficult to understand the speech of people with Down syndrome? What can we do to help infants, toddlers, children, adolescents and adults develop speech that is easy to understand? Dr. Kumin will present a framework for identifying and analyzing factors that affect speech intelligibility. Through video examples, she will demonstrate successful techniques and home activities and will present examples of IFSP and IEP goals that can help children with Down syndrome develop more understandable speech.

B Growing Up and Growing Older: Mental and Physical Wellness in Adults with Down Syndrome

Dennis McGuire, Ph.D., Director of Psychosocial Services, and Brian Chicoine, M.D., Medical Director, Adult Down Syndrome Center, Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, IL

Participants will learn unique strengths and potential weaknesses of people with Down syndrome, with an emphasis on ways to promote healthy functioning, based on the individuals seen at the Adult Down Syndrome Center in Chicago. Issues discussed will include receptive and expressive language, self talk, sensitivity to others, obsessive-compulsive tendencies, visual memory, imagination and minority status of people with Down syndrome. Participants will also learn about the key relationship of physical health to mental health problems and gain a greater understanding of developmental and environmental stressors, particularly as teens enter the adult world. Finally, participants will learn to distinguish mental health conditions from health, aging and non-reversible dementias and successful treatment strategies for many mental health conditions.

C Teaching Children with Down Syndrome to Read

Sue Buckley, O.B.E., B.A., Director of Science and Research, Chief Scientist, Down Syndrome Educational International, UK

The aim of this workshop will be to provide parents and professionals with the practical information and skills needed to teach children with Down syndrome to read from 2-17 years. It will cover the steps for first introducing

reading, learning to decode and spell, developing reading comprehension, writing and developing literacy across the curriculum. It will also address the way that reading links with and can improve spoken language and working memory skills, even for those who do not become independent readers. Key research findings will be shared and the workshop will be illustrated with material from a new DownsEd reading video.

D Improving Feeding Skills and Speech Clarity Using Oral-Motor Therapy

Sara Rosenfeld-Johnson, M.S., C.C.C.-S.L.P. Innovative Therapists International, Talk Tools Therapy, Tucson, AZ

Parents and speech pathologists need to work as a team to improve feeding and communication skills for individuals with the diagnosis of Down syndrome. In this presentation Sara Rosenfeld-Johnson will explain her unique program of using oral-motor therapy in association with traditional speech therapy to improve nutrition, feeding safety and speech clarity. The techniques she has developed are based on a hierarchy of oral placement and movement in the abdomen, jaw, lips and tongue. The therapy targets the “feel” of speech in addition to auditory and visual stimuli. She will demonstrate techniques which are motivating for children and adults of all ages and ability levels. The activities are easily implemented by parents and result in improved feeding and speech clarity.

The Down Syndrome Information Alliance is pleased to sponsor Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for attendees completing this pre-conference workshop

E Doing the Detective Work to Create Positive Behavior Change

Scott Shepard, Director of Avenues Supported Living Services, Professor at CSU Northridge, Cal-TASH Board Member, Valencia, CA,

Participants will receive an overview of functional assessment, learn how to identify behavioral motivations, how to identify and teach replacement behaviors & skills as an alternative to challenging behavior; and will take home a variety of “tools” to assist in identifying why behaviors are occurring. These principles can be applied with children and adults of all ages.

F**Meaningful Inclusion and Participation in General Education**

Kathy Gee, Ph.D., Professor of Special Education, Sacramento State University, Faculty Member, Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, M.I.N.D. Institute, UC Davis, Sacramento, CA

This workshop will provide practical strategies for collaborative planning, curricular modifications, adaptations, and supports to facilitate meaningful participation in general education classrooms and curriculum for individuals with Down syndrome. The presenter will provide examples from elementary, middle and secondary core curriculum addressing writing goals, modifying outcomes within general education units, developing natural supports, utilizing AAC systems and other technology to support participation and instruction, and collaboration with team members. Video and other visuals will be used to help illustrate successful and meaningful engagement for all children.

G**Community Inclusion Empowerment: Assisting People with Disabilities to Control their Housing and Individual Support Funding**

Joe Wykowski, Executive Director, Community Vision and founder of the Homeownership Empowerment Program, Portland, OR

During the last twenty years Community Vision, Inc. has assisted individuals and families to gain control over their housing, employment and personal supports. Each person is supported to create a community life that is important to their unique interests and support in communities of their choice. Included in the presentation are strategies to assist individuals with housing, personal assistance, community building, individual budgets and employment. Examples of individuals with Down syndrome will be highlighted.

H**I See What You Mean! Creating a “How-To” Plan Using Powerful Tools**

*Joan Guthrie Medlen, R.D., L.D., Project Director, Creating Solutions, author of **The Down Syndrome Nutrition Handbook**, Portland, OR and **Patti McVay**, Special Education Director, Larkspur School District, Larkspur, CA*

Do these situations sound familiar?

- My child has trouble following instructions for familiar tasks.
- He just gives me...“the stare.”
- Things will be going fine and suddenly she “stops, drops, and flops.”
- Hitting, slapping, or pushing for “no reason”?

Have you been told:

- “If you wouldn’t spoil her, she’d listen to you.”
- “He knows he can get away with anything.”
- “He knows what to do. He’s done it a million times before. He just won’t.”
- “She has a strong stubborn streak.”

If any – or all – of these situations are familiar to you, join this workshop to learn tangible strategies to promote friendships, independence, and build community. We’ll talk about ways to decode behavior to understand its meaning, build peer mentors and friendships, use visual strategies to promote independence, and create circles of support. We will work together, in large and small groups, to use these tools to brainstorm ideas and develop “next steps” for you as parents to use for your school age or young adult child.

I**Gross Motor Development in Children with Down Syndrome: Birth through Walking**

Patricia C. Winders, P.T., The Children’s Hospital, Denver, CO

The presentation, led by one of the nation’s leading physical therapists, will provide participants with an overview of gross motor development in children with Down syndrome from birth through walking (up to age 5). Participants will understand typical patterns of gross motor development of children with Down syndrome and specific strategies and activities for facilitating optimal development. The presentation will include the goal of physical therapy, the factors influencing gross motor development, and a detailed description of the stages through which gross motor development will progress. During this highly practical workshop, unique learning styles of children with Down syndrome, the role of temperament and the importance of motivation will all be covered. Participants will also have the opportunity for brief treatment demonstrations for their child.

J**Affiliates LEAD: A Seminar for Leadership, Education, Advancement and Direction**

*Convened by **Sue Joe**, NDSC Resource Specialist, Atlanta, GA and **Lori McKee**, NDSC Board member, Dallas, TX*

This annual pre-conference for leaders (board members, executive directors and parent volunteers) of local and regional Down syndrome organizations will provide an opportunity for networking and information sharing between organizations. Facilitated by members of our Partnership Alliance, the day’s topics will be chosen based on surveys of our affiliate members. Attendees will be able to choose topics of interest to them and may be called upon to discuss successful programs and projects from their own organization. Each year, the goal of this session is to provide affiliate leaders information and tools to benefit their organizations. It is also a time of friendship and cooperation as leaders from all over the country gather together to share relevant ideas, expertise and experiences in providing support to the people in their communities.

As a benefit of affiliate membership in the NDSC, current affiliates may send two representatives from their organization to session “J” at no charge.

Workshop Speakers (confirmed at the time of printing)

The NDSC has gathered experts on important facets of Down syndrome from around the world for the 2009 convention. No matter where you are in your passage, no matter what the challenge, you can meet and learn from those on the cutting edge of early childhood and K-12 education, supported employment, financial planning and so very much more.

Ron Baer, Ed.D., author, *My Child has Special Needs: A Guide for Fathers*, Westhampton, MA

Bessie Barth, M.T.-B.C., N.M.T., Neurologic Music Therapist, Music to Grow On, Sacramento, CA

Jennifer Meyers Bekins, M.S., C.C.C.-S.L.P., Thomas Center for Down Syndrome, Cincinnati, OH

Sue Buckley, O.B.E., B.A., Director of Science and Research, Chief Scientist, Down Syndrome Educational International, UK

Gretchen Carroll, Education Consultant, Thomas Center for Down Syndrome, Cincinnati, OH

George Capone, M.D., Kennedy Krieger Institute; Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, NDSC Board Member, Baltimore, MD

Brian Chicoine, M.D., Medical Director, Adult Down Syndrome Center, Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, IL

Laura Cifra-Bean, M.D., Pediatrician, NDSC Board Member, Mentor, OH

Terri Couwenhoven, M.S., AASECT Sexuality Educator, Consultant, Milwaukee, WI

Diane Eldridge, R.N., COTA, Handwriting Without Tears, Manassas, VA

Kathleen Everett, M.A., Teacher, Blue Ribbon Educational Consulting, Alpharetta, GA

Tom Fish, Ph.D., Ohio State University Nisonger Center on Disabilities, Columbus, OH

Katherine Frank, M.H.S., O.T.R./L., Thomas Center for Down Syndrome, Cincinnati, OH

Kathy Gee, Ph.D., Professor of Special Education, Sacramento State University, Faculty Member, Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, M.I.N.D. Institute, UC Davis, Sacramento, CA

Natalie Hale, Founder and President, Special Reads for Special Needs, Los Gatos, CA

Dana L. Halle, J.D., Down Syndrome Foundation of Orange County, Irvine, CA

Scott Hammond, C.E.O., Become a Better Father, Member of National Speakers Association, McKinleyville, CA

Sanjay Jhavar, M.D., C.C.C.P., Associate Professor, Pediatric Pulmonary Disease, UC Davis School of Medicine, Sacramento, CA

Libby Kumin, Ph.D., C.C.C.-S.L.P., Founder of the Down Syndrome Speech and Language Center for Excellence at Loyola College, Columbia, MD

Susan P. Levine, M.A.C.S.W., Social Worker, Family Resource Associates, Shrewsbury, NJ

Kathryn Lynard Soper, Editor and Contributing Author, *Gifts*, South Jordan, UT

Philip Mattheis, M.D., Thomas Center for Down Syndrome, Cincinnati, OH

Dennis McGuire, Ph.D., Director of Psychosocial Services, Adult Down Syndrome Center, Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, IL

Stacey Maignan, M.P.T., Thomas Center for Down Syndrome, Cincinnati, OH

Patti McVay, Special Education Director, Larkspur School District, Larkspur, CA

Joan Guthrie Medlen, R.D., L.D., Project Director, Creating Solutions, author of *The Down Syndrome Nutrition Handbook*, Portland, OR

Siegfried Pueschel, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., J.D., Professor of Pediatrics, Brown University Medical School, Providence, RI

Sara Rosenfeld-Johnson, M.S., C.C.C.-S.L.P., Innovative Therapists International, Talk Tools Therapy, Tucson, AZ

Renée Schultz, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, co-author, *The Mother-Daughter Project*, Westhampton, MA

Scott Shepard, Director of Avenues Supported Living Services, Professor at CSU Northridge, Cal-TASH Board Member, Valencia, CA

Brian Skotko, M.D., M.P.P., Children's Hospital Boston and Boston Medical Center, MA

Patricia C. Winders, P.T., The Children's Hospital, Denver, CO

Hal Wright, C.F.P., Colorado Financial Partners, LLC, Greenwood Village, CO

Joe Wykowski, Executive Director, Community Vision and founder of the Homeownership Empowerment Program, Portland OR

Find the most up-to-date list online at our website www.ndscenter.org.

Get Involved

More than 300 volunteers are needed to run a successful convention. You are key in helping us find those volunteers! Have friends, family or co-workers in the Sacramento area? The NDSC and local host, DSIA, needs to recruit 350 dedicated volunteers (17 years of age and older please) to work in a variety of positions. Prior experience in working with individuals with Down syndrome is not required. Orientation sessions will be provided.

Call (916) 658-1686, Email: info@downsyndromeinfo.org or register online at www.downsyndromeinfo.org.

Become a Sponsor

Sponsorship opportunities are still available and offer many exciting benefits. For more information please contact Tom King, Development Director at tom@ndscenter.org or (800) 232-NDSC.



Get a Message to the Entire Convention

Your guide to the NDSC Convention is the Souvenir Journal, offering a complete schedule of all workshops and general sessions. It's a wonderful opportunity to recognize your family, organization or draw visitors to your display as an exhibitor. Check out the advertising rates below, work up your message and then contact our convention coordinator via email at Coleen@NDSCcenter.org or call the NDSC Center at 1-800-323-NDSC for all the details on running your ad.



A	\$550*	Back cover	4-color	7½" x 10"
B	\$500*	Inside covers (2)	4-color or b/w	7½" x 10"
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J	\$50	⅛ page	b/w	3¾" x 2½"

*Verify availability with Convention Coordinator

Convention at a Glance

Thursday, July 30

6:00 – 9:00pm Come register early, we are open!

Friday, July 31	Saturday, August 1	Sunday, August 2
7:00am – 7:00pm Registration Open	7:30am – 3:30pm Registration Open	7:00 – 8:15am Diversity Outreach Breakfast
8:15am – 2:30pm Pre-Conferences (1 hr and 15 minute lunch break)	8:00am – 6:00pm Exhibits Open	8:00am – 2:00pm Exhibits Open
12:00 – 8:30pm Exhibits Open	8:15am – 5:15pm Y & A / B & S Conferences	8:30am – 1:30pm B & S Off-Site Trip
3:15 – 5:15pm Y & A Kick Off Party	8:30 – 10:00am General Session	8:30am – 1:30pm Y & A Conference and Talent Show
3:15 – 4:15pm B & S Get Acquainted Session	10:30am – 12:00pm Workshops	8:30 – 9:30am General Session
3:30 – 5:00pm Sharing Sessions for moms, dads & grandparents	12:00 – 1:30pm Lunch on your own	10:00 – 11:30am Workshops
6:30 – 7:45pm Opening Session	1:30 – 3:00pm Workshops	11:30 – 12:00pm Snack on Your Own
8:00 – 10:00pm Opening Reception - featuring regional outreach	3:30 – 4:45pm General Session	12:00 – 1:30pm Workshops
8:00 – 10:00pm Y & A / B & S Mixer	5:00 – 5:30pm NDSC Membership Meeting	
	6:30 – 7:00pm Reception and Cash Bar	
	7:00 – 9:00pm Banquet (by ticket only)	
	9:00 – 11:30pm Dance (all welcome)	

Featured Events

Exhibits

See the latest in books, curricula, toys, teaching aids, software and assistive technology as well as interesting and helpful displays from parent groups and related agencies.

Film Festival

A wonderful opportunity to view the best films, clips and documentaries ever produced starring individuals with Down syndrome.

Book Signings

Meet the authors and have these dedicated professionals add personal notes and autographs to your copies of their new books.

Sharing Sessions

On Friday afternoon, gather to share your ideas and concerns with other moms, dads or grandparents of people with Down syndrome. The discussions at these sessions are lively and often deeply meaningful.

Times are subject to change. Visit www.ndsccenter.org for the most up-to-date schedule.

Get the best rate for the NDSC 2009 Convention!



	Member	Non-member
General Convention Individual	\$115	\$140
General Convention Family	\$185	\$210
Youth & Adults w/DS Conference	\$85	
Brothers/Sisters Conference	\$85	
Pre-Conference w/general registration	\$75	
Pre-Conference Only	\$90	



Special Discount Being Offered

The Down Syndrome Information Alliance is offering a 40% discount to members residing or working in their local service area (Counties served by Alta, CA Regional Center). Please contact the DSIA at (916) 658-1686 or www.downsyndromeinfo.org to join and obtain your Discount Code for online registration.

2009 Convention Registration Form

Please read through this entire form before filling in your information.
Please type or print legibly. Name badge(s) will be created from this form.

3 WAYS TO REGISTER - Complete this registration form and:

REGISTRATION DEADLINES
June 22 – Youth & Adults Conference

July 8 – General Conference,
Pre-Conferences and
Brothers & Sisters Conference

MAIL TO:
1370 Center Drive, Suite 102
Atlanta, Georgia 30338

OR

FAX TO:
770.604.9898

OR

REGISTER ONLINE
www.ndsccenter.org

DATE SUBMITTED _____

General Convention (Please Print)

Register by June 22!!
BEST VALUE RATES
See page 10 for details!

Registration Deadline June 22

This section is for **general convention attendees only**. Youth & Adults and Brothers & Sisters attendees should register on p. 13

Individual: You are the only one attending.*

Family: Family members in addition to you are attending.*

* Other than a Youth & Adults or Brothers & Sisters attendee.

Member: Applies to current NDSC Member or anyone renewing on page 12. **Note:**

Membership in local parent groups doesn't constitute membership in the NDSC.

Non-Member: Registration fee at non-member rate includes an NDSC one-year membership.

YOUR NAME (FIRST) _____ (LAST) _____

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DAYTIME PHONE _____ EVENING PHONE _____

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INDIVIDUAL FAMILY List other family members participating in the convention. If you are registering anyone for Y/A or B/S, use form on p. 13.

NAME (FIRST) _____ (LAST) _____

NAME (FIRST) _____ (LAST) _____

NAME (FIRST) _____ (LAST) _____

AGE OF FAMILY MEMBER WITH DOWN SYNDROME _____

NDSC MEMBERSHIP STATUS – to determine member status, see mailing label with expiration date, or contact the NDSC office at 800-232-6372.

Register for best value by June 22

<input type="checkbox"/> CURRENT NDSC MEMBER(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> NON-MEMBER(S) (fee includes 1-year membership)
Individual Fee \$115	Individual Fee \$140
Family Fee \$185	Family Fee \$210

Register by July 8th

<input type="checkbox"/> CURRENT NDSC MEMBER(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> NON-MEMBER(S) (fee includes 1-year membership)
Individual Fee \$140	Individual Fee \$165
Family Fee \$210	Family Fee \$235

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Pre-Conference Sessions (See pages 6-7 for session descriptions)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ATTENDING PRE-CONFERENCE ONLY | <input type="checkbox"/> ATTENDING GENERAL CONVENTION |
| A. From Infant Babbling to Adult Speech: Helping Children with DS Develop Understandable Speech | F. Meaningful Inclusion and Participation in General Education |
| B. Growing Up and Growing Older: Mental and Physical Wellness in Adults with Down Syndrome | G. Community Inclusion Empowerment, Assisting People with Disabilities to Control their Housing and Individual Support Funding |
| C. Teaching Children with Down Syndrome to Read | H. I See What You Mean! Creating a "How-To" Plan Using Powerful Tools |
| D. Improving Feeding Skills and Speech Clarity Using Oral-Motor Therapy | I. Gross Motor Development in Children with Down Syndrome: Birth through Walking |
| E. Doing the Detective Work to Create Positive Behavior Change | J. Affiliates LEAD: A Seminar for Leadership, Education, Advancement and Direction |

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Friday 8:30am–2:30pm
Registration Deadline June 22.

Fee:
Registered for the Convention
\$75 per person*

Attending Pre-conference ONLY \$90 per person*

*Preconference fee include materials and morning coffee.

As a benefit of affiliate membership in the NDSC, current affiliates may send two representatives from their organization to session "J" at no charge.

Pre-Conference Sessions run simultaneously; please choose one session per person.

2009 Convention Registration Form

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Write your subtotal from the other side of this page here.

Banquet Tickets

Cash Bar: Saturday 6:30pm
Banquet: Saturday 7:00pm

Availability of extra tickets on-site is not guaranteed.

Adults: \$39 per person
Children (age 12 and under): \$18 per person

_____ # of Adult Tickets _____ x \$39 = _____

_____ # of Children's Tickets (age 12 and under) _____ x \$18 = _____

NAME(S) Needs a Vegetarian Meal _____

NAME(S) Needs a Kosher Meal _____

NAME(S) Needs a Gluten-Free Meal _____

Total for Banquet Tickets

\$

Extra Compendium

Both Individual and Family registrations receive only one compendium (collection of all handouts and documentation to accompany workshops). If you want additional compendiums, please complete the following.

Compendium fee is \$20. _____ # of extra compendiums _____ x \$20 = _____

Extra Compendium

\$

Translation/Traducción Simultánea

- I will need translation into Spanish
 Other:

Number of people needed for translation: _____

No Charge

Conference CD-ROM

We are able to offer the entire convention, Saturday and Sunday, on an audio CD-ROM for only \$43 (\$45 to international addresses), shipping included! This is an advance purchase price for convention attendees only. Now you won't have to miss a workshop — this is an amazing offer — a wealth of information!

Conference CD-ROM
\$39 + \$4 shipping (each) (US addresses) _____ # of Conference CD-ROMs _____ x \$43 = _____

Conference CD-ROM
\$39 + \$6 shipping (each) (international) _____ # of Conference CD-ROMs _____ x \$45 = _____

CD-ROMs will cost \$44 on-site and \$49 post-convention.

Conference CD-ROM

\$

Membership Renewal

Renewal for those with membership expiration date of July 2009 or earlier on mailing label.

Annual membership fee is \$25
International Membership fee is \$35

Membership Renewal

\$

Youth & Adults and/or Brothers & Sisters Registration Subtotal

Please register Youth & Adults and/or Brothers & Sisters attendees by completing the form on page 13. Then, carry over your Youth & Adults and/or Brothers & Sisters Registration total to this box. Be sure to send in the Youth & Adults/Brothers & Sisters page also.

Total from page 13

\$

Payment Method

To avoid on-site registration delays and additional charges, **register by these deadlines:**

June 22 – Youth & Adults Conference

July 8 – General Conference, Pre-Conferences & Brothers & Sisters Conference

After the deadline, general convention registration will be on-site only and a \$50 fee will be added.

PAYMENT METHOD: CHECK (Payable to NDSC)
 MASTERCARD VISA DISCOVER
 VOUCHER/DISCOUNT CODE # _____

CREDIT CARD # _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

NAME ON CARD _____

SIGNATURE _____

Registration will be considered complete and will be processed only when payment in full has been received.

Refund Policy: Banquet tickets are non-refundable. Registration fees are non-refundable after JULY 8, 2009. A \$50 processing fee will be deducted from all requests for refund of registration fees.

Add \$50 fee
(If registering on-site only)

\$

Total
(US Funds Only)

\$

2009 Convention Registration Form

Fill out for Youth & Adults or Brothers & Sisters attendees ONLY. PLEASE MAIL THIS PAGE ALONG WITH YOUR GENERAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION.

Youth & Adults with Down Syndrome Conference

Friday 3:15pm–Sunday 1:30pm

For specific times each day, see Convention-at-a-Glance, pg. 10.

**Registration Deadline
June 22!**

Registration fee is \$85 per person and includes snacks, Sunday breakfast and materials

Attendee must be 15 years old by July 31, 2009.

Additional information to solicit individual's needs for support will be sent following receipt of registration form and payment.

No on-site registration available.

NAME (FIRST) _____ (LAST) _____

MALE FEMALE

DATE OF BIRTH (must be 15 by July 31, 2009) _____ AGE ON 7-31-09 _____

HAVE YOU ATTENDED THE YOUTH & ADULTS CONFERENCE BEFORE? YES NO

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

ADDRESS _____
(if different than address on page 11)

CITY/STATE/ZIP/COUNTRY _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

**Youth & Adults
Conference
Registration**



\$ _____

Brothers & Sisters Conference

Friday 3:15pm–Sunday 1:30 pm

For specific times each day, see Convention-at-a-Glance, pg. 10.

**Registration Deadline
July 8!**

Registration fee is \$85 per person and includes snacks, Sunday lunch, materials and off-site trip.

Attendee must be entering 6th–12th grade in Fall 2009.

Additional program information will be sent following receipt of registration form and payment.

No on-site registration available.

NAME (FIRST) _____ (LAST) _____

MALE FEMALE

DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE ON 7-31-09 _____

GRADE ENTERING FALL 2009 (must be entering 6th-12th grade) _____

HAVE YOU ATTENDED THE BROTHERS/SISTERS CONFERENCE BEFORE? YES NO

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

ADDRESS _____
(if different than address on page 13)

CITY/STATE/ZIP/COUNTRY _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

**Brothers &
Sisters
Conference
Registration**



\$ _____

Page Subtotal
(carry over to page 12)



\$ _____

Please note: For both the Y&A and B&S Conferences, either the attendee or a family member must be a current NDSC member.

Make Your Hotel Reservations, Now.

The National Down Syndrome Congress has negotiated discounted rates with fine hotels at or very close to the Sacramento Convention Center and has arranged a central service through which you can make your reservations. **There are two ways to book your accommodations:**

Call: SCVB Housing Hotline: (866) 870-3303
Operating Hours: 9:00 am 8:00 pm EST

Click: Visit www.ndscenter.org and click on the housing link to make your reservation online

**The NDSC convention rate expires on July 8, 2009.
Space is limited and may fill before the cutoff.**

Hotel and Travel Information

Hotels

Hyatt Regency Sacramento

1209 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 443-1234

www.sacramento.hyatt.com

Sheraton Grand Sacramento

Hotel

1230 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 447-1700

www.sheraton.com/sacramento

Group Rate for Both Hotels:

\$119 single/double/Triple/Quad
\$319 Suite (Based on availability)

This group rate, valid July 30-August 2, is subject to availability and expires July 8, 2009. Based on availability, these hotels will also honor group rate three days before and three days after these dates. So, arrive early, stay late—and book now! Space is limited.

To reserve your room, please contact the “SCVB” Housing Bureau Hotline directly at (866) 870-3303.

Sacramento Convention Center

NDSC Convention Headquarters
13th & K Streets
Sacramento, CA 95814

Airlines

American Airlines

Call Meeting Services for Reservations
(800) 433-1790 6:00 – 12:00 AM
Or Book Online at www.aa.com
Use group discount #:A1779AQ

Ground Transportation

Shuttle Service

Super Shuttle - \$14 per person
each way
Supershuttle.com
(800) Blue Van (258-3826)

Taxi

A variety of licensed taxi operators are available in the ground transportation area at the airport and at the convention hotels. Fares are approximately \$30 each way to/from the airport/hotel

Rent a Car

The Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) Number is **J944711**,
1-800-331-1600

https://www.avis.com/AvisWeb/reservation/ReservationsInitializer?&AWD_NUMBER=J944711



More Convention Details

CEU Documentation

Documentation for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be available for attendees to submit to their licensing bodies for awarding of units.

Compendium

Presenters' handouts are compiled in the 2009 Program Compendium. Each registration will receive one copy at check-in. Additional copies may be purchased in advance for \$20. See registration form for ordering information.

CD-ROM Recording

No one has to miss any of the workshops, The entire convention* (Saturday and Sunday) will be available on an audio CD. The CD may be purchased in advance for just \$39. It can also be purchased at the convention for \$44, or following for \$49. Please add \$4 (US) or \$6 (international) shipping for all CD purchases. See registration form for ordering information.

**Barring technical difficulties.*



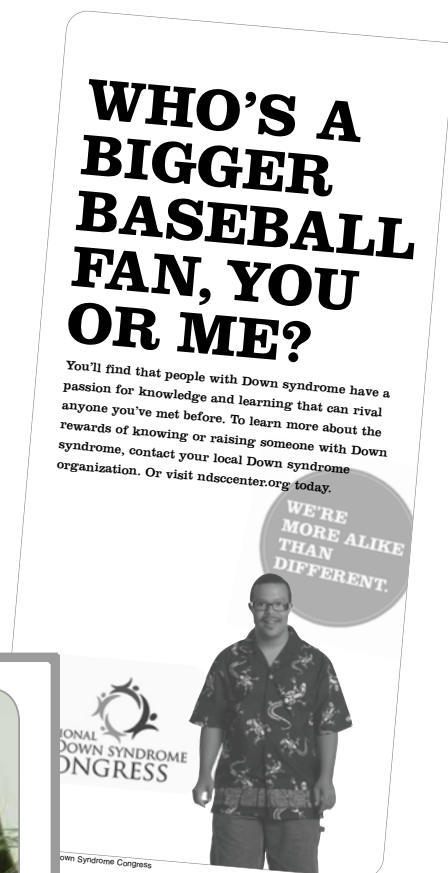
“We’re More Alike Than Different” is the powerful campaign theme of the national awareness campaign for Down syndrome sponsored by the NDSC. We are well into the second year of the campaign and the message is going out regularly to medical and education professionals across the nation and, increasingly, around the world. It is being noticed and changing minds.

Perhaps it has debuted in your hometown via public service announcements and the work of your local or regional Down syndrome organization. If not, we invite you aboard. Come to the NDSC web site –NDSCCenter.org – and click on the “We’re More Alike” logo on the home page to learn all about getting involved.

Donate to More Alike

The More Alike campaign is possible thanks to the generous donations received from hundreds of individuals, organizations and foundations. We need your help to keep More Alike rolling.

Every penny we have received is deeply appreciated, but raising funds for the campaign is an on-going challenge. Please help us meet that important challenge with your gift by going to NDSCCenter.org and click on Donate. Thank you.



The National Down Syndrome Congress

This summer, as we gather for the 37th annual National Down Syndrome Congress Convention, we will come together as an energized, diverse community.

Over all the years since the first convention, there has been a constant — the National Down Syndrome Congress.

Through the NDSC, our community has passed crucial legislation, improved education, opened community doors, extended quality health care and stimulated meaningful employment.

Oh, how very far we have traveled!

- We are international with increasing membership from around the world. And, we are more reflective of our diverse culture with growing participation of African Americans, Latinos, Asians and many others.
- The Youth and Adults Conference has been the fastest growing dimension of the convention for years and may break all previously set records.
- Our involvement with local and regional Down syndrome organizations is growing. Our Affiliates LEAD pre-conference session will once again offer affiliated organizations an opportunity to share ideas.
- The NDSC is an essential voice in Washington, influencing legislative activities on Medicare and Medicaid, IDEA, ADA and Kennedy-Brownback.

**Special thanks to the Down Syndrome Information Alliance
for their assistance in providing local support and
coordination for the convention.**

Registration deadlines:

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Y & A deadline is June 22.

General Convention and B & S can register until July 8.



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