

WHO IS DSACO?

The Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO) was incorporated in 1984 with one purpose in mind: to support families, promote community involvement, and encourage a lifetime of opportunities for people with Down syndrome. We believe this can be achieved by providing families and individuals living with Down syndrome with meaningful, convenient, and unique opportunities to discover independence and to celebrate their achievements.

WHAT DOES DSACO DO?

Over the arc of a lifetime, starting from diagnosis and along every step of the way, DSACO is there to help. Our robust services provide a broad spectrum of opportunities for those in the Down syndrome community, no matter who you are.

WHAT COUNTIES DO WE SERVE?

The Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio provides a variety of information, education, support and assistance to individuals with Down syndrome and their families in 23 Ohio counties, including Athens, Coshocton, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Knox, Lawrence, Licking, Madison, Marion, Meigs, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Perry, Pickaway, Ross, Union, and Vinton.

Please note that the services, programming, and supports are not exclusive to the 23 counties highlighted. If you have an interest in a particular program or event that we offer, please do not hesitate to join us!



When we embrace every challenge along the way together, we can do incredible things. The people in the Down syndrome community are our diverse family, and we want to help them shine by providing a full spectrum of services and resources to meet their evolving needs. Our lives overlap, and our journeys will be enriched by helping each other.

HOW ARE YOU MAKING A DIFFERENCE?

DSACO has seen enormous growth due to the increase in funds raised through the Columbus Buddy Walk® and our other fundraising initiatives. Because of YOU, DSACO is able to:



EXPAND OUTREACH TO DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

DSACO continued to focus on outreach to diverse families by making strategic changes to what, how, and where we offer programs. These efforts have grown diversity of our organization's membership from 5% ethnically diverse families in 2018 to 21% ethnically diverse families today.



FACTOR IN MENTAL HEALTH

By incorporating programming specifically designed to improve mental wellness of individuals, couples, and whole families, we worked to put people in a better position to provide for their families, including their loved one with Down syndrome.



INCREASE INVESTMENTS IN ADVOCACY AND RESEARCH

DSACO made significant strides in ensuring the immediate health, education, and childcare needs of our community are addressed. At the same time, we supported research initiatives that will pave the way for new opportunities and improved future services for our loved ones with Down syndrome.

To learn more about the impact you're making, please visit www.dsaco.net.