



ABOUT DSACO

The Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO) is the leading source of information, support and referral assistance to over 5,000 individuals, families and community professionals throughout 23 counties in Central Ohio.

Our mission is to support families, promote community involvement and encourage a lifetime of opportunities for people with Down syndrome.

Our vision is for people with Down syndrome to achieve their fullest potential in an accepting and inclusive community.

Each year, DSACO works to strengthen and expand the services we provide to our families and individuals who need it the most. Our services can be divided into three core areas: support for individuals, families and the professional community.

OUR SERVICES

INDIVIDUAL

iCanBike Camp

A week-long camp in which individuals with disabilities learn how to go from training wheels to two-wheelers. DSACO host two (2) camps, one in Worthington and one in Circleville.

Summer Learning Academy

DSACO's Summer Learning Academy offers 60 hours of summer academic instruction for school-aged children in 9 locations, including Columbus, Circleville, Lancaster, Marion, Mount Vernon, Newark, Whitehall, Worthington and Zanesville.

Scholarships

DSACO offers various financial assistance opportunities to encourage community involvement.

Annual Adult Conference

The only event of its kind in Ohio - where adults can develop tools for advocacy and independence in their communities.

FAMILY

First Connect

DSACO offers new and expectant parents of babies with Down syndrome the opportunity for a one-on-one parent mentoring program.

Resource & Activity Groups

Offering valuable opportunities for our members to connect, learn and share, including M.O.M.S. groups, D.A.D.S. group, Little Buddies New Parent Resource Group, School Aged Social Group, Latino Outreach Group, and many more.

Social Events

DSACO host two (2) social events per year giving families the opportunity to meet and socialize in a fun setting. These events cost a minimal fee and typically provide activities and a meal for the entire family.

Programs & Seminars

Ranging from IEP planning to estate and guardianship for support throughout every stage of life.

COMMUNITY

Ds Medical Edge

Medical outreach program that ensures families who receive a Down syndrome diagnosis get accurate, up-to-date information from their doctors.

Seminars & Lectures

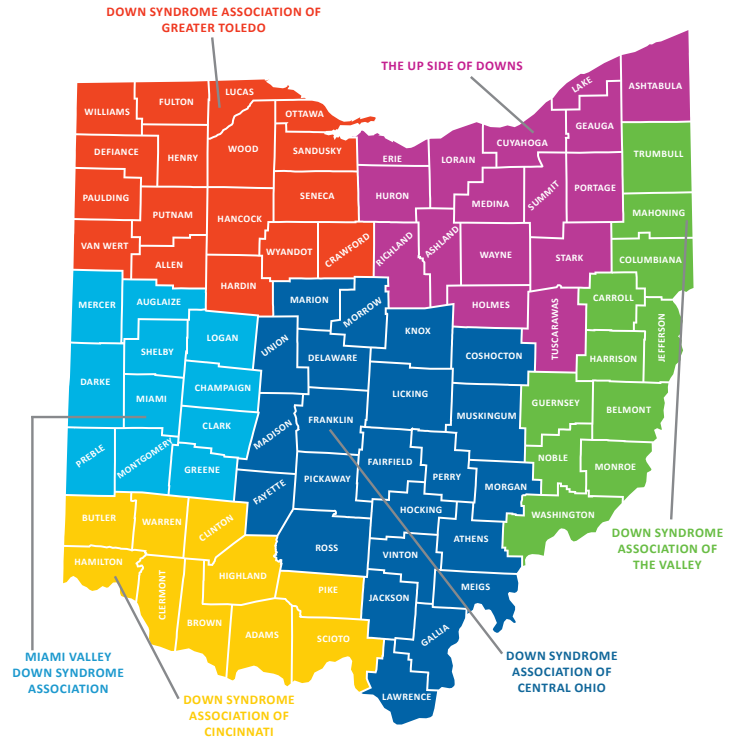
Featuring nationally-renowned speakers that explore topics ranging from educational advocacy to new research in Down syndrome.

Legislative Advocacy

Collaborating with state departments and Ohio legislators to strengthen law that supports and protects individuals with disabilities, featuring our newly formed Public Policy Committee.

WHERE WE SERVE

- » Athens County
- » Coshocton County
- » Delaware County
- » Fairfield County
- » Fayette County
- » Franklin County
- » Gallia County
- » Hocking County
- » Jackson County
- » Knox County
- » Lawrence County
- » Licking County
- » Madison County
- » Marion County
- » Meigs County
- » Morgan County
- » Morrow County
- » Muskingum County
- » Perry County
- » Pickaway County
- » Ross County
- » Union County
- » Vinton County



WAYS TO GIVE

The Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio is a 501(c)3 charitable organization and contributions are fully tax-deductible. Membership is free and open to anyone with an interest in Down syndrome.

DSACO depends on donations and fundraisers to provide programs and services and meet operational costs. It is only through the generosity of many individuals, corporations and grants that DSACO is able to provide quality programs and services for individuals with Down syndrome and their families in the 23 counties we serve.



VOLUNTEER

Volunteer your support at one of our fundraising events, participate or get others in your community involved. If you'd like to volunteer your time and talent outside of one our events, please visit dsaco.net/volunteer to learn more.



DONATE

Personal monetary or in-kind donations can be made directly to DSACO or through one of our annual fundraising events. A great way to increase your impact is through planned gifts, memorial contributions, and corporate matching programs, as well. To learn more, please visit dsaco.net/donate.



SPONSOR

In total, our events draw more than 12,000 participants throughout the year. Through corporate sponsorship, your brand will receive maximum exposure to those participating and thousands more who attend our events and read our marketing materials. To learn more about opportunities, please visit dsaco.net.