



## Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta

Founded in 1979, The Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta (DSAA) is a 501(c)(3) Georgia non-profit organization dedicated to providing individuals with Down syndrome and their families life-long community connections. We serve the greater Metro-Atlanta area, which includes the following counties: Fulton, DeKalb, Cobb, Clayton, Fayette, Coweta, Forsyth, Gwinnett, Cherokee, Rockdale, Henry, Newton, Troup, Douglas, Oconee, Spalding, Paulding, and Floyd.

DSAA provides:

- Year-round **educational conferences** and **social gatherings** for our families
- **Parent liaisons** to metro Atlanta birthing hospitals to provide information and support to parents with a new diagnosis and to distribute accurate information about Down syndrome to OB/GYN practices in metro Atlanta. Visit families during hospital stays.
- Provide family support and resources from birth to death.
- Oversee and support the **Asociación Hispana de Síndrome de Down en Atlanta** (AHSDA)
- Sensitivity and Disability Awareness Trainings for Corporations and Faith Based Communities.
- **Community-based parent support groups**; a metro wide D.A.D.S group, Mom's group, and social media groups to provide support, information and resources for parents and caregivers
- Information on **advocacy** opportunities on issues impacting persons with special needs in Georgia and influences legislative action and public policy
- An annual **Buddy Walk®** each October to raise awareness and support
- **Financial support** and partnership with the Adult Disability Medical Healthcare, Gigi's Playhouse, Marcus Jewish Community Centers-Blonder Department for Special Needs.
- Founding member of the **Georgia Down Syndrome Consortium** which includes: National Down Syndrome Congress, Atlanta Gigi's Playhouse, Emory Down Syndrome Clinic and Adult Disability Medical Healthcare.

### ***Why should I consider becoming a Buddy Walk sponsor?***

By becoming a sponsor, you will aid the Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta's efforts to empower parents and people with Down syndrome, through information, education, and social activities. Thousands of attendees in this year's event will also notice you.

For more information about DSAA, to request a Membership application, volunteer or donate

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