



Broward
Gold Coast
Down Syndrome
Organization

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Welcome to Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization

Our Mission

The Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization is a family support and resource organization dedicated to serving families who have an individual with Down syndrome. Our mission is to improve the lives of people with Down syndrome and their families by providing support, information, education, and advocacy, thus enabling each individual to reach his or her full potential.

People with Down syndrome attend school, work, participate in decisions that affect them, have meaningful relationships, vote and contribute to society in many wonderful ways.

Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization is a non-profit parent support group working to enhance the lives of individuals with Down syndrome. *When you support Gold Coast you help provide...*

Communication & Education

- ◆ New Parent Support
- ◆ Meetings
- ◆ Conferences & Workshops
- ◆ Resource Fairs
- ◆ Resource Library
- ◆ Newsletters (English & Spanish)
- ◆ Advocacy

Socialization

- ◆ New Parent Breakfast
- ◆ World Down Syndrome Day Events, March 21
- ◆ Water Park Events
- ◆ Playgroup
- ◆ Inbetweeners
- ◆ Teen Youth Group
- ◆ Moms' Night Out
- ◆ *and much more!*

Special Events

- ◆ Buddy Walk
- ◆ Holiday Party
- ◆ 321 Dance

Sponsorship to...

- ◆ Cheerleading
- ◆ Challenger Baseball
- ◆ Parkland Buddy Sports
- ◆ *and many others!*

Scholarships for...

- ◆ Swimming Lessons
- ◆ Tutoring
- ◆ Summer Camp
- ◆ Assistance to attend State and National Conferences.

Individuals benefit from loving homes, appropriate education and community support.

Down syndrome...

- ◆ Down syndrome occurs when an individual has a full or partial extra copy of chromosome 21. This additional genetic material alters the course of development and causes the characteristics associated with Down syndrome.
- ◆ Occurs in about 1 in every 700 births and affects approximately 400,000 individuals in the United States.
- ◆ Is one of the leading causes of cognitive delays and occurs in all ethnic groups, socio-economic classes and nationalities.
- ◆ Can cause delays in physical, intellectual and language development.





Quality educational programs, a stimulating home environment, good health care and positive support from family, friends and the community enable people with Down syndrome to lead fulfilling and productive lives.

For other resources on Down syndrome...

- ◆ Palm Beach Gold Coast Down Syndrome Org.
561.912.1231 • goldcoastdownsyndrome.org
- ◆ National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS)
1.800.221.4602 • ndss.org
- ◆ National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC)
1.800.232.6372 • ndsccenter.org

**Celebrate World
Down Syndrome Day
March 21**



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