

Our Mission

The Down Syndrome Diagnosis Network (DSDN) supports families with current information and real-life accounts of life with Down syndrome during the prenatal to early childhood phases. DSDN is committed to facilitating unbiased, family-centered discussion of Down syndrome within the medical community. We strive to cultivate a culture of acceptance and inclusion for people with Down syndrome at all stages of life.



"We were blessed in that our doctors supported our values and beliefs."—Lauren, Mom to Ellie



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Supporting New & Expectant Parents

Down Syndrome Diagnosis Network (DSDN) seeks to support families receiving a prenatal or birth diagnosis for their child by providing them with up-to-date information.

We aim to equip parents with tips, facts and real stories that will assist them in navigating through the diagnosis.

DSDN achieves this through our website and social media where parents can receive daily resources directing them to the information they need.



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Providing Feedback & Resources



DSDN assists patients in giving feedback to medical providers regarding their prenatal or birth diagnosis conversation. Additionally, we can provide medical professionals with the following resources to assist them in handling future diagnose conversations:

- [How to Deliver a Postnatal Diagnosis of Down Syndrome](#) A compilation of professional recommendations for delivering a birth diagnosis of Down syndrome.
- [Delivering a Down Syndrome Diagnosis](#) A summary of best practices for medical professionals delivering a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome.
- [Understanding a Down Syndrome Diagnosis](#) (Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation Lettercase) - A medically-reviewed resource for expectant parents receiving a diagnosis.
- [Resources](#) from local/national Down syndrome associations, groups and networks.

Physicians: Questions about how to deliver a diagnosis?

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Connecting Parents

DSDN believes that a strong support system can make a great impact in the lives of parents raising a child. We have a deep desire to connect and support parents receiving a new Down syndrome diagnosis.

DSDN facilitates this through:

- Developing small and large online groups
- Connecting families in local communities to each other and nearby resources
- Establishing relationships locally and around the world for those with like experiences

