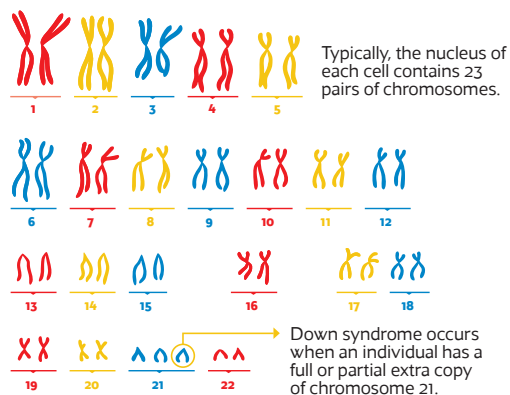


WHAT IS DOWN SYNDROME?

Down syndrome is the most commonly occurring chromosomal condition. It occurs in 1 out of every 691 births and affects people of all races and socioeconomic levels. A baby with Down syndrome will, for unknown reasons, have three copies of the 21st chromosome instead of two. This extra genetic material will affect a baby's development; however, the baby will also inherit many physical and personality characteristics from his/her parents as well. People with Down syndrome are active, vital members of their families and communities.



A life with Down syndrome is a life well worth living!

An individual with Down syndrome is an individual first and foremost. The emphasis is on the person, not the disability. A person with Down syndrome has many other qualities and attributes that can be used to describe them. Encourage people to use "the person with Down syndrome," not "Down syndrome person."

The correct name of the diagnosis is Down syndrome. There is no apostrophe (Down). The "s" is not capitalized (syndrome).

MISSION STATEMENT:

Club 21 provides the educational tools and resources that enable individuals with Down syndrome to be fully included.

How do we accomplish our mission?

We Support, Educate, Advocate, and Celebrate!

Our goal is:

Independence, Access and Belonging

Core Values:

Family Support: You are not alone!

Parent Involvement: We are family!

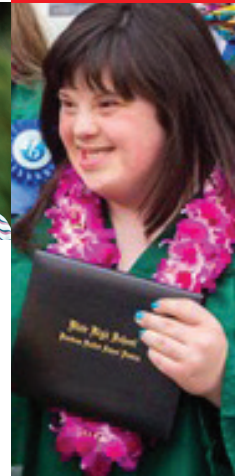
Innovation: Try something new!

Raising Expectations: We can do it!

Inclusion: We belong!

Vision:

Club 21 envisions a society enriched by the inclusion of individuals with Down syndrome.



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"If you're thinking about making an impact in the community, Club 21 is definitely the place to help! Come in with an open heart and Club 21 will change your life."



WAYS TO GIVE

Club 21 Learning and Resource Center is solely funded by the generosity of individuals, businesses and foundations.

VOLUNTEER

Our organization cannot effectively serve the needs of the community without a strong volunteer base. We have many opportunities for people who want to become involved in our organization by sharing their time and talent.

DONATE

By donating to Club 21, you allow us to fulfill our mission of serving and supporting over 300 individuals with Down syndrome, their families and their educational support team in the Greater Los Angeles area.

We proudly serve the Greater Los Angeles area including Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties.

TOGETHER IS BETTER WALK

Together is Better Walk occurs each fall to raise funds and promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome. It is Club 21's largest fundraising event with over 2,000 participants.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES:

First Call

Parents who receive a prenatal or birth diagnosis are paired with a peer mentor for support and guidance.

First Steps

Parents of birth to age 3 children gather weekly and learn sign language and receive critical information from Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, and Speech and Language Pathologists.

Learning Program

Preschool and elementary age students and their parents meet monthly to learn the fundamentals and strategies for learning literacy, language, numeracy, fine and gross motor skills.

Every Child a Reader (ECAR)

Weekly one-to-one tutoring program, elementary through high school, empowers all our students to read.

Club F.U.N. (Friends Understanding Nuances)

Monthly social competencies classes for 8 to 12 year olds.

Club Connections Teen Group

Teaches social competencies and life skills through recreational activities with typical teens participating alongside teens with Down syndrome.

Educational Partnership

Supports families and trains teachers so that children with Down syndrome can be included in school classrooms with their typical peers.

Speaker Series, Conferences and Workshops

Each year, over 14 experts in their field deliver current, practical information for parents, teachers and therapists.

IEP (Individual Educational Plan) Support

Individual consultations and workshops help parents navigate the education system.

Support Groups

Sibshops, Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome (D.A.D.S.), Moms Meet-Up, Down syndrome-Autism Dual Diagnosis Support, Bienvenidos (Spanish speaking community group).

Community Groups

Community groups create opportunities for families to network and share common interests, concerns, challenges and information in their neighborhoods. The groups do this through community events, informational meetings, playgroups and online chat groups.



"Five years ago, we received the gift of Luca and I have been thankful every day since."

"These past five years, we have been blessed with the incredible support of Club 21. Our entire family has benefited from the many programs that Club 21 offers."

