

Affiliate Program Services & Resources



Free Printed Resources in English and Spanish

The NDSC knows that one of the largest budget challenges can be the printing, set-up, and language translation of printed resources. It is important that your communities have accurate and reliable information, but not at an exorbitant cost. Our Affiliate Program provides you with free printed resources, year-round, in both English and Spanish.

Our bi-lingual resources to you include the following:

- Our informational [Down syndrome brochure](#)
- Our new [Prenatal Testing pamphlet](#) with our collaborative partner, Global Down Syndrome Foundation
- One copy of the [Adult Sibling Toolkit](#) and/or [Family Care Toolkit](#) (each additional Toolkit is \$10, inc. shipping)
- A sample of the [NDSC New Parent Packet](#) (upon request). Although we do not provide the pocket folders that the packets come in, we will provide you the inside components that you can print and assemble.

Medical Outreach Materials

As you are building relationships with local physicians, hospitals and clinics, we can assist you with setting up a parent liaison program. Along with helping you with your program and providing printed resources, we will provide you a video that was created by physicians, for physicians, on how to deliver a diagnosis.

Rural Outreach

The NDSC is working with affiliate organizations to help bring mini-conferences to rural areas in your region (travel fees may apply). The Program Director will work with your organization to identify the topics your community is most looking for. Our Development Director will work with your team to help identify funding resources. Working together we will be able to help families in your region.

Affiliate-only Convention Programming

The National Down Syndrome Congress Annual Convention has nearly 4000 attendees, from 20+ countries! This annual event is perhaps the largest single-disability event in the world. One of the ever-growing components is our Affiliate Programming. Whether it is a pre-conference, an invitation-only reception, a featured national (or international) speaker, a workshop for your staff and board members, or an Affiliate Leader sharing session, being a part of this annual program track will give you a vital edge to surviving and thriving in today's non-profit climate. Affiliate Program subscribers may send one staff or board member to the Affiliate Pre-Con for free (\$75 value).

NDSC Webinars

The NDSC offers monthly webinars providing best practices from experts in the Down syndrome field. We listen to what Affiliate leaders are asking for and work toward bringing about webinars that will best serve your community.

Diversity Outreach Support and Materials

Our NDSC website in Spanish hosts a very large library of translated articles for new and expectant parents, as well as information about medical issues, development, inclusion, and many other important topics. The majority of this information can also be downloaded in PDF form for printing. The NDSC has a dedicated staff person for diversity outreach, and our Convention has an entire Spanish Track, as well as simultaneous translation of some workshops.

Affiliate Directory Listing & Social Media Updates

The NDSC loves to highlight **YOU!** Families often call us and we refer them to the affiliate or parent organizations in their area. Both of our websites (English and Spanish), have an Affiliate Directory, and we highlight our subscriber organizations. When people go to our website, and are looking for local resources, you will be listed.

Also, if you send us photos of your events, programs and self-advocate stories throughout the year, we will work on posting some of them on our Facebook page (which currently has over 115,000 Likes) or featuring them in our monthly Affiliate E-briefs.

Affiliate E-Briefs

Our Affiliate Program subscribers enjoy an E-brief that is content driven just for Affiliates. In this news piece we showcase what other organizations are doing, keep you updated on noteworthy and actionable events, and deliver non-profit strategies directly to your in-box.

Advocacy in Washington

We are in Washington because you can't be! From Medicaid to advocating for meaningful employment opportunities, the work we do on behalf of all people with Down syndrome is important for you, your community, and the local families that you serve. NDSC is the **ONLY** parent-led organization currently active in advocating for the Keeping Students Safe Act and attempting to get legislative provisions in current legislation such as ESSA.

As an NDSC Affiliate, join NDAC as a group member for free and receive policy updates, advocacy tips and important legislative news to share with the families you serve. Apply via <https://www.ndscenter.org/political-advocacy/national-down-syndrome-advocacy-coalition/ndac-group-membership-application/>

Non-Profit Expertise & Training

The NDSC is here to help provide you important non-profit training and expertise. Know that whether you are in the infancy of starting your group, or your organization is approaching different growth points, we are here to help you. Through phone conferences (at no cost), or in person (travel fees may apply), we can bring our expertise and training to you (and your volunteer leadership) in the following areas:

- 1023 writing, 501 (c)(3) attainment
- Board Development and training
- Fundraising
- Strategic Planning
- Budgeting
- Staffing
- Administrative Systems
- Programs & Services

With our Affiliate Program comes a commitment by the National Down Syndrome Congress to actively seek new and continuing opportunities for all of you. We are excited about what is to come, and the new partnerships we will be actively seeking on your behalf!