

As an Affiliate Program subscriber of the NDSC, your organization contributes to the strength of our organization. Providing enhanced support and collaborating with affiliates and parent organizations throughout the world is one of the primary goals of our board and staff's Strategic Plan. Whether you serve 10 families, or 10,000, we are here to help you *Educate, Advocate, Empower, and Inspire!*

Your 12-month subscription includes:

Free Printed Resources in English and Spanish, shipped to you

The NDSC knows that one of the largest budget challenges can be the printing, set-up, and language translation of printed resources. It is essential that your communities have accurate and up-to-date information, but not at an exorbitant cost. They are great for families, as well as medical professionals. Our bi-lingual resources available to you include:

- Our informational *Down syndrome brochure*
- Our 2nd edition *Prenatal Testing pamphlet*, produced 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, including shipping)

Center for Outreach & Education

Through the **Center for Outreach & Education**, NDSC provides individuals with Down syndrome, their families and the professionals that serve them with meaningful and interactive programs, including: Outreach Conferences, Educators Conferences, Advocacy Boot Camp, and beyond. We can tailor a program to suit the needs of the families you serve.

Outreach Conferences

These are one and two-day conferences and are driven in content by the requests of the community. The NDSC utilizes our international network, to assure that we are bringing the very best speakers, medical personnel and leaders in each topic, so that the attendees have a meaningful experience. Some of the topics include behavior; transition; technology; medical and dental issues; dietary/nutrition education; self-determination; education; employment; developmental issues; therapies; and, school and community inclusion. Each conference will be customized to your community's needs.

Educators Conference

Practical in nature, this conference will engage participants in identifying and implementing strategies applicable to K-12 classrooms. Discussions will provide strategies for educators to enhance instruction through effective reading interventions, differentiated and universally designed curriculum, technology, and behavioral practices. Educators will leave equipped with ideas, tips, strategies, tools, and solutions that they can implement in the classroom.

Advocacy Training Boot Camp

A half-day event, we will discuss what defines advocacy, an overview of basic government processes (state vs. federal, appropriations), and have an open discussion on how to effectively engage with legislators.

Visit our website for more information:

<https://www.ndscenter.org/outreach-education/>

Educate

Advocate

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 and the local families that you serve. With the best Policy & Advocacy team serving the Down syndrome community, we are able to collaborate with many other disability-related organizations to truly make an impact. Included in your NDSC Affiliate Program Subscription is Group membership to National Down Syndrome Advocacy Coalition (NDAC). Reach out to Lauren Camp Gates for more details. lauren@ndscenter.org.

NDSC Webinars

The NDSC offers free, monthly webinars, providing best practices from experts in the Down syndrome field. We listen to what Affiliate leaders are asking for and present webinars that will best serve your constituents. We offer monthly webinars in both English and Spanish on the topics that are needed in your community.

Affiliate-only Convention Programming

The NDSC Annual Convention is the largest single-disability conference in the world! Affiliate Program subscribers will have access to exclusive programming onsite. Whether it is an Affiliate Leader Deep-Dive Session (send one staff or board member at no charge), an invitation-only reception, a featured national (or international) speaker, or an Affiliate Leader networking opportunity, being a part of the NDSC convention will give you a vital edge to surviving and thriving in today's non-profit climate.

Multicultural Outreach and Materials

The NDSC has a bi-lingual staff person, dedicated to multicultural programming, available to help you. Our NDSC website, En Espanol, 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 be downloaded in PDF form for printing. Spanish programming at the NDSC Convention boasts workshops delivered in Spanish, as well as some that are simultaneously translated; making connections with other families; and more.

Breaking Barriers

The NDSC believes that providing Disability Awareness training is a critical missing piece in first responder training. We will connect your organization with Fire Life Training Association's *Breaking Barriers* course, which trains first responders. The main purpose of this course is for the first responder to learn and better understand the reactions that they might encounter during an emergency. The session will also discuss the perceptions of the individual with an intellectual disability and how first responders can break down potential barriers of service. The NDSC wants to help connect you with *Breaking Barriers* so your organization can host these trainings within the community.

Non-Profit Expertise & Training

The NDSC is here to help provide you with important non-profit training and expertise. Whether you are in the infancy of starting your affiliate or your organization is approaching different growth points, we are here to help you.

- Strategic Planning
- Budgeting & Development
- Staffing
- Administrative Systems
- Programs & Services

Empower

Affiliate E-Briefs & More

Affiliate Program subscribers enjoy a monthly *Affiliate E-brief* that is content-driven just for Affiliates. In this e-mail newsletter, we showcase what other organizations are doing, keep you updated on noteworthy and actionable events, and deliver non-profit strategies directly to your inbox. In addition, you will receive our *NDSC E-News, Policy & Advocacy Newslines*, and event-specific e-mail communications.

Inspire

Affiliate Directory

The NDSC loves to highlight **YOU!** When families call us, we refer them to the affiliate or parent organizations in their area. Both of our websites (English and Spanish), have an Affiliate Directory of local organizations. We highlight our Affiliate Program subscriber organizations. When people go to our website looking for local resources, you are there! We hope that you will return the favor, by linking to our website from your online resources (we'll send you our logo upon request).

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