

# Pre-Conference I



## Affiliates LEAD

Leadership  
Engagement  
Advocacy  
Development



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Whether your Down syndrome organization serves ten families or an entire state, the NDSC's Affiliate Program can support you with accurate and up-to-date information and decades of expertise. Designed for staff or board members, this half-day session will provide practical ideas for leaders to engage members, advocate for change, and increase development to support your mission. Join NDSC staff members and national experts in a setting that will provide ample opportunities for in-depth conversations and peer-to-peer networking.

## Learning Objectives:

1. Understand the NDSC and what we do year-round to support families and organizations.
2. Experience how we're all better together; collaboration between national organizations and affiliates.
3. Engage the medical community through outreach and Down syndrome awareness.
4. Identify how to advocate on a local and national level.
5. Explore fundraising and member engagement opportunities beyond walks.

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