



Down Syndrome Association of San Diego Core Values

1. The Down Syndrome Association of San Diego envisions all people with Down syndrome will be afforded the same life opportunities, and will be valued and respected as contributing members of society.
2. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for people with Down syndrome and their families through education, social and support programs
3. Our goal is to promote the inclusion and acceptance of people with Down syndrome in all aspects of life.
4. We value the inclusion of people with Down syndrome in all aspects of community life.
5. We value high expectations with regard to the ability and full potential of people with Down syndrome.
6. We respect the individual rights and values of people with Down syndrome.
7. We believe that people with Down syndrome should be afforded the right to make decisions impacting their lives.
8. We value and support the role of families in meeting the needs of people with Down syndrome.
9. We value high standards and strive for excellence in the areas of health, education, research and public policy.
10. There are more than 400,000 people living with Down syndrome in the United States.
11. Down syndrome is the most commonly occurring chromosomal condition. One in every 733 babies is born with Down syndrome.
12. Quality educational programs, a stimulating home environment, good health care, and positive support from family, friends and the community enable people with Down syndrome to develop their full potential and lead fulfilling live
13. Researchers are making great strides in identifying the genes on Chromosome 21 that cause the characteristics of Down syndrome. Many feel strongly that it will be possible to improve, correct or prevent many of the challenges associated with Down syndrome in the future.