

Truths about Down Syndrome

Truth: Down Syndrome is the most commonly occurring genetic condition. One in every 800 births is a child with Down syndrome. There are currently 400,000 people in the U.S. with Down syndrome, with 5,000 to 6,000 births per year.

Truth: Eighty percent of children born with Down syndrome are born to women younger than age 35 due to higher fertility rates. However, research has shown a link between the incidence of Down syndrome and maternal age.

Truth: Most cases of Down syndrome are sporadic, chance events. In general, Down syndrome does not run in families and a sibling or aunt has no greater chance of conceiving a child with Down syndrome.

Truth: Most people with Down syndrome have cognitive delays that are mild to moderate. IQ is not an adequate measure of the functional status of people with Down syndrome. People with Down syndrome have great potential if given opportunities.

Truth: Thanks to advances in medical and clinical treatment and opportunities to thrive, as many as 80 percent of adults with Down syndrome reach age 55, and many live longer.

Truth: Children with Down syndrome are included in regular academic classrooms across the country. Students may be integrated into specific courses or fully included in the regular classroom for all subjects.

Truth: Businesses seek young adults with Down syndrome for a variety of positions. They are employed by banks, corporations, nursing homes, hotels and restaurants. They work in the music and entertainment industry. People with Down syndrome bring to their jobs enthusiasm, reliability and dedication.

Truth: An individual with Down syndrome is not a "Down's person". Use person-first language by referring to the person first. For example, a newborn with Down syndrome would be referred to as a baby with Down syndrome, not a Down syndrome baby.

New Baby Welcome Form

Mother's Name _____
Father's Name _____
Baby's Name _____
Baby's Gender _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone Number _____
Email Address _____
Preferred Method of Contact (phone, mail or email) _____



Please check if you would like more detailed healthcare guidelines.

Please mail in enclosed envelope to:
DSACK, P.O. Box 910516, Lexington, KY 40591

Please note that due to privacy laws, we will not know your baby has been born unless you contact us. We look forward to hearing from you!