

LD: Down Syndrome

Brief Description: Down Syndrome is genetic disorder caused when an individual has a full or partial copy of chromosome 21. This may cause intellectual impairment and physical abnormalities including short stature and a broad facial profile.

How it feels: This is a Just Like You film which explains what it feels like to have Down Syndrome.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5M--xOyGUX4>

Helpful Links:

- **The National Down Syndrome Society:** NDSS is a nonprofit organization committed to being the national advocate for the value, acceptance, and inclusion of people with Down syndrome.
<http://www.ndss.org/>
- **The Down Syndrome Guild of Greater Kansas City:** KCDSG is a local non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to provide support and resources for individuals with Down syndrome, their families and the professionals who serve them.
<https://www.kcdsg.org>
- **Children's Mercy Kansas City's Down Syndrome Clinic:** The Down Syndrome Clinic is a consultative service and screening mechanism for children with Down syndrome ages birth through adolescence.
https://www.childrensmercy.org/Clinics_and_Services/Clinics_and_Departments/Down_Syndrome_Clinic/Down_Syndrome_Clinic/
- **The National Association for Down Syndrome:** NADS is the oldest organization in the country serving individuals with Down syndrome and their families. Their mission is to support all persons with Down syndrome in achieving their full potential.

Resources about Down Syndrome:

Early Communication Skills for Children with Down Syndrome and Helping Children with Down Syndrome Communicate Better by Libby Kumin Ph.D., CCC-SLP

I am Grace by: Stacey Adams

Smiles for Grace by: Bonnie Reber and Stacey Adams

Link to Parent Support Group:

- Band of Angels provides support for individuals with Down syndrome and their families.

<http://www.bandofangels.com/>