

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.
<http://www.nads.org/>
- **North Central Kansas City Down Syndrome Society:** NCKDSS is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide support and resources to individuals with Down Syndrome and their families.
<https://www.nckdss.org>

Resources Available In Our Center:

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

Strategies for Teaching students with Down Syndrome:

- **Down Syndrome Guild of Greater Kansas City**
Support the Student with Down Syndrome in Your Classroom

<https://www.kcdsg.org/files/content/Supporting%20the%20Student%20with%20Down%20Syndrome%20in%20Your%20Classroom-Teacher%20Manual.pdf>

- **Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis**
What Students with Down Syndrome Want Teachers to Know
<http://dsagsl.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Paraprofessional-Powerpoint-20141.pdf>
- **Huddersfield Down Syndrome Support Group**
Resources for Teaching Children with Down Syndrome
<http://www.hdssg.org/education-2/resources/>
- **Therapro Saturday Seminar Series**
Providing Optimal Services and Supports for Students with Down Syndrome in Educational Settings
http://www.therapro.com/Content/Seminar_Content/2016-11-05_SSS_Howard.pdf
- **Down Syndrome Education**
Teaching Children with Down Syndrome to Read
<https://www.down-syndrome.org/perspectives/9/>
- **Bright Hub Education**
A Guide on Down Syndrome for Special Education Teachers
<http://www.brighthouseeducation.com/special-ed-inclusion-strategies/127937-teaching-children-with-down-syndrome/>