



Down Syndrome Association of Los Angeles, Inc.

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You are receiving these materials in celebration of World Down Syndrome Day, Sunday, March 21st at the request of _____ in honor of her/his child _____ who was born with Down syndrome. The Down Syndrome Association of Los Angeles along with our members want to make sure that all medical professionals in Los Angeles County are equipped to provide accurate answers to parents who receive a prenatal diagnosis or diagnosis of Down syndrome for their child.

We recognize every parent's right to choose. We also recognize a parent's right to be informed about the choices they are making. Parents often are not given accurate information about the lives that individuals with Down syndrome often lead; learning to read, care for their own needs, hold a job and contribute to their communities. The DSALA is available to provide information and support to families during this challenging time.

- We provide information about what it is like to care for a baby with Down syndrome.
- We share experiences about living with an individual with Down syndrome at all stages of life.
- We give information on support services available for individuals with Down syndrome.
- We provide support for siblings and other family members.
- We have resources for adoption, where there is a long waiting list of parents waiting to adopt babies with Down syndrome.
- We have support groups and on line email groups to support parents of children at all ages.

Please share our materials with your patients and feel free to refer them to the DSALA for support at 818-786-0001. Also, please request more materials when you need them and ask that we send them to other medical professionals you know.

Thank you for the service you provide to families in Los Angeles County. We look forward to partnering with you in support of families of children with Down syndrome.

Sincerely,

Gail Williamson
Executive Director

Copy: Patient's name, address and phone