

Calendar of Events

Nov 9 Dec 14 Jan 11	Parent Support Virtual Meetings 7PM
TBD	Full Day Conference with Libby Kumin
March 21	WDSO Celebration



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to Social Distancing Guidelines for COVID-19, Our upcoming events have been postponed. We will announce any new dates as soon as we are able.

Parent Support Virtual Meetings

Nov 9

Down Syndrome Parents Group

PURPOSE:
Provide a welcoming environment for parents, family members and other caregivers of individuals with Down syndrome to meet, share experiences, ask questions and receive support.

DATE	WILL BE USING GO-TO MEETING:
Monday, November 9, 2020	Please be in meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone
Wednesday, December 14, 2020	https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/96312307
Monday, January 11, 2021	New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts!
TIME	
7-7:40pm	https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/80512389

If you have any questions contact us at:
(716) 332-4170 or info@parentnetworkwny.org

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Full Day Conference with Libby Kumin

TBD

We are working on a new date in Spring of 2021.

SAVE the DATE
The DSPG has planned a special event for Sunday March 21, 2021.

College Scholarships

The DSPG is providing college scholarships to deserving high schoolers who have volunteered with us for at least 4 years. Please email dspg@dspgwny.org with questions or to receive a copy of the qualifications for the 2019-2020 school year. This year's annual scholarship is being awarded to Jack Slisz. Congratulations Jack! Applications for the fall of 2021 are due on May 30, 2021. *We welcome our loved ones with Down syndrome to volunteer at any of our events.*

National Down Syndrome Society Scholarship Awarded to Jacob Stives

Congratulations to DSPG member Jacob on receiving a National Down Syndrome Society Scholarship! He is attending Syracuse University. Way to go! See the full story in the Amherst Bee at <https://www.amherstbee.com/articles/williamsville-resident-receives-national-down-syndrome-society-scholarship/>

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- Donation from painted pumpkins by Adele Kirchmeyer
- JoAnna and John Eberl
- Donations through the National Fuel Employee Charitable Giving Fund
- Ten Thousand Villages
- Basil Toyota
- Eberl Iron Works, Inc. Employee donations

Resource Corner

Podcast: Does having Ds lead to higher risk in COVID

<https://directory.libsyn.com/episode/index/id/16566230>

Self Talk <https://www.facebook.com/adultdownsyndromececenter>

Have you ever heard of an IRLP?

<https://adayinourshoes.com/what-is-irlp-individual-remote-learning-plans/>

The Nurtured Heart Approach (NHA)

<https://parentnetworkwny.org/event/nurtured-heart-approach-series-day-1>

The Complete List of Free Things and Grants for Kids with Special Needs

<https://www.dontpayfull.com/blog/free-things-and-grants-for-kids-with-special-needs>

My Child Won't Wear a Mask

<https://adayinourshoes.com/my-child-wont-wear-a-mask-school-and-iep-accommodations-ideas>

Planning Can't Wait: Preparing for Life's Emergencies

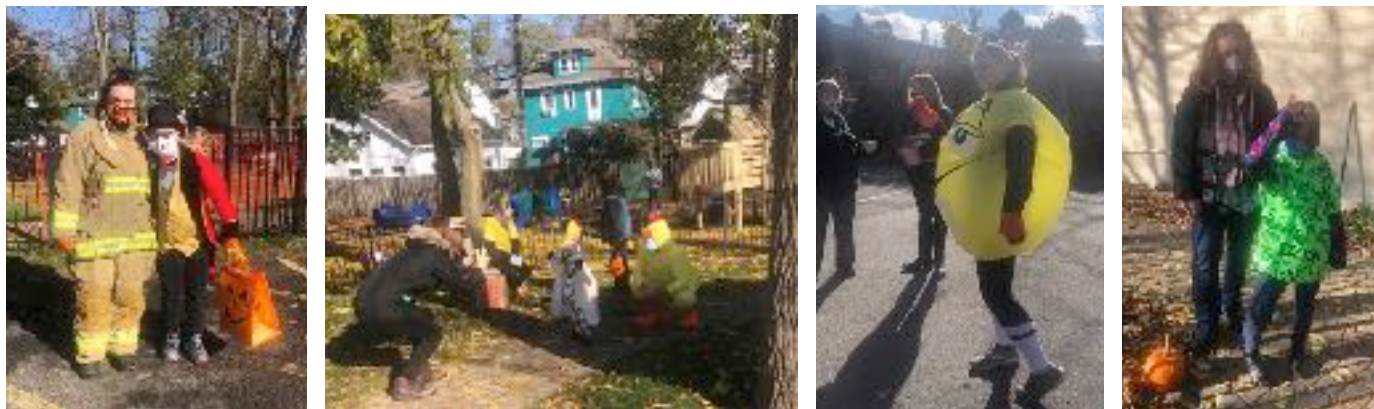
<https://thearc.org/planning-cant-wait-preparing-for-lifes-emergencies>

Middle and High School Transition Planning.

<https://www.pacer.org/transition/learning-center/planning>

Halloween Party 2020

We had a beautiful day and a great turnout for our Trick or Treat Trail. Special thanks to Bornhava for letting us use their playground and to Kelkenberg Farm for the pumpkin donation!



Board News

Please feel free to reach out to any of our Board members if you are in need of assistance. Whether it's an ear to listen, a virtual shoulder to cry on or something more substantial, we are here for you. We will do whatever we can to connect you with the necessary resources. Please take care and stay safe.



Thank you to everyone who participated in Hugs from the Heart to celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Month. We'd like to acknowledge all our past sponsors as well as 2020 donations from Basil Toyota and Eberl Iron Works.



Homecoming Queen

Congratulations to Kaylee Marchewka who was chosen as 2020 Homecoming Queen at Amherst High School.

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