

Calendar of Events

- May 10
June 14
July 12
Aug 9
- Parent Support Virtual Meetings**
7PM
- July 11
- Summer Picnic**
Como Park, Lancaster
1PM
- October 2
- Step Up for Down Syndrome**
Canalside
10AM

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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

May 10, June 14, July 12, Aug 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	"NEW ZOOM LINK"
Monday, May 10, 2021	Join Zoom Meeting
Monday, June 14, 2021	
Monday, July 12, 2021	https://zoom.us/j/91473020954?pwd=bn0wYkUwOFUyVitQKzlwYjJDbHN2QT09
Monday, Aug 9, 2021	

TIME
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Meeting ID: 914 7302 0954
Passcode: 902265
Dial by your location
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

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

Join our Zoom Meetings on the second Monday of every month at 7pm to share experiences, ask questions and receive support. Intended for parents and other caregivers of children with Down syndrome Click the link below to join or contact us with any questions at dspg@dspgwny.org

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For email reminders for upcoming meetings go to:
<https://form.jotform.com/dspgwny/dspgvirtualmeetings>

Summer Picnic

July 11

Join us for a day of family fun Sunday, July 11, 2021 from 1:00-5:00. We will meet at the Rich Marino Gazebo at Como Lake Park, 2220 Como Park Blvd, Lancaster, NY 14086. There will be music, games, a small basket raffle, and lots of fun! There is a playground close by as well as areas to play tennis, soccer, and basketball. **The DSPG will provide drinks like bottled water and juice boxes. If you would like to bring snacks for your family, please do so.** Restrooms will be available and are nearby the gazebo. Masks are required in buildings such as the restrooms.



To register go to <https://form.jotform.com/dspgwny/picnic21>. Please contact Wendy at weedysliz@yahoo.com with any questions.

Resource Corner

Down Syndrome Clinic to You dsc2u.org

It's good to know the difference between COVID and just allergies.

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/covid-19-cold-flu-and-allergies-differences/art-20503981>

[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html?](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html?fbclid=IwAR3TGaXURLShJ5YR8Hg56WIXxSprOtiHG10t0msDgsyJBZKN7wt3BmqQZg#People-with-Seasonal-Allergies)

[fbclid=IwAR3TGaXURLShJ5YR8Hg56WIXxSprOtiHG10t0msDgsyJBZKN7wt3BmqQZg#People-with-Seasonal-Allergies](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html?fbclid=IwAR3TGaXURLShJ5YR8Hg56WIXxSprOtiHG10t0msDgsyJBZKN7wt3BmqQZg#People-with-Seasonal-Allergies)

ID Cards are now available for individuals with a diagnosed developmental disability!

<https://opwdd.ny.gov/form/i-dd-id-cards>

COVID-19 Vaccine Q & A

<https://www.ddawny.org/resources/covid>

Dermatologic Conditions in People With Down Syndrome

Two recent video episodes of the Down Syndrome Center of Western PA's podcast discussed skin conditions in individuals with Down syndrome.

<https://www.chp.edu/.../down.../podcasts/skin-conditions>

<https://www.chp.edu/.../down.../podcasts/skin-conditions-2>

COVID-19 updates and information about COVID-19 vaccinations.

<https://adsresources.advocatehealth.com/covid-19--down-syndrome-resource/>

The Lincoln Center: Passport to the Arts: Designed for children, teens, and adults with disabilities and their families, Passport to the Arts provides a welcoming, accessible, and affordable introduction to the performing arts at Lincoln Center at no cost.

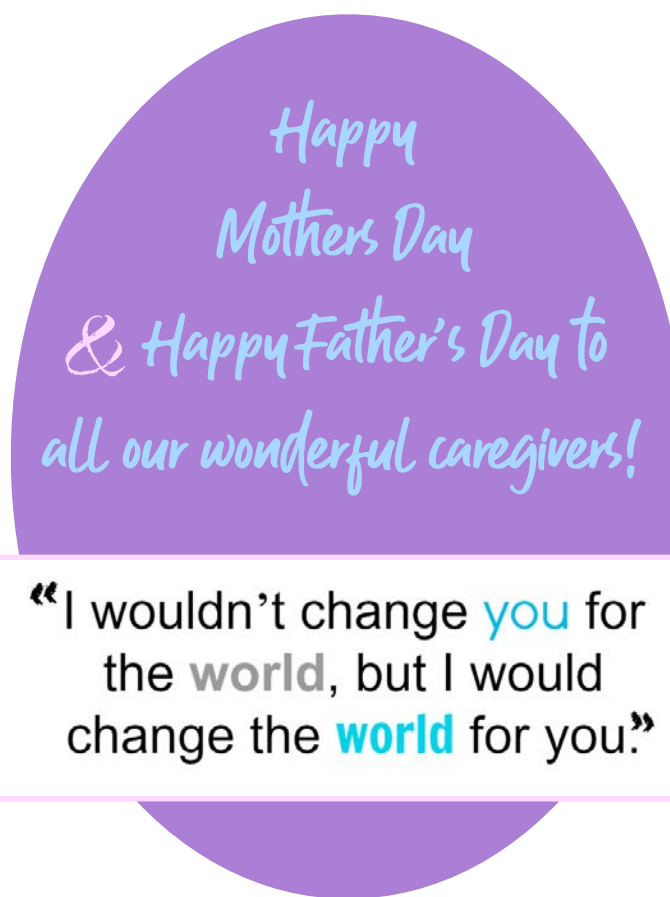
<https://www.lincolncenter.org/lincoln-center-at-home/series/passport-to-the-arts>

Refusal to Eat Solid Foods

<https://adsresources.advocatehealth.com/refusal-to-eat-solid-foods/>

World Down Syndrome Day Chicken BBQ

The Down Syndrome Parents Group's Chicken BBQ Drive Thru was a great success! It was great to see some familiar faces and we really appreciate your support.



“I wouldn't change **you** for the **world**, but I would change the **world** for **you**.”

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Board News

Please feel free to reach out to any of our Board members if you are in need of assistance. We will do whatever we can to connect you with necessary resources. Take care and stay safe.

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 2020-2021 school year. This year's annual scholarship was 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.*

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