

DSAOC's **Mission** is to create a place for connection, information and hope for people with Down syndrome and their families throughout greater Orange County, to promote Down syndrome awareness through community outreach, and to offer programs, services and support that aim to empower individuals with Down syndrome to reach their full potential. Our **Vision** is to be a one-stop-shop for all things Down syndrome related, and to be a model organization for community collaboration and Down syndrome awareness, to change perceptions and change lives.

<h3>Looking Forward in 2018</h3>	<h3>Support and Networking Groups</h3>
<p> Circle of Friends – Thursday, April 5, DSAOC Seminar at Alzheimer's OC – Saturday, April 7 Bowling – Saturday, April 14, Irvine Lanes DSAOC Jr. "Just Dance" Party – Saturday, April 14, Mater Dei New Parent Luncheon – Sunday, April 15, SB Yacht Club DSAOC Sibshops – Saturday, April 21 (NO March Meeting) Clothes for the Cause – May 3 – May 7, DSAOC Center Golf Tournament – Monday, June 11, Los Coyotes CC Summer Picnic – Saturday, June 30, Atlantis Park OC Bike Camp – Monday, August 6 – Friday, August 10, Soka OC Buddy Walk – Sunday, October 28, Angel Stadium <i>For more information about DSAOC activities/events visit:</i> www.dsaoc.org or call 714-540-5794 </p>	<p> <u>Circle of Friends Support & Networking Group</u> Thursday, April 5 from 7:00—9:00 p.m. at the DSAOC Center </p> <p> Circle of Friends: Make friends, and share the challenges, milestones, and triumphs as you raise your child. Expectant parents are also welcome. Child care is not provided, but your little one with Down syndrome is welcome to accompany you. </p> <p> TOPIC: APPsolute Fun: Apps for Early Learning by TASK This session will introduce and demonstrate iPad applications that help facilitate early learning. This will include preschool apps, early language and literacy, fine motor skills and much more. Join us for a fast-paced, fun-filled workshop. </p>
<h3>Teen/Adult Activities</h3>	<p>Please RSVP to Ali at admin@dsaoc.org or (714) 540-5794</p>
<p> <u>Teen and Adult Bowling League</u> Saturday, April 14 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. </p> <p> This activity is for teens and adults with Down syndrome ages 12 and up. Join us for this FUN & social activity! Takes place on the 2nd Saturday of each month from September to May. </p> <p> Location: Irvine Lanes – 3415 Michelson Dr. Irvine, CA Cost: \$6 per session (includes 2 games and shoe rental) <i>Please RSVP to Ali at admin@dsaoc.org</i> </p>	<p> <u>Homeschool Friends</u> Mondays, beginning April 2 – Schedule Varies – Please call our center for info. Starts at noon at the DSAOC Center </p> <p> The Homeschool children in this group are participating in a special Speech program. Parents are still welcome to join for discussion and networking with the other parents, however, we cannot accommodate additional children in the program at this time. </p> <p> Questions? Email Ali at admin@dsaoc.org </p>
<h3>DSAOC Jr "Just Dance" Party</h3>	<p>Questions? Email Ali at admin@dsaoc.org</p>
<p> <u>DSAOC Jr. "Just Dance" Party</u> Saturday, April 14 from 4 – 6 p.m. at Mater Dei High School </p> <p> For Children with Down syndrome ages 10 – 14 years old ALOHA! - Come dressed in your favorite island themed wear! Does your child love to dance and meet new friends, but is too young for the Boo Bash or Red Carpet Ball? Then the DSAOC Junior Dance is for them! This dance will help transition younger participants by teaching them dance etiquette in preparation for school dances and DSAOC teen/adult dances. Parents are welcome to drop off their child or stay during the event. Parents are encouraged to take this opportunity to network with other parents. We have chairs available in the room and also picnic tables out front as well. </p> <p> To register contact Lauren at programs@dsaoc.org </p>	<h3>Clothes for the Cause</h3> <p> <u>Clothes for the Cause</u> <u>Save the dates: May 3 – May 7</u> </p> <p> Get a jump start on all that spring cleaning! We are still collecting items for our Clothes for the Cause fundraiser here at the DSAOC Center. Bag up your old, unused clothing, shoes, textiles, etc. We will be collecting the goods from May 3 – May 7! </p> <p> Our center will be open all weekend and our hours will vary. Be sure to check our Facebook, the May Fridge Post and our upcoming emails for the exact hours. </p> <p> clothesforthecausefundraising.com/clothing-fundraising-details/ </p>

Unless otherwise stated, activities are held at the DSAOC Center, 151 Kalmus Drive, M-5, Costa Mesa, 92626.
Please contact the Center to sign up for activities: 714-540-5794 or email admin@dsaoc.org

UCI MIND Ask the Doc for the Down Syndrome Community
Saturday, April 7 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
at Alzheimer's Orange County

Bring your question about the connection between Alzheimer's and Down syndrome, brain aging and memory loss, diagnosis and treatment, research advances, and the caregiver experience to a panel of expert clinicians and scientists from UCI MIND, Orange County's only state and federally designated Alzheimer's Disease Research Center.

This seminar is in partnership with Alzheimer's Orange County, Regional Center of Orange County and DSAOC. Moderated by Joshua Grill, PH.D., with panelists Ira Lott, M.D., Eric Doran, M.S. and Jorge Busciglio, PH.D.

REGISTER TODAY at askucimind4ds.eventbrite.com

No cost to attend and FREE parking. Light refreshments provided by DSAOC.

For questions please call 949-824-9475.

UCI MIND answers your questions about Alzheimer's in people with Down syndrome

ASK THE DOC

Saturday, April 7, 2018 | 1:00-3:00PM

Alzheimer's Orange County

2515 McCabe Way, Suite 200, Irvine, CA 92614

The Down Syndrome Association of Orange County (DSAOC) cordially invites you to our annual

New Parent Luncheon

For new & expectant parents, grandparents, and caregivers of children with Down syndrome ages 0 to 4 yrs.

Sunday, April 15, 2018
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Join DSAOC and guests for lunch, drinks, and social time. Cash bar will be available.

This event is a complimentary luncheon for expectant parents and new parents who have a child with Down syndrome ages 0 to 4 yrs. Grandparents and other caregivers are also welcome. This is a smart casual attire luncheon.



Hosted by DSAOC and our friends at the Seal Beach Yacht Club (SBYC).

SBYC, 255 Marina Drive, Long Beach, CA 90803

FREE Parking – SBYC is near 22fwy/Seal Beach Blvd and is next to Joe's Crab Shack and West Marine.

Gifts provided to each family from our friend, Annie, at Signing Time Academy. We will also provide each family a ticket for a chance to win one of our beautiful floral centerpieces. Please **RSVP by Wednesday, April 4** to Ali at admin@dsaoc.org or call (714) 540-5794.



DSAOC's 14th Annual Golf Tournament, Banquet & Auction.

Join us as a Golfer, Sponsor, Volunteer and/or Banquet Guest! REGISTER/INFO: give.classy.org/golf2018

Monday, June 11, 2018

Los Coyotes Country Club - Buena Park

11 a.m. Shotgun Start

18 Holes of Golf • Exciting Gift Bag • Lunch • Player's Package
Helicopter Ball Drop • Silent & Live Auction • Dinner & Awards Banquet

\$250 Golf Registration / \$225 **Early Bird** Registration by **Monday, April 23, 2018**

\$55 Banquet Only Tickets (includes hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment & buffet style dinner)

\$45 Banquet Only Ticket for Golfer Guests / \$30 Child Meal Banquet Tickets

