

2022

DOWN SYNDROME

FAMILY CONFERENCE

...

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022

COOPER CENTER FOR CREATIVE ARTS
LARAMIE, WY



2022 Conference Schedule

Saturday, June 18, 2022

8:30 - 9:00 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM Welcome

9:15 to 10:30 AM Dr. Lewis Jackson - Cooper Center Theatre

Dr. Jackson returns to the WyDSA Family Conference as one of our most popular speakers. He is a Professor of Special Education at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado. In his 30+ years of experience, he has worked closely with advocates, teachers, and families to enhance educational access through full integration into general education, universal design, and appropriate use of peers and adults. His research interests are primarily in inclusive education, literacy and communication, and positive behavioral support. He is well published, has presented nationally and internationally over the years, and is a co-author, with Dr. Marion Panyan, of a book entitled, *Positive Behavioral Support in the Classroom: Principles and Practices*.

In this first session, Dr. Jackson will present his findings on a compressive research project that examined different educational environments for children with Developmental Disabilities and offer insight in how to gain the best support possible in school settings.

9:15 to 10:30 AM Ark Equestrian Center - 1375 North Pine St (spaces limited)

As a second option for the first session of the day, attendees can choose to take a short drive over to the Ark Regional Services Equestrian Center. Director of Equestrian Services, Ed Ulrich, will conduct an Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) activity to demonstrate the benefits of this unique approach to skill development, behavior management, and physical and cognitive support.

10:45 to 12:00 PM Dr. Lewis Jackson - Cooper Center Theatre

Dr. Jackson continues with a discussion of a 15 plus year project of looking at the changes in inclusive education and analyzing best practices. Dr. Jackson will also be available to answer all manner of question from behavior support to the IEP process.

10:45 - 12:00PM Ark Equestrian Center - 1375 North Pine St (spaces limited)

Ed Ulrich, Director of Equestrian Services for at the Ark Equestrian Center, will conduct another Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) activity for attendees.

12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch - Cooper Center Gallery

1:15 - 3:00 PM The Future is Choice - Cooper Center Theatre

An expert panel will discuss the amazing array of supports available for adults with Down Syndrome. Whether a person is just starting out in life or quickly approaching adulthood, this session will provide extensive information about supports and services available. Topics will include; Case Management, Community Support Services, Employment Support, Funding, Advocacy, Wyoming DD Waiver Services, and much, much more.

5:30 to 8:00 PM Dinner & Buddy Ball - Cooper Center

Respite Support Available (9:00AM - 3:00PM)

Children ages infant to 5

We have numerous toys, games, and activities planned throughout the day.

Children ages 6 to 12

We have music and a number of fun games, crafts, and activities planned for the day, including parachute games and a movie in the afternoon.

Teens (13 and up) and Adults

Dance Session

Incorporating basic jazz and modern dance styles while utilizing theatre improvisation techniques, people participating in this session will choreograph, rehearse, and prepare a theatrical dance piece which will be performed later that evening. Even if you choose not to perform, this session will still be a fun way to spend the day.

Teen and adult dance session will take place across the street at:

The Center for Professional Development

1160 N 3rd St

Laramie, WY 82072

**WyDSA staff will escort attendees to and from the Cooper Center throughout the day as needed.

Siblings

Siblings ages 7 to 14:

We have some fun off site activities planned for our sibling group this year! Specific details will be announced closer to the conference.

Conference Menu

Breakfast - Assorted Pastries, Fruits, Coffee, and Orange Juice.

Lunch - Boxed Sandwiches (Ham & Swiss, Turkey & Bacon, or Roast Beef); includes Chocolate Chip Cookie, Chips, Water and Lemonade.

Dinner - Cavatappi Pasta with Grilled Chicken (Creamy Alfredo or Tomato Cream sauces), Salad, Garlic Bread, and Assorted Dessert Bars

Conference Location

Cooper Center for Creative Arts

1174 N 4th St

Laramie, WY 82072

WyDSA Respite Policy

The respite staff of the Wyoming Down Syndrome Association (WyDSA) are excited to spend time with your children so that you can take advantage of the educational and networking opportunities presented at the conference. In order to ensure the safety of your children and meet our insurance requirements, the following policy is in effect while your child is in our care.

1. WyDSA staff will not take your child to the restroom or change diapers. If these services are needed, we will bring your child to you so that you may assist them.
2. Although the children's sessions are designed for a specific age group, WyDSA staff reserve the right to move your child to a different session if we feel they will enjoy it more or are having difficulty in the session they are currently attending.
3. If your child is unhappy and continually trying to leave the room to find you, we will bring him/her to you. At any point we will be happy to have them join us again, but we certainly don't want them to be miserable when they are with us.
4. We want everyone to have fun! We have planned MANY activities to keep children engaged and active. We also want everyone to be safe. If your child won't follow the rules or refuses to listen to WyDSA respite staff, we will bring them to you.
5. The Family Conference is very family friendly. Our presenters know that children will be coming and going from the sessions and are expecting some interruptions. Please feel free to move around to do what you need to do during the sessions.

Cost

There is no cost to attend the WyDSA Family Conference. Funding is provided by the annual Wyoming Buddy Walk.

There are a limited number of grants available to help with the cost of hotel rooms. For more information contact Colby Chisholm at 307-742-6641 or colby@arkrs.org

Hotel Information

You can contact the Days Inn hotel for reservations at (307) 745-5678. WyDSA has held a block of rooms for Friday and Saturday which are available on a first come first serve basis. The cost of each room is \$109.00 a night plus tax. When making your reservation please ask for the Wyoming Down Syndrome Association block. The room reservations will be available up to **two weeks** before the conference date.

Please complete, print, and send the registration forms to:

WyDSA
1150 N. 3rd St.
Laramie, WY 82072

You can print the registration forms at our website:
www.wydsa.org

-OR-

You can also submit your registration information electronically to:
colby@arkrs.org

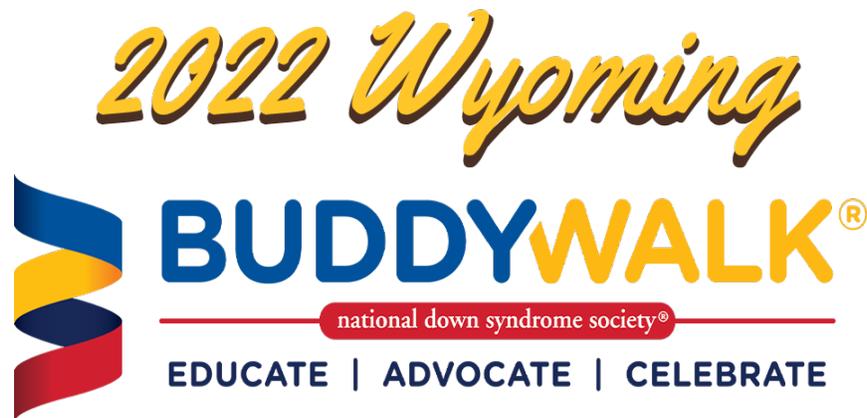
If you have any questions about conference registration, or to register by phone, contact:

Colby Chisholm
307-742-6641
colby@arkrs.org

Save the date for the 2022 Wyoming Buddy Walk®
Saturday, September 10
Washington Park in Laramie, WY

Our celebration will include a carnival, live music, lunch, and the opportunity to purchase discounted tickets to the Cowboy football game!

Registration information will be available in July!!



We need your help!

Over the past 21 years, the Wyoming Buddy Walk® has become a day full of fun, family, and celebration of the contributions that people with Down syndrome make in their communities and all around our state. The Wyoming Down Syndrome Association also relies on the annual Wyoming Buddy Walk® to provide the funding we use to implement great projects like the annual Family Conference, distributing information and resources to families, celebrating World Down Syndrome Day, and funding the walk itself.

Please help support the Wyoming Buddy Walk® and the projects that it funds, including this conference, by seeking sponsorships and donations within your community. We know how hard it is to ask but we have to do this together. If you are willing help, just let us know how we can support you. We have a great sponsorship packet you can use and we can answer any questions you or your potential sponsor may have.

Wyoming Buddy Walk®

WyDSA is able to provide the Family Conference each year at no cost to the families because of the generosity of the sponsors and participants of the Wyoming Buddy Walk. The money raised each year is used to fund all of WyDSA's projects including the conference, the Buddy Boxes, a yearly outreach program, the Buddy News newsletter, and many other one time and on going projects.

2021 Wyoming Buddy Walk Sponsors

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- Wyoming Gas

Sibling Registration Information

Registration deadline:

June 10, 2022

After June 10, 2022 please call (307) 742-6641 to see if additional participants can be accommodated.

Name(s) and Age(s): _____

In consideration of being permitted to participate in any way in the Wyoming Down Syndrome Association (WyDSA) Family Conference sibling activity, the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of the minor participant named below agree:

1. The parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) will instruct the minor participant that prior to participating in the activity, he or she should inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if he or she believes anything is unsafe, the participant should immediately advise the officials of such condition and refuse to participate. I understand and agree that, if at any time, I feel anything to be unsafe, I will immediately take all precautions and avoid the unsafe area and refuse to participate further.
2. I/We full understand and acknowledge that:
 - a. There are risks and dangers associated with participation of athletic activities which would result in bodily injury, partial and/or total disability, paralysis and death.
 - b. The social and economic losses and/or damages, which could result from these risks and dangers described above, could be severe.
 - c. These risks and dangers may be caused by the action, inaction or negligence of the participant or the action, inaction or negligence of other, including, but not limited to WyDSA and Ark Regional Services.
 - d. There may be other risks that are not known to us or are not reasonably foreseeable at this time.
3. I/We accept and assume such risks and responsibility for the losses and/or damages following such injury, disability, paralysis or death, however caused and whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence of WyDSA or Ark Regional Services.
4. I/We hereby acknowledge that the activities of the WyDSA Family Conference sibling activity may be very dangerous and involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage. Each of the undersigned also expressly acknowledges that injuries received may be compounded or increased by negligent rescue operations or procedures of WyDSA or Ark Regional Services.
5. Each of the undersigned further expressly agrees that the foregoing release, waiver and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the law of the State of Wyoming and that if any portion is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.
6. On behalf of the participant and individually, the undersigned parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) for the minor participant executes this Waiver and Release. If, despite the release, the participant makes a claim against WyDSA or Ark Regional Services, the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) will reimburse WyDSA and Ark Regional Services for any money which they have paid to the participant, or on his behalf, and hold them harmless.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME AND INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY, INCLUDING ANY NEGLIGENCE OF WYDSA OR ARK REGIONAL SERVICES TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.

Date: _____

Printed Name of Participant(s): _____

Registration Information

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

If you are bringing a family member who has Down syndrome, please list their first name and age:

Please list the first name and age of any siblings and the name of any additional people in attendance.

Waiver: In consideration of me and/or my minor child(ren) being permitted to participate in the Down Syndrome Family Conference and/or related activities, I hereby – for myself, my heirs and personal representatives - assume any and all risks which might be associated with the conference and/or related activities. I understand that the conference may require good physical conditioning. MY CHILD(REN) AND I WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE BUDDY WALK AND/OR RELATED ACTIVITIES WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE INHERENT RISKS, HAZARDS AND DANGERS INVOLVED AND HEREBY ASSUME AND ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY, PARALYSIS OR DEATH. I, for myself, my heirs and personal representatives, hereby KNOWINGLY AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVE AND RELEASE, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS Ark Regional Services (“Ark”), its agents, officers, employees, sponsors, organizers, volunteers or other representatives or their successors and assigns, for any and all injuries or damages of any kind whatsoever suffered by myself and/or my minor child(ren), and from and against any and all claims, actions, causes of action, liabilities, suits, expenses (including reasonable attorney’s fees) and NEGLIGENCE of any kind or nature, whether foreseen or unforeseen, arising directly or indirectly out of any damage, loss, injury, paralysis, or death to me, my child(ren) or my property, as a result of my participation and/or my child(ren)’s participation in the conference and/or related activities. I also authorize the use by Ark of any photo, film or videotape taken of me or my minor child(ren) for any purpose.

Signature: _____

Date: _____