

# TVDSA Newsletter



TREASURE VALLEY  
DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION

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## Medical Concerns for Individuals with Down Syndrome

Although children and adults with Down syndrome can be just as healthy as any person, they can also have special medical problems. Even though some of these problems can be quite serious, the good news is that medical treatments have improved substantially, and the vast majority of individuals with Down syndrome are healthy and active. Individuals with Down syndrome have a higher risk for many conditions. The medical consequences of the extra genetic material in Down syndrome are highly variable and may affect the function of any organ system or bodily process. Some problems are present at birth, such as certain heart malformations. Others become apparent over time, such as seizure disorders.

We will attempt to mention as many of the major concerns as possible, with links to further information. We will continue our look into the medical needs of individuals with Down syndrome in future issues as well. *It is not the intent of TVDSA to give medical advice, only to supply the information that may be relevant to your loved one. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the health care of your loved one with Down syndrome, please consult with your primary care physician.*



## What are the Medical Problems Associated with Down Syndrome?

By: Chaira Kozma M.D., Babies with Down Syndrome  
Edited by Karen Stray-Gundersen

### Will my child have medical problems?

Children with Down syndrome are at an increased risk for a wide range of medical problems. These potential problems include congenital heart defects, increased susceptibility to infection, respiratory problems, gastrointestinal disorders, and childhood leukemia. However, not every child with Down syndrome develops health problems and most of these health problems are now treatable.

### What are congenital heart defects?

A congenital heart defect is a heart problem that is present at birth. Between 30 and 45 percent of babies with Down syndrome are born with heart defects. These defects vary from mild defects which may disappear with time to severe defects which will require major surgery. In most cases a cardiologist can detect a heart defect soon after birth. The most common congenital heart defect is [Atrioventricular \(AV\) septal defect](#). This problem occurs when the valves separating the atrium (upper chamber of the heart) from the ventricle (lower chamber of the heart) leak allowing blood to flow

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### Message from the Editor

In an effort to limit the length of the TVDSA newsletter and yet share the maximum information, you will find numerous Internet links for additional websites and contact information located throughout this newsletter. Simply click on any highlighted & underlined text for a direct link to the information.

in the wrong direction. This problem is quite serious but can be corrected with surgery in infancy. The second most common problem is a hole in the wall of either of the ventricles ([Ventricular Septal Defect](#) or VSD) or between the atrium ([Atrial Septal Defect](#) or ASD). Small holes do not cause any strain on the baby and often close by themselves. Larger holes may require surgery. Babies with heart defects sometimes show symptoms. These symptoms can include feeding problems, a change in color during feeding, poor growth, and labored breathing.

#### What endocrine problems can occur?

The endocrine system is made up of the glands that produce and secrete hormones. These include the thyroid, the pituitary gland, the adrenal glands, the pancreas and many others. The most common endocrine problem in children with Down syndrome involves the thyroid. The thyroid, located in the throat, is the largest endocrine gland in the body. The thyroid secretes a wide array of hormones that regulate metabolism, heart rate, and growth. The most common type of thyroid problem both among the general population and children with Down syndrome is hypothyroidism. [Hypothyroidism](#) means that the thyroid is not producing sufficient amounts of hormones. Hypothyroidism can be a serious problem if left untreated so it is important that children with Down syndrome be tested at birth and then on a yearly basis to insure that the thyroid is working correctly. Untreated, hypothyroidism can lead to slow growth, skin disorders, blood disorders, sleep disorders, learning disorders, and feeding disorders. Fortunately, hypothyroidism can be easily treated with an oral medication, L-thyroxine. This is an inexpensive medication which serves to replace the missing hormones. [Hyperthyroidism](#) is a condition where the thyroid produces too much thyroid hormone. One form of this condition is Graves disease. Symptoms include nervousness, irritability, increased appetite, increased perspiration, disturbed sleep and an enlarged thyroid. This condition is treated with medication to block the production of thyroid hormone. In some cases the thyroid may be removed or destroyed with radioactive iodine. In this case, L-thyroxine would be used to replace the thyroid hormones. Children with Down syndrome may have a shortage of growth hormone (hGH) which is produced in the pituitary gland. hGH replacement is fairly controversial, but a child with reduced levels of hGH may be a candidate for hGH replacement therapy. It is quite common for children with genetic disorders such as Down syndrome to be short in stature and special growth charts have been developed for children with Down syndrome. However, some doctors have come to believe that children with Down syndrome should be charted on the normal growth charts. If a child fails to grow on these charts, it may be a sign that there is an endocrine problem such as hypothyroidism or hypopituitarism.

#### What skin problems can occur?

Infants with Down syndrome tend to have very soft skin but as they grow older their skin can become dry and coarse. A common problem for children with Down syndrome is [atopic dermatitis](#) (also called atopic eczema). This is a condition where the child has a dry, red, and scaly rash usually on the cheeks, arms, legs, or trunk. This condition is actually found in up to 10% of all children but is more common in children with Down syndrome. No permanent cure exists but the condition can be controlled. The skin should be treated with moisturizers and mild soaps or soap-free cleansers

### Video Clip

Go beyond the medical issues with this new video clip: [It's A Wonderful Life](#), put out by the Connecticut Down Syndrome Congress celebrating the pleasures of parenthood and the unlimited possibilities of our children.

### DADS

#### **ANNOUNCING: TVDSA DADs Group**

The first gathering will be held:

Tuesday, May 24th  
at A New Leaf  
7:00pm-8:30pm

Come, share, learn and give input on where and how the DADS group can serve all of us to the fullest.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact:  
[Paul Auger](#)



#### **May TVDSA Membership Meeting**

May 10th  
7:00pm-9:00pm  
at A New Leaf  
2456 Stokesberry  
Meridian

We will have two speakers: Natalie Jones, a board certified music therapist and owner of My Song Sings Therapy in Boise; and Valerie James from Ride For Joy Therapeutic Riding Program in Boise. Both will discuss their programs and the corresponding benefits of the different therapies.

(such as Cetaphil) should be used to clean the skin. More severe cases should be treated by a dermatologist who can prescribe topical corticosteroids. Some parents have reported successfully treating atopic dermatitis by eliminating dairy and gluten (found in wheat) products from the diet. [Alopecia Areata](#) (AA) is an autoimmune disease involving the hair and nails. Although rare, it does tend to occur more often in people with Down syndrome. It is believed that AA is an autoimmune reaction where the body attacks its own hair follicles. A person with AA usually develops bald patches although generalized thinning or complete baldness may also occur. In most cases, children with AA may have a few small patches that disappear without treatment within one year. AA can be treated with topical steroids or topical irritants but in young children these treatments are usually not practical.

#### What gastrointestinal problems can occur?

The gastrointestinal (GI) tract consists of the parts of the body that take in food, extract the nutrients, and dispose of the waste. Gastrointestinal problems tend to be more common in children with Down syndrome than in the normal population, however most of these conditions are rare. Gastrointestinal problems fall into two basic areas: 1) anatomical anomalies - the structure of the organs is abnormal 2) functional disorders - the organs do not work the way they should.

The most common anatomical anomalies are:

- [aganglionic megacolon](#)- Also called Hirschsprung's disease, this is a condition where parts of the bowel have no nerve cells. Children with this condition can become extremely constipated. Severe cases can be life threatening if left untreated. Hirschsprung's is normally treated by surgically removing the part of the bowel that does not function correctly.
- [annular pancreas](#)- This is a condition in which the pancreas is ring-shaped and constricts part of the intestine. Depending on the amount of constriction, this can be a serious medical emergency. This condition is normally treated surgically.
- [duodenal atresia](#) and [duodenal stenosis](#) - Both of these conditions involve a narrowing of the small intestine the difference being the amount of the narrowing. Depending on the amount of narrowing, surgery may be required. In less serious cases, the condition may be managed through diet.
- [imperforate anus](#) - This is a condition in which the anus (the external opening of the colon) is blocked. This condition is normally treated with surgery within the first few days after the baby is born.
- [tracheo-esophageal fistula](#) - This is a condition where there is an opening between the windpipe and the esophagus. Some children have this condition without developing any problems. Others may require surgery to close the fistula to prevent fluids from travelling from the esophagus into the trachea.
- [pyloric stenosis](#) - This is a narrowing of the pylorus, the junction where the stomach empties into the small intestine. This is treated with a simple surgical procedure that usually works very well. It is important to understand that any of these conditions can occur in any child although they do tend to be more common in children with Down syndrome.

The most common functional disorders are:

- [esophageal motility disorders](#) and [gastro-esophageal reflux](#). Children with Down syndrome often have problems with reflux. Reflux does not mean that the child spits up during or after a

This Meeting is also the Annual Meeting to go over the 2010 year, vote for the 2011 Board Members and talk about the upcoming year's plans.

We encourage everyone to attend this meeting as a lot of information will be shared.

For suggestions on upcoming meeting speakers and/or topics contact: [Korlean Lemon](#), [Erin Rosenkoetter](#), or [Kelly Zimmerman](#).

### Calendar of Events

#### May 3rd:

[NDSS](#) Opens up Time Square Photo Video Contest for the 2011 Buddy Walk

#### May 8th:

Happy Mother's Day to all our TVDSA Moms!

#### May 10th:

TVDSA Membership Annual Meeting  
7:00pm-9:00pm  
At A New Leaf

#### May 11th:

IPUL Parent Support Group: "Working for Change - Using the Power of a Personal Story".  
6:00pm-8:00pm Boise  
Contact: [Angela Lindig](#)

#### May 12th:

PEAK [Webinar](#): Creating Circles of Support  
6:30pm-7:30pm

#### May 12th:

Children Redesign Meeting in **Caldwell**  
Contact: [Rebecca Fadness](#)

#### May 14th:

Lil' Buddies Playgroup  
3:00pm-5:00pm at  
Quinn's House, Meridian  
Contact: [Kristie Yergar](#)

#### May 14th:

Cool Club BBQ  
4:00pm-7:00pm  
Contact: [Molly Benton](#)

#### May 17th:

TVDSA Board Meeting  
At A New Leaf  
7:00pm-9:00pm

feeding. In most cases, this simply means the child has swallowed air. Reflux can occur because the esophagus is having trouble propelling food into the stomach or it may occur because the stomach is emptying too slowly. Persistent reflux may cause serious problems since the stomach contents are highly acidic and can damage the esophagus, larynx, or trachea. If the child aspirates stomach acids, they may gag or cough just after feeding. Reflux is normally treated with medicines to reduce stomach acidity and to help move food through the stomach faster. In many cases, the child may grow out of the problem.

- **malabsorption disorders** - Children with Down syndrome sometimes have a condition called **celiac disease** in which the intestines lose the ability to absorb nutrients. This condition is normally treated by eliminating gluten from the diet. There are other malabsorption disorders but children with Down syndrome are no more likely to have these conditions than the rest of the population. Some children with Down syndrome may have trouble absorbing certain vitamins. If the child is not growing well or has an increased number of ordinary infections that are difficult to cure, they may have a vitamin absorption problem. A blood test can help to determine if this is a problem.

#### What respiratory problems can occur?

Children with Down syndrome are at risk for respiratory infections. Some respiratory infections are caused by a weak cough which is sometimes seen in children with hypotonia. Other causes of respiratory infection are heart problems leading to fluid in the lungs, regurgitation of food from the stomach into the lungs, and weakened immune systems. Sleep apnea, temporary stopping of breathing during sleep, is also sometimes seen in children with Down syndrome. **Sleep apnea** is often caused by the adenoids or tonsils being too large for the size of the mouth. Symptoms of sleep apnea include restlessness, noisy breathing, and snoring. This can be a serious problem since the baby may have reduced oxygen levels to the brain. Treatment can include removing the tonsils or adenoids.

#### What orthopedic problems can occur?

Children with Down syndrome experience a wide range of orthopedic problems due to their loose ligaments and hypotonia. These problems include scoliosis (side-to-side curvature of the spine), joint dislocation, hip and knee cap instability, weak ankles, and problems with the feet including pronation and flat feet. Some of these conditions may not produce any symptoms while others may require surgery depending on the severity. As many as 20% of all children with Down syndrome may have a weakness or instability in the spinal column in the neck. This is a condition called **atlanto-axial instability**. This condition, if not diagnosed, can lead to spinal cord damage which can lead to paralysis or death. It is important that children with Down syndrome be screened for this condition. Screening is done with both a neurological exam and with x-rays. Normally, the screening is done between the ages of 4 and 6. Treatment will depend on the amount of instability present and the distance separating the vertebrae. If the condition is severe enough, surgery may be required.

#### What problems with vision and hearing can occur?

Close to 70 percent of children with Down syndrome will have some type of vision problem. These problems include farsightedness, nearsightedness, strabismus (crossed eyes), amblyopia (lazy eye),

#### May 19th:

Children Redesign  
Meeting in **Boise**  
Contact:  
[Rebecca Fadness](#)

#### May 21st:

Adults in Motion  
1:00pm-3:00pm  
Contact: [Freddie Gallas](#)

#### May 23rd:

Lil' Buddies Playgroup  
10:00am-12:00pm at  
Colin's House, Meridian  
Contact: [Kristie Yerger](#)

#### May 23rd:

Buddy Walk Committee  
Meeting 7:00 pm

#### May 24th:

DADs Support Group  
First Gathering  
at A New Leaf  
7:00pm-8:30pm  
Contact: [Paul Auger](#)

#### May 24th:

Children Redesign  
Meeting in **Pocatello**  
Contact:  
[Rebecca Fadness](#)

#### May 25th:

Children Redesign  
Meeting in **Idaho Falls**  
Contact:  
[Rebecca Fadness](#)

#### June 1st:

Children Redesign  
Meeting in  
**Coeur d'Alene**  
Contact:  
[Rebecca Fadness](#)

#### June 2nd:

Children Redesign  
Meeting in **Lewiston**  
Contact:  
[Rebecca Fadness](#)

#### June 7th:

Children Redesign  
Meeting in **Twin Falls**  
Contact:  
[Rebecca Fadness](#)

#### June 16th-17th:

Idaho Conference on  
Mental Health  
Boise  
Contact: 208.433.8845

#### July 6th:

TVDSA Annual Picnic  
6:00pm  
Nampa  
Contact: [Lynda Wells](#)

astigmatism, cataracts, and blocked tear ducts. All of these problems can be treated if detected early. All children, not just children with Down syndrome, should have their eyes tested. Some studies suggest that as many as 60 percent of children with Down syndrome experience some type of hearing loss. The development of speech depends on hearing so it is important that children be tested to determine if they are experiencing hearing problems. Hearing loss can be treated with antibiotics to treat infections, [Tympanostomy tubes](#) (implanted in a minor surgical procedure) to remove fluid from the inner ear, or, if necessary, hearing aids. With early detection, children with Down syndrome should be able to hear normally.

## Medical Procedures: Pearls for Prevention Thyroid Screening

By Joanna Spahis, RN, CNS, APNG  
Clinical Nurse Specialist, Down Syndrome Clinic  
Children's Medical Center, Dallas



Thyroid screening is recommended for all newborns at birth and for all individuals with Down syndrome at least yearly. People with Down syndrome have a higher than average risk for hypothyroidism (low thyroid function), as well as other thyroid conditions.

### Q: Why is thyroid testing important?

A: The thyroid gland is a small, butterfly shaped organ in the neck area. It is important to maintain normal thyroid levels because the thyroid gland makes hormones that help regulate many body functions, including how well we burn calories, how our bodies respond to hot and cold temperatures, how much energy we have and how we grow.

### Q: What kind of thyroid testing is usually done?

A: At the Down Syndrome Clinic at Children's Medical Center, we do two tests called "Free T4" and "TSH." The Free T4 measures how much thyroid hormone, called "thyroxin" is being produced by the thyroid gland, and the TSH tells us how hard the body must work to make the thyroxin.

### Q: How is thyroid testing performed?

A: It is a blood test. The blood is taken from a large vein in the arm using a small needle.

### Q: Who should be checking my child's thyroid function?

A: It can be ordered by your pediatrician or primary care doctor, or by a specialist in hormone disorders called an "endocrinologist." It is often checked routinely at your child's yearly clinic visit.

### Q: What do the results mean?

A: There is a specific range of numbers for what is considered normal in different age groups. If your child's results fall outside that normal range, it may be necessary to repeat the tests or to begin treating the thyroid problem with medication.

### Q: What are symptoms of hypothyroidism?

A: The most common thyroid disorder, hypothyroidism, occurs when

#### August 5-7th:

Annual NDSC  
[Conference](#) - Registration  
is NOW open!  
San Antonio, TX

#### October 8th:

9th Annual TVDSA Buddy  
Walk 11:00 am, Julia  
Davis Park, Boise

#### October 13-14th:

2011 Idaho Partnerships  
[Conference](#):  
"emPOWERment"  
Boise, Idaho

#### October 24-25th:

Youth with Disabilities  
Secondary Transition  
[Conference](#)  
Portland, OR

#### November 4-5th:

Infant and Early  
Childhood [Conference](#)  
Portland, OR

### Cool Club

**Saturday, May 14th**  
**4:00pm-7:00pm**  
**At the Gallas' House**

*Activity:* We will be having a BBQ. The Gans will be providing hamburgers and hotdogs. Please bring a 2 liter bottle of soda, a bag of your favorite chips and a side dish to share.

If weather cooperates, we will have a game of kickball outside, otherwise we will play games inside. For more information or to RSVP, contact [Molly Benton](#)

### Lil' Buddies

#### Playdates:

Saturday, May 14th  
3:00pm-5:00pm at  
Quinn's House: 1315 E.  
Red Rock Dr. in Meridian

Monday, May 23rd  
10:00am-12:00pm at  
Colin's house: 680 E.  
Cougar Dr. in Meridian

#### Other news:

Congratulations to the Sloan Family whose baby girl is due this month!

the body does not produce enough thyroid hormone. Symptoms may include rapid weight gain, fatigue and excessive sleepiness, slow heart rate, dry skin, dry hair and constipation. As these already occur frequently in people with Down syndrome, it is important to make sure they are not being caused by a thyroid condition.

**Q: How is hypothyroidism treated?**

A: Hypothyroidism is treated by giving a thyroid hormone daily to replace what is not being produced by the body. It is a small pill that is usually taken by mouth once a day or it may be crushed and mixed with food. It is important to maintain the proper levels of hormone in the blood, so it may be necessary to check thyroid levels frequently once medication has begun.

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## Growth Charts for Children with Down Syndrome from NDSS



Appropriate growth of their child is always a concern for any parent. Children with Down syndrome are generally smaller than their typically-developing peers, so Down Syndrome Growth Charts have been created by physicians. Dr. Len Leshin (pediatrician and the father of a child with Down Syndrome) suggests, "As long as your child is between the 5th and 95th percentiles and is generally following the growth curves, then he/she is doing well. If you have questions about where your child falls on this chart, or his/her growth pattern, please consult your pediatrician." Children with Down Syndrome are less likely than typical children to remain at a given percentile level. Deviations occur most commonly between 9 and 24

months.

Click below on the downloadable PDFs for Growth Charts

[Boys 0-3 Length](#)

[Girls 0-3 Length](#)

[Boys 0-3 Weight](#)

[Girls 0-3 Weight](#)

[Boys 2-18 Weight](#)

[Girls 2-18 Height](#)

[Boys 2-18 Height](#)

[Girls 2-18 Weight](#)

[Head Circumference Boys 0-3](#)

[Head Circumference Girls 0-3](#)

If you would like to read more about growth charts as they relate to Down syndrome, you may want to check out *Medical & Surgical Care for Children with Down Syndrome, A Guide for Parents*, Woodbine House, 1995.

Any other May birthdays? Please contact [Kristie Yergler](#), so she can have your child included each month.

### Adults In Motion (AIM) Update

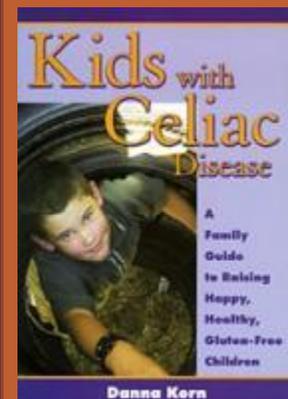
May 21st  
1:00pm-3:00pm  
at the Gallas' House

Activity: Celebrating Summer

We plan on having a cookout and outdoor activities in the Gallas' backyard. Hotdogs, and Hamburgers (with buns) will be supplied. Please bring your favorite cook-out dish (baked beans, potato salad, chips, dip, etc). Come and have some fun. We will be "ordering" a sunny afternoon!

Please contact [Freddie Gallas](#) for more information or to RSVP.

### From the TVDSA Library with Mary Anne Murphy



The chance of developing Celiac Disease is significantly higher among people who have Down syndrome. Learning that a family member must stop eating wheat and all other foods which contain gluten can feel overwhelming. Thankfully, this book provides an optimistic, informative, easy to read explanation that will leave any parent feeling positive, informed and capable. From start to finish this complete

## TVDSA Thanks Dianna Brown for Over 25 Years of Service



In the past 29 years since the Treasure Valley Down Syndrome Association was organized as a parent support group, there has not been a more ardent supporter than Dianna Brown. Dianna has served as a board member for over 25 years. She first joined our group when she adopted her daughter Melissa. In the early years of TVDSA, Dianna volunteered to help with any job that needed to be done. Her skill in writing soon became her venue for uplifting all

who were on our mailing list as she served as editor of our newsletter for many years. Dianna wrote, edited, printed, and mailed our bi-annual newsletter. Many times, when resources for TVDSA were limited, she donated her own funds to help ensure that every family who wanted a newsletter received one.

Dianna also served as a parent contact answering every letter, e-mail, or phone call from parents who needed information or just a listening ear. She has been totally unselfish with her time and has always made herself available to reach out to others. Dianna and her husband Gary even hosted our annual summer family picnic at their home for several years when they lived in Nampa.

Dianna's writing talent was again a great resource when TVDSA applied for grants. She spent many hours writing grants to help us access funds in the early years of our group. When TVDSA applied for our non-profit status, Dianna was very involved in writing the by-laws and researching what we needed to do to comply with the state and IRS rules.

While Dianna served as our membership chair for at least the past decade, she faithfully devoted many hours to ensure the accuracy and privacy of our mailing list. She welcomed new people to our group, and constantly worked to update the list of TVDSA friends who have been in contact with us since the beginning. Protecting and tracking the contact information for the people who make up TVDSA is one of our most critical tasks, and one Dianna took very seriously.

Dianna is the mother of five children; Elaine and David (who passed away as a child), and Melissa, Matt, and Mike who they adopted and who all have Down syndrome. Dianna is also guardian for her brother Randy who has Down syndrome and is her inspiration for the generosity she has shared with so many others. Dianna and Gary have been influential in the lives of many foster children, too, that they cared for in their home before adopting their children. Dianna has also cared for Christy, who has Down syndrome, for many years in her home. She continues her legacy of love as she enjoys spending time with her three grandchildren as often as she can.

All who know Dianna know she is passionate about the value of individuals with Down syndrome. She was a pioneer for inclusion rights of all children in the public schools and helped to pave the way for a better education not only for her children, but for all children.

resource provides clear, concise explanations regarding every aspect of gluten-free living.

This book is available from the TVDSA library. Look for it at our May meeting or reserve it by contacting the [Librarian](#).

### Legislative Update with Deborah Walters

April 18, 2011

Citizens of Idaho came out in large numbers to fight the cuts against Medicaid services. However, the legislature determined that balancing the budget meant cutting the budget, rather than enhancing revenue (via proposed tax increases on tobacco and/or internet sales). When all is said and done, with the federal matching dollars factored in, Idaho will cut \$108 million dollars, slightly less than the expected \$137 million dollars. These monies contribute to services for seniors, people with disabilities, adults with psychosocial rehabilitation needs, and those confronting substance abuse.

It is undetermined how the cuts will directly affect "our TVDSA family," at this time. However, cuts in services can be anticipated.

### IPUL

#### Parent Support Group

May 11, 2011

6:00pm-8:00pm

500 S. 8th St. Boise

#### Topic:

**Working for Change:** The Power of a Personal Story Evaluation

Learn what advocacy is and why it is important, how to craft an effective personal story tied to an issue and who can be influenced to make systems changes.

After many years of service on the TVDSA board, Dianna is stepping down to be able to pursue her writing and to spend more time in service to her church and family. Dianna is looking forward to finishing a book she is writing about her experiences with her children.

From all of your friends in the TVDSA family--Dianna, we can't thank you enough for your service for so many years! We wish you the very best in your new pursuits.

## Children's Redesign Services Parent/Family Educational Meeting and Training

Presented by the Department of Health and Welfare - Family and  
Community Services

This meeting is designed to provide you education and training about the new Children's DD system that begins phase in process, starting July 1, 2011. All meetings will be from **6:00pm-8:00pm**, dates and locations are listed below. If you can't join us at those times, and have questions about the new system and/or Medicaid benefit package, you are welcome to contact [Rebecca Fadness](#) at 208.334.5701



**Caldwell:** May 12th  
3402 Franklin Rd

**Boise:** May 19th  
1720 Westgate Dr.  
Suite A, Room 131

**Pocatello:** May 24th  
421 Memorial Drive Human  
Development Center Rm 210

**Idaho Falls:** May 25th  
150 Shoup Ave

**Coeur d'Alene:** June 1st  
1120 Ironwood Dr. in the  
Large Conference Room

**Lewiston:** June 2nd  
2604 16th Ave

**Twin Falls:** June 7th  
601 Poleline Rd.

Based on request, we ask that this meeting be for parents only. Provider training will be scheduled separately.

For more information or to register for this workshop, please contact [Angela Lindig](#)

### Conferences, Workshops and Webinars

PEAK Webinar:  
[Creating Circles of Support](#)  
May 12th  
from 6:30pm-7:30pm

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**Idaho Conference on  
Mental Health: *Mental  
Health Recovery and  
Resilience Across the  
Lifespan***

June 16-17th  
Boise Hotel & Convention  
Center

For More Information:  
208.433.8845



Registration is now open for  
the **39th Annual NDSC  
Convention.**

Click [here](#) to view the NDSC  
convention website.



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