



CORPORACIÓN SÍNDROME DE DOWN

It is an organization of parents of children, youth, and adults with Down Syndrome. It was founded on June 2, 1988, and is a non-profit entity. It is certified as an IPS (Healthcare Provider Institution) by the District Secretariat of Health.

MISSION

To promote a full and happy life for individuals with Down Syndrome and their families by delivering services and programs tailored to their strengths and needs, aiming to foster their skills, social inclusion, human rights, and overall quality of life.

To be recognized as a consolidated organization that promotes human rights and provides comprehensive care with a high degree of professionalism, optimizing the quality of life for children, youth, and adults with Down Syndrome and their families.

VISION



WE RESPECT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES

- Family leadership.
- Teamwork with professionals.
- Understanding disability from a social and human rights perspective.
- Comprehensive care for the individual, their family, and their environment.
- Holistic care covering therapeutic, educational, social, and emotional needs.
- Respect for the right to life and children's rights.
- Upholding the dignity of the individual in every aspect.
- Respect for age-appropriate status.
- Promotion of self-determination and self-advocacy.
- Fostering inclusion while respecting the unique traits of each person and family, always prioritizing the well-being of the individual with Down Syndrome.
- Emphasis on relevant support systems and the removal of barriers.
- Prioritizing specialization in Down Syndrome to ensure effective and tailored support.



For the Corporation, providing comprehensive care to the individual, their family, and their environment is essential.

For this reason, our various programs encompass actions dedicated not only to children and youth, but also to their families, the preschools and schools they attend, the institutions where they undergo vocational training and work, and society as a whole.

Psychological support for families is cross-cutting across all programs and includes emotional support activities, training sessions, and parent-to-parent gatherings, among others.

Since the Down Syndrome Corporation is a family-led organization, it promotes their active participation. For this reason, it is governed by a General Assembly, which appoints the members of the Board of Directors.

The majority of the members of both the General Assembly and the Board of Directors are parents from the Corporation.



SERVICES AND PROGRAMS



When a family wishes to join the Corporation, they can use the **Orientation Service**. Subsequently, the family moves to the **Initial Interview Service**, and depending on the age of the person with Down Syndrome, they will then proceed to a **Comprehensive Evaluation** (children aged 0 to 5) or a **Comprehensive Assessment** (individuals over 5 years old).



As a result of the Comprehensive Evaluation or Assessment, the person with Down Syndrome may enter one of our programs.

SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

Early Childhood Support (0 to 5 years old).

This includes two programs:

- Early Intervention Program (ETA)
- Little Steps Program (PP)

These programs aim to develop functional skills across different developmental areas in children with Down Syndrome, enabling them to participate in their social and family context in a relevant, safe, and effective manner. They also seek to support families in their interaction with the child.

These programs provide services in physical therapy, speech-language therapy, occupational therapy, and psychology.



School-Age Support (6 to 16 years old).

It aims for children and youth to attend formal education—whether in preschool, primary, or secondary school—alongside the support they receive at the Corporation.

Its objective is to develop motor, cognitive, communicative, emotional, and social skills that enable individuals with Down Syndrome to actively participate in both school and family environments.

We support Educational Inclusion processes in more than **100 public and private schools** across Bogotá.





Youth and Adult Support (16 years and older).

Growing Towards Adulthood Program: This program is aimed at young people who have completed their formal education inclusion stage.

It seeks to develop independence and autonomy skills for pursuing an occupation.

Its objective is to build behaviors, skills, attitudes, and knowledge that foster the highest degree of autonomy across various contexts, as well as preparation for performing an occupation aligned with their interests and abilities in a relevant and effective manner

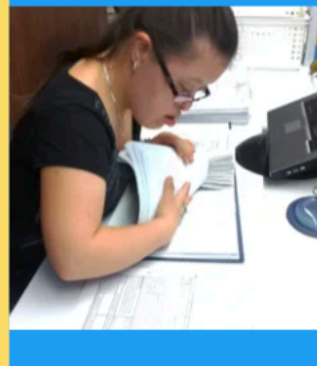
Additional services for youth and adults:

Supported Employment / Job Inclusion:

Its objective is to support the successful job placement and work performance of young adults in their workplaces. It includes activities tailored for the young employee, their family, and the employer. It is carried out using the Supported Employment methodology.

Continuing Education Service:

Its objective is to foster ongoing skill development and maintain cognitive, social, and emotional abilities, enabling individuals to navigate family, work, social, and community environments effectively within an inclusive framework. It features an essential component focused on self-advocacy training and early prevention to ensure an active, healthy transition into older adulthood.



Making Friends:

Its objective is to provide spaces for social interaction with peers, enabling the development of social skills, relationship building, and a sense of belonging to a group. It focuses on carrying out activities aligned with their interests and stage of life, as well as fostering greater autonomy.

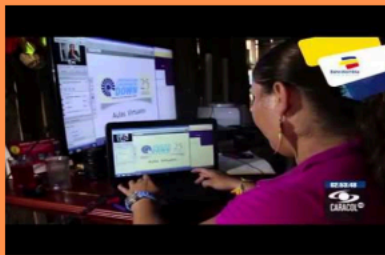
Leading and Independent Adults (ALI):

It provides an opportunity for recreation and socialization while strengthening leadership skills, decision-making, and self-advocacy.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Through targeted projects, we aim to strengthen the inclusion of people with cognitive disabilities across various contexts and improve their quality of life.
- Strengthening community response capacity for the identification and care of individuals with intellectual disabilities.
- We offer the option of virtual consultations, allowing us to address specific concerns from families who live outside Bogotá or are unable to visit the CSD facilities in person.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9sRpuQ7Sfww>

TRACK RECORD, REACH, AND CORE STRENGTHS

- We currently serve more than 730 children, youth, and adults monthly across our various programs and services.
- We work with each individual and their environments— family, school, university, or workplace.
- We provide lifelong support.
- We have a committed, competent, and deeply compassionate team that includes speech therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, psychologists, educators, communications professionals, and administrative support staff.



We are a member of



VOLUNTEER WORK

We have the
support and
teamwork of our
Volunteers



Family Day



Flowers of Hope



EXPERIENCE, COVERAGE, AND STRENGTHS

The Down Syndrome Corporation designs and develops projects to respond to identified needs across various contexts and communities.

Some of the projects developed in recent years include:

- **Educational Inclusion & Support:** Advisory, training, and ongoing support for educational institutions serving individuals with cognitive disabilities and Down Syndrome. This includes developing curricular guidelines, admission criteria, evaluation and promotion systems, care models, and curriculum adaptation handbooks. Projects carried out in partnership with the Ministry of National Education, the Bogota District Secretariat of Education, and the Saldarriaga Concha Foundation.
- **Virtual Classrooms for Families:** Implementation of virtual classrooms to train families of children with Down Syndrome across 30 municipalities in Colombia. Projects carried out in partnership with the Ramírez Moreno Foundation and supported by the CEPESA Social Work Award.
- **Workplace Inclusion & Reasonable Accommodations:** Staff training as well as the identification, design, and implementation of reasonable accommodations within the service delivery pathways at employment centers. Executed through an agreement between the Special Administrative Unit of the Public Employment Service and the Productivity Pact Program of the Corona Foundation



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