

Workshops

So...you are wondering what you would learn by attending this conference?

Some of the topics of discussions will be:

- ✓ Speech & Feeding
- ✓ Sexual and Social relationships
- ✓ Spiritual needs for the Special Needs Parent
- ✓ Teaching your child to read
- ✓ Alzheimer disease and Down syndrome
- ✓ Understanding MDS (current research)
- ✓ Inclusion in the classroom
- ✓ Transitioning to college
- ✓ Neurodevelopmental Approach
- ✓ Financial Planning (a life-span program)
- ✓ Handwriting Development
- ✓ Sensory Development
- ✓ Medical needs

These are just a few of the topics you will hear throughout the weekend!

- ◆ Youth will have a variety of topics addressed from how to dance to interviewing for a job!
- ◆ Children will have a fantastic time with our Genetic Counseling Students! Fun and exciting activities will be planned throughout Saturday and Sunday!
- ◆ Everyone will have a wonderful time throughout the weekend interacting with others and learning new ways to help your loved one!

FAMILY



FUN



FACTS



FRIENDS

**MDS RESEARCH & AWARENESS
CONFERENCE**
Reaching for Tomorrow!

June 29 -July 1, 2007



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Down
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Save the Date!

June 29-July 1, 2007
Virginia Commonwealth
University/Medical College of Virginia
Richmond, Virginia, USA

International Mosaic Down Syndrome Association provides an informative conference for Families and Professionals alike. This conference will provide a wealth of information for anyone with ANY form of Down syndrome. IMDSA provides a wide array of topics and discussion for families of all ages as well as a side by side conference for youth and adults who are interested in a fun-filled, informative weekend!

Who should attend this conference?

- ◆ Families and professionals interested in **ALL FORMS OF DOWN SYNDROME**

What are the benefits of attending?

- ◆ Meet face to face with other families whose children have MDS & Ds!
- ◆ Learn all there is to know about MDS & Ds & have fun at the same time!

Can I bring my children?

- ◆ Youth and Children will have a great time with our planned activities and Youth Conference! Don't forget to bring your dancing shoes for our Saturday evening dance!

How do I find info on MDS?

- ◆ Researchers through-out the nation will be present to help us discover more about MDS.

Fun! Information! Activities!

- ★ Friday evening you will have the opportunity to finally meet other families face to face whose children have MDS & Ds at our FAMILY REUNION! This relaxing event will be surrounded by our Silent Auction where you will have the chance to bid on some fantastic items!
- ★ Children ages 0-13 will be supervised by our Genetic Counseling students on Saturday & Sunday. This not only provides your children with loads of fun activities, but also provides the students a chance to learn about MDS in the real world!
- ★ Children 14 through adult will have an exciting time at our Youth Conference! Youth will have the opportunity to learn fun and important skills!
- ★ Bring your Dancing shoes for our Saturday Evening Dance! After the Banquet you and your whole family wont want to miss this chance to kick up your heels and have a great time!
- ★ Friday you will have the option to participate in MDS research throughout the day! If you or your loved one has mosaic Down syndrome you wont want to miss this fantastic opportunity to meet with researchers and participate in all the research events. Without research we will never find the information we need about MDS!
- ★ Saturday & Sunday you will have the opportunity to listen to some of the top Down syndrome speakers in the nation! This is a life-span conference, so no matter how old your loved one is with MDS or Ds, you will still learn everything you need to know to help that individual!
- ★ Join us Saturday evening for our banquet! This gives you the opportunity to get together again with families and professionals and hear our self-advocate, Melissa Bishop tell her life story including her experiences of married life and being a mother!

Register Today!

<http://www.imdsa.com/conf2007.htm>

IMDSA Member:
\$50.00 Individual
\$75.00 Family
Non-Member:
\$85.00 Individual
\$125.00 Family

If more than one person in your immediate family is attending this conference, you will be required to pay the Family Registration Fee

Youth Conference: self-advocates and siblings welcome!
\$20.00 for first Youth ages 14-adult
\$10.00 for each addition youth 14-adult

Child Conference: self-advocates and siblings welcome!
\$5.00 per child

Saturday Evening Banquet:
\$30.00 per adult plate
\$16.00 per child age 5-13
Children 4 and under FREE

Hotel Information

We will be at the **Beautiful Marriott Richmond Hotel**. We have received the low room block rate of \$109.00 USD a night.

Reserve your hotel rooms now because availability will run out quickly!
To reserve your room today call **1-804-643-3400** and tell them you are attending International Mosaic Down Syndrome Association Conference!