



Down syndrome

Schooling

Children with Down syndrome attend their local school. They may work with a speech teacher or a special education teacher during their school day. In higher grades, a person with Down syndrome will begin working on life skills. Some life skills include saving money, doing laundry, cooking, taking the bus and cleaning. These skills will help a person get a job and live independently.

Down syndrome is a disability that a person is born with. A person with Down syndrome is born with 1 extra chromosome. Most people have 46 chromosomes but a person with Down syndrome has 47 chromosomes. A person with Down syndrome has some form of an intellectual disability.

Identifying Features of a person with Down syndrome

- Upward slant of the eyes
- Flatter facial features
- Smaller sized ears
- Enlarged tongue

Causes

There are no known causes why someone is born with Down syndrome. If the mother is 35 years or older they have a greater chance of having a baby with Down syndrome compared to a younger mother.

People with Down syndrome have likes and dislikes just like everyone else. They all have different emotions, feelings and personalities.