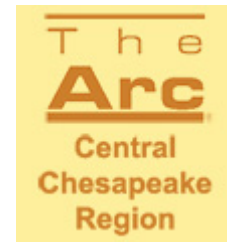




Down Syndrome Connection
Buddy Jam 
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Down Syndrome Connection Hosts Buddy Jam 2010.

Anne Arundel County, MD – June 22, 2010 – The *Down Syndrome Connection* (DSC) will host **Buddy Jam 2010** on Sunday, September 26th, 2009 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Blobs Park, 8024 Max Blobs Park Rd. Jessup, MD. The Buddy Jam is the DSC's largest, annual fundraising event. The DSC invites the general public to enjoy music, food, games, moon bounces, crafts and more in a carnival-like atmosphere. This is an opportunity for the whole community to celebrate the lives of individuals with Down syndrome and show our support for continued inclusion in the community. Admission price is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. There will be additional, nominal charges for concessions and some crafts.

The money raised will allow the *Down Syndrome Connection* to provide financial support towards local programs and services, recreational opportunities, and advocacy partnerships directly to individuals with Down syndrome in Anne Arundel County and surrounding communities. Additionally, DSC works to educate new and expecting parents as well as healthcare providers and teachers.

Down Syndrome is the most commonly occurring genetic condition. One in ever 800 – 1,000 live births is a child with Down syndrome. There are approximately 350,000 people in the U.S. with Down syndrome, with 5,000 to 6,000 births per year.

The *Down Syndrome Connection* operates under the ARC of the Central Chesapeake Region, a non-profit organization. The DSC currently serves over 100 families in the area. Meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at the Sajak Pavilion, Anne Arundel Medical Center. For more information, please visit our website www.downsyndromeconnection.com or see contact information below.

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