



Supporting Federal Research

The Problem

Individuals with Down syndrome are more likely than other people to have certain health conditions, such as congenital heart disease, Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, autism, cataracts, and diabetes. Scientists who do medical research can help improve the understanding of Down syndrome and these health conditions for doctors, treatment developers, and the Down syndrome community.

The federal government is an important supporter of this research. In fact, the NIH is one of the biggest funders of medical research in the world. NDSS is proud to support Global Down Syndrome Foundation's leadership in advocating for the NIH's INCLUDE Project, which studies health conditions for individuals with Down syndrome. For more information on INCLUDE, please visit our colleagues' website at www.globaldownsyndrome.org.

Other federal agencies, such as the CDC, also do important work to strengthen our understanding of Down syndrome and good medical care.

The Solution

Congress can support important research for the Down syndrome community by providing strong federal funding to agencies like the NIH and the CDC, and for activities related to Alzheimer's disease. There is a genetic link between Down syndrome and Alzheimer's disease, so it is essential that the Down syndrome population is included in research and policies related to Alzheimer's disease.

Strong health and medical research leads to better health outcomes and wellbeing for individuals with Down syndrome.

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