



The 4th Annual Las Vegas Down Syndrome Conference

Saturday, October 11, 2025 8:00 am - 3:30 pm

Faith Lutheran Middle & High School Campus

2015 S Hualapai Way, Las Vegas, NV 89117

GENERAL CONFERENCE: Preliminary Program

Registration opens 8:00 am

Opening 8:30	Opening remarks and important information Presentation of the Dale Shoemaker Community Hero Award	
KEYNOTE 9:00 - 10:00	Meeting The Future - Aging with Down syndrome and Alzheimer's Disease	Hampus Hillerstrom, LuMind
10:00 -10:15	Break	
	Their Tomorrow Starts With Our Choices Today	Jennie Dopp, Caring Tide
Breakout sessions 10:15 -11:15	Ask the Geneticist: Practical Answers to Your Questions on Health and Life at Every Stage	Dr. Mark Nunes, Cure 4 the Kids Foundation
	Powerful Advocacy Gets Results	Stephanie Wynn, Wynn Advocacy
11:15 - 12:00	Lunch is served	
	Build Resilience: Lessons in Leadership, Emotional Intelligence, and the Resilient Mindset	Connor Fields, BMX Olympic Athlete and Gold Medal Winner
Breakout sessions 12:00 - 1:00	Down Syndrome and Dementia: What to know	Jennifer Ruiz/Nevada Senior Services
	Cancer and Down syndrome: sharing the good news!	Dr. Waseem Alhushki , Cure 4 the Kids Foundation
1:00-1:15	Break	
	Teaching Independence in Daily Living Skills	Lina Patel
Breakout sessions 1:15-2:15	Orthopedics	David Stewart
	How to advocate for your child for better healthcare outcomes	Rebeka Acosta
2:15-2:30	Break	
2-:30-3:30	Drum Circle: Building community through Rhythm	Jeffrey Trower, Drum Connect Las Vegas

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8:30-9:00	Presentation of the Dale Shoemaker Community Hero Award	

Session 1	DANCE! with Straight Up Abilities	Terii London Corcoran and Robin Olive
9:00 - 10:00		

10:00 - 10:15	Break	
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Session 2	GiGi's Kitchen: Cooking skills with Gigi's Playhouse	Angela Grispon and Debbie Block
10:15 - 11:15		

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Session 3	Speaking Up for You	Rebeka Acosta, A+J Patient Advocacy
12:00 - 1:00		

1:00-1:15	Break	
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Session 4	Creative ART and Building Friendships	Nyetta Abernathy, Creative Learning Therapies
1:15-2:15		

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Closing Session	Drum Circle: Building community through Rhythm	Jeffrey Trower, Drum Connect Las Vegas
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