

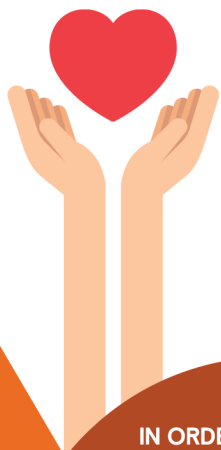
International Down Syndrome Day

Inclusion and the right to decision-making

DO YOU KNOW THE DOWN SYNDROME INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN “WE DECIDE”?

Its main goal is to help empower people with Down syndrome so that they can actively participate in the decision-making of their lives.

The main pillars of the campaign were built under the right to:



- Have a significant role in society and in their communities;
- Be representative, through its organizations, in the development and implementation of public policies;
- Have their prerogatives respected in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE, IT IS NECESSARY TO TRANSFORM SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF THE TOPIC. EVEN TODAY, THERE IS A NEGATIVE STEREOTYPE ABOUT THE QUESTION OF THE DEGREE OF AUTONOMY THAT PEOPLE WITH DOWN SYNDROME MAY HAVE.



Tips for promoting change

Empowering people with Down syndrome is the best path to social inclusion. Have a look at what can be done:



It is estimated that, in Brazil, Down syndrome occurs in 1 in every 700 births, which totals approximately 270 thousand people.

- Empower people with Down syndrome so that they can effectively participate in society;
- Get in touch with stakeholders, such as health and education professionals, social assistants and employers and encourage these parties to welcome people with Down syndrome in society;

- Be aware of and help create awareness with others of the fact that Down is not a disease;
- Help guide those around you that the syndrome is a genetic condition, inherent to the person, in which there is a change in chromosome 21, which is why it's also known as trisomy 21.

