



# MDS PRESS!

5th Biennial  
Research & Awareness  
Conference

**International Mosaic  
Down Syndrome  
Association**

*10th Anniversary!*  
July 8-10  
2011

www.imdsa.org

## Conference News and Updates

**Hotel Rate**—With the conference only a month away, we are no longer able to offer the hotel within our package rate. There are still rooms left at the \$109 rate (plus tax), but you'll need to hurry! When making reservations, mention "IMDSA Conference" to get the discounted rate. To see the new rate chart and register, go to [imdsa.org/overview](http://imdsa.org/overview).

**Kid Konference**—The deadline is **June 27th**. Because we are working with a babysitting service, there will be **no walk-ins**.

**Silent Auction**—We are still looking for state-themed or product basket (things you may sell, like Pampered Chef, Avon, etc.). Donated items that we have so far ...

- One day Disney World park tickets (family of 4)
- Sea World tickets (family of 4)
- Glasses from Specs 4us
- Talk Tool products
- iFLY tickets
- eReadingPro products

If you are interested, you may fill out the form at [imdsa.org/silentauction](http://imdsa.org/silentauction).

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## Conference Schedule Preview

### Friday, July 8—

Research	8:00am-5:00pm
Protected Tomorrows FREE workshop	1:00pm-5:00pm
Family Reunion/Silent Auction	7:00pm-10:00pm

### Saturday, July 9—

Breakfast with Keynote Speaker Doug Billings	7:45am-8:45am
Workshops	9:00am-12:30pm
Lunch	12:30pm-2:00pm
Workshops	2:00pm-5:30pm
Awards & Celebration Banquet	6:30pm-8:30pm
Dance	8:30pm-11:00pm

### Sunday, July 10—

Breakfast with Speaker Dan Kulp	7:30am-8:30am
Round Table Discussion	8:30am-9:45am
Workshops	10am-1:15pm



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

RJ	June
Marc	June 1
James	June 5
Martim	June 6
Zephany	June 6
Lindsey	June 10
Maja	June 18
Steven	June 24
Joanna	June 25

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## Happy Father's Day!

In honor of Father's Day we'd like to tell our readers about D.A.D.S. (Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome). D.A.D.S. "is a committee or community group (within a local

Down syndrome support organization) of fathers of children who happen to have Down syndrome." The 3 pillars of D.A.D.S are **Support, Action, and Fellowship.**

To find out more about D.A.D.S and to see if there is a local chapter near you, go to:

<http://dadsnational.org/>

## Conference RESEARCH Highlight: John Starbuck

John Starbuck, from Penn State University, has recently joined our list of researchers who will be at the Friday session of our conference.

For the past several years, John has been using a 3-D camera system to collect

three-dimensional facial images of individuals with Down syndrome and their siblings. He uses the measurements from the images to understand facial differences between individuals with DS and their siblings.

Using his findings, John

hopes to interpret differences in terms of how craniofacial morphogenesis takes place, which will help determine which parts of the face are more affected by gene-dosage imbalance caused by trisomy 21.

**A big thank you to our main  
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## Apps for Special Needs

Moms With Apps is a collaborative group of family-friendly developers seeking to promote quality apps for kids and families. They have a section on their website devoted to Apps for Special Needs.

Many of the apps listed mirror the topics to be presented at our confer-

ence this summer. There are apps that address speech & language delays, reinforce positive behavior, and use music to teach. There is even a TalkTools app!

See the rest of the list for yourself by going to:

[momswithapps.com/apps-for-special-needs/](http://momswithapps.com/apps-for-special-needs/)

Not listed, is an app by another one of our presenters, Denise MacDonald. The eReadingPro app is called eReadingToGo! You can find out more by searching iTunes or going to her website:

[ereadingpro.com](http://ereadingpro.com).



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## Reminder!

Pre-Conference  
Workshop by

**Protected  
Tomorrows**

Friday, July 8, 2011,  
1pm

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Conference  
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- Multi-day
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