

About our Program

Specialty health services are available for adolescents and adults with Down syndrome in the greater Atlanta area, thanks to a collaboration between Institute for the Study of Disadvantage and Disability (ISDD) and TEAM Centers. Our Adult Down Syndrome Program offers a number of services to individuals with Down syndrome and their families. We can help by:

- creating a health profile for adolescents or adults who have Down syndrome
- evaluating the health and wellness of individuals with Down syndrome
- providing coordination of health care for adults with Down syndrome
- providing families with resources for accessing primary and specialty health care in and around Georgia
- assisting families with transitional and long term planning

We are a private program and are not a Medicaid provider. Our program structure is supported by a grant from the Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta. We offer partial scholarships for our services. No one will be refused due to inability to pay. We work closely with all service provider agencies.

For information about our program and to schedule an appointment, please contact our Center Director, Janice Nodvin, directly at 678-595-4854 or jnodvin@aol.com.

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THE TEAM CENTERS, INC.
Specialists in Developmental Disabilities



Down Syndrome
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Meet Our Staff

We are staffed by leaders in the field of developmental disabilities who specialize in complex chronic conditions and specific medical issues associated with Down syndrome and the aging process.

Clinical Director

Leslie Rubin, M.D. is a developmental physician who has been active in the field of Developmental Disabilities for more than 30 years. Dr. Rubin is the Medical Director for TEAM Centers and President of ISDD. His clinical specialties include autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, environment and development. His interests lie in advancing health care throughout the life span for people with developmental disabilities and their families.



Nurse/Social Worker

Susan Carney, RN, BSN, LMSW has experience in complex medical conditions and coordination of services. Her dual qualifications of nursing and social work provide a unique approach to person centered care.

Dietician/Nutritionist

Ria Bonaparte, MA, RD, LD, CLC, CSP, CDE has been an advocate for promoting healthy lifestyles for over a decade. Her has experience with children and adults with developmental disabilities and has been featured on local television as an inner city success story for weight conscious children and their parents. She reviews food textures, healthy diets and life styles with all participants of the Adult Down Syndrome Program.

Center Director/Family Support

Janice Nodvin, B.A. is Executive Director of ISDD where she serves as Project Manager of a research projects on the use of Vitamin E on senior adults with Down syndrome. She has extensive knowledge in community resources, advocacy and issues related to Down syndrome and other developmental disabilities. Contact Ms. Nodvin to discuss your individual concerns at **678-595-4854** or email, jnodvin@aol.com.

Office Manager

Kelly Mathys is available to assist families with directions, physician referrals and other questions.

What to expect:

The ADSP meets monthly on a Friday. After we discuss your individual concerns, a packet of information is sent to the family thereby enabling us to learn more about your family member. The initial visit is interdisciplinary in which the individual and family will have the opportunity to be evaluated by all team members. Recommendations and follow up are provided. Our team will consult with the individual's primary care and specialty care physicians. We also review short term and long term goals with the individual and with the family unit.



A Program Collaboration

The **Institute for the Study of Disadvantage and Disability (ISDD)** is a nonprofit that addresses health disparities for people living in situations of social and economic disadvantage, particularly those who have developmental disabilities. ISDD supports programs that improve the prevalence of developmental disabilities and other chronic medical conditions, provide research and training to better understand the relationship between social and economic disadvantage, and influence health care practices, training of health care professionals, and support public policy issues. Current and recent ISDD programs include: "Break The Cycle"; Project GRANDD, a program providing services to grandparents raising grandchildren with developmental disabilities; the Southeast Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PEHSU); the Adult Down Syndrome Program, the Multicenter Vitamin E Study and our collaboration with developmental, autism and cerebral palsy specialty clinics at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta—Hughes Spalding Hospital. We collaborate with community agencies who join us in our mission.

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The TEAM Centers, Inc. is a private, nonprofit, United Way agency that provides specialty care for individuals with developmental disabilities including diagnosis, evaluation and treatment. TEAM's specialties include developmental medicine, advanced nursing, neuropsychiatry, psychology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech and language pathology, and social work. Additionally, TEAM has several grant programs with the state of Tennessee to provide behavior supports and Family Support Programs. The TEAM Centers are located in Chattanooga, Memphis, and Atlanta.

Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta (DSAA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting public awareness and better understanding of Down syndrome and other developmental disabilities. The DSAA relies solely on donations, member dues and fundraisers to continue this important and meaningful work for the community. We support the work of the Adult Down Syndrome Program.

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