

(sent in the body of an email to partners)

November 2021

Since our engagement of paid, part-time staff several years ago (now one, full-time staff), and with the advancement of virtual programming and telehealth opportunities due to the pandemic, we have grown exponentially across more than a half dozen counties in Maryland. After careful consideration and thoughtful reflection, our Board has decided that this growth has been transformative in nature and this growth should therefore reflect not only our organizational structure but the name of our organization as well. That said, effective October/November 2021, we will be rebranding to be known as the Down Syndrome Association of Maryland. While our organization is excited to have grown to serve many families across Maryland, many of whom do not have a local/county organization available to them, we have tremendous respect for the work your organization does within your area. We recognize that your families do have a wonderful support organization in their region.

We want to continue collaboration to reach all families in Maryland but also continue to direct families to your regional support network and resources in any way we can. As we expand networking, education and advocacy offerings, we know that local intrapersonal connections are at the heart of our Down syndrome community and are committed above all, to help families make those connections. We look forward to your continued support and partnership as we move forward together in our work to support individuals with Ds and their families throughout the state of Maryland.

Sincerely,  
The Board of Directors of Chesapeake Down Syndrome Parent Group (CDSPG)