

2024 IMPACT REPORT



Meet Chloe



**DOWN SYNDROME
OF LOUISVILLE**

SERVING LOCALLY, SHARING GLOBALLY

DSOFLOU.ORG

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUPPORT
EDUCATE
ADVOCATE

Dear DSL Supporter,

With your generous support, Down Syndrome of Louisville has continued to reach new heights! We have successfully found ways to meet our members and families at each stage of their journey, thus supporting them in reaching their full potential. With this rapid growth and inflation over the past five years, our budget has increased by nearly a million dollars. It now costs approximately \$8,000 a day to deliver our vital services.

Although I've decided to embark on a new journey, I'm confident that DSL is in the amazing hands of our dedicated staff and board. I'm deeply grateful to have been a small part of this caring, family-oriented community. It has been an honor to serve our members and families, and the friendships and experiences I've gained here will always be in my heart.

The team is excited to continue their commitment to our current strategic initiatives including: Access & Diversity, Generational Planning, Community & Family Education, Staff Support and Transparency.

We humbly ask for your continued support. Your financial gift allows us to continue providing the excellent services that our members and families deserve.

With Utmost Gratitude,



Julie Torzewski
Executive Director



DSL BY THE NUMBERS

Meet Isaac



FAMILY SUPPORT



families in the Kentuckiana area were served. More than 15 families have moved to our area for our services.

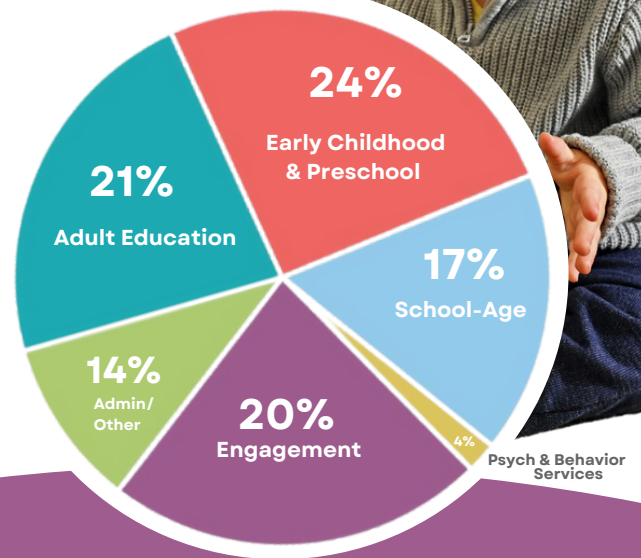


8K

is spent each day to continue our vital services

1.6 M+

Total fundraising needed to continue services in 2025



176

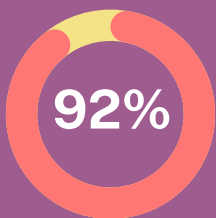
New babies in 5 years



ESSENTIAL EARLY INTERVENTION

We have increased our early intervention services from 18 counties to **32** counties in TWO STATES! We have opened our own preschool and completed two years of consistent pop-up programming in outlying service areas.

SCHOOL-AGE SUMMER EDUCATION



of participants maintained or improved core academic skills.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT



adults working in our community



1,500+

individuals in our community are now trained as OFFICIAL Kindness Warriors.

ADULT ACADEMY

has grown from 82 to over

130

members attending each WEEK across TWO states. There are also more than **90** potential Academy students who will turn 21 over the next 5 years.





2024 MISSION



Gallop Gala

KICKING OFF THE DERBY SEASON

We had another wonderful Gallop Gala at The Galt House Hotel. We raised \$385,116 while we celebrated the Derby season in style with our amazing celebrities! This fun-filled Gala is supported by our generous event partners. Come celebrate with us on April 11, 2025!



Brian Hernandez & Thorpedo Anna

A DERBY DOUBLE FOR DSL

After attending the Down Syndrome of Louisville (DSL) Gallop Gala, jockey Brian Hernandez and his wife, Jamie, felt inspired to support the cause. Brian featured DSL's logo on his pants during the Kentucky Oaks, where he made history with wins in both the Oaks and the Derby!



Pro-Celebrity Golf Tournament

A HOLE IN ONE EVENT!

We stepped up to the green this year at the Pro-Celebrity Golf Tournament and raised over \$200,000 - exceeding our fundraising goal! Our success was made possible by our event partners and we are so grateful to our teams, supporters, and celebrities! We hope to see everyone back on the course on June 2, 2025.

MOMENTS



SUMMER ENRICHMENT EDUCATION

Thanks to the generous support of Kosair for Kids and Crusade for Children, this summer was full of learning and fun! Our school-aged members avoided the summer slide by attending classes, going on field trips, and making memories!



S.E.E. Summer Camp

WE'VE GOT TALENT

Every year we get the opportunity to showcase our members' fabulous talents. New Albany High School generously donated their theater to DSL for the talent show. We greatly appreciate them for their support of DSL's talented members!



DSL's Got Talent

WE ARE WARRIORS!

As we walked like the Kindness Warriors we are, we raised awareness and over \$280,000! This peer-to-peer fundraising event wouldn't be possible without our wonderful families and event partners. Come walk with us on October 4, 2025, and show your support for DSL!



Kindness Warrior Walk

PRESCHOOL PROVES TO BE PRICELESS

DSL has launched an innovative preschool program that is transforming the lives of children with Down syndrome, ages 3 and 4. By providing specialized early childhood education tailored to their unique learning needs, the program helps develop critical social, cognitive, and motor skills. This ensures that each child is well-prepared for the transition to kindergarten. Through individualized attention and a nurturing environment, this program not only builds confidence and independence but also fosters a strong foundation for lifelong learning. This makes an incredibly positive impact on the future of each child enrolled.



Meet Kobe



A few quotes from our families:

“He is communicating both verbally and with signs more at home! He is also interacting with his friends more and is pretend playing much more too!”

“We have seen significant progress with his motor skills and confidence.”



“She is learning so much! Even her therapists have commented on the changes. She absolutely LOVES DSL!”



Don't forget to
Rock your DSL License Plate!

Meet Mike



Now available at your local KY DMV!

SAVE the date for our 2025 events



FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025

The
**GALT
HOUSE**
HOTEL •



MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025

AUDUBON
Country 1908 Club



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025

Waterfront Park
Festival Plaza

Check out our digital calendar





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GIVE TODAY