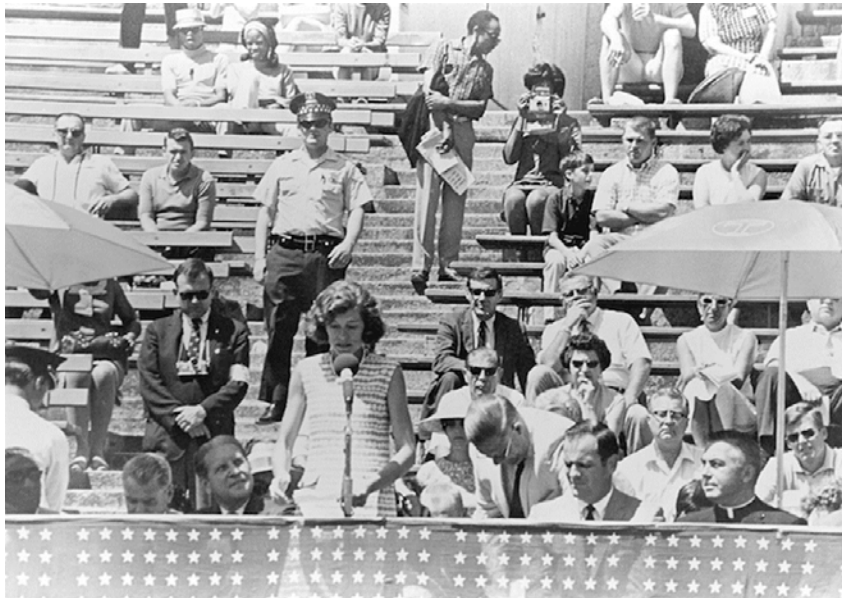


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Eunice Kennedy Shriver

*Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation
Special Olympics*

For her vision and unrelenting advocacy for establishing a new NIH Institute for research on improving pregnancy outcomes and fostering healthy development of children, as part of her lifelong dedication to improving the lives of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, recognized by the U.S. Congress by naming the Institute she championed the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

H A L L O F H O N O R

I was in the audience

“Let me win, if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt”



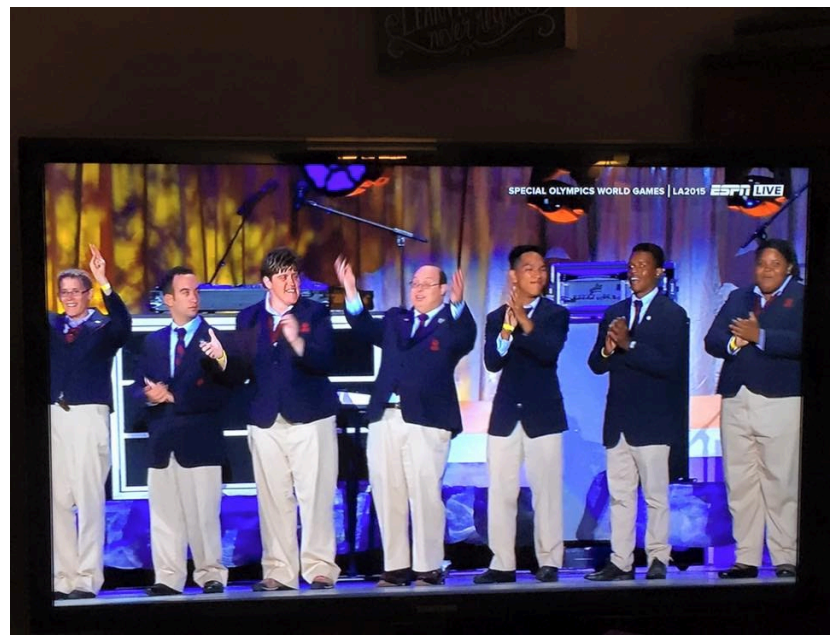
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Demonstrate our Abilities



Improving the lives of people with Intellectual Disabilities





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If we dream, we can imagine
a world that greets people
who are different with
respect and inclusive actions



“Live Long and Prosper”

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One of them and Not one among them



The Resource Guide for Employers



Valued, Able & Ready to Work Employing Individuals with Down Syndrome



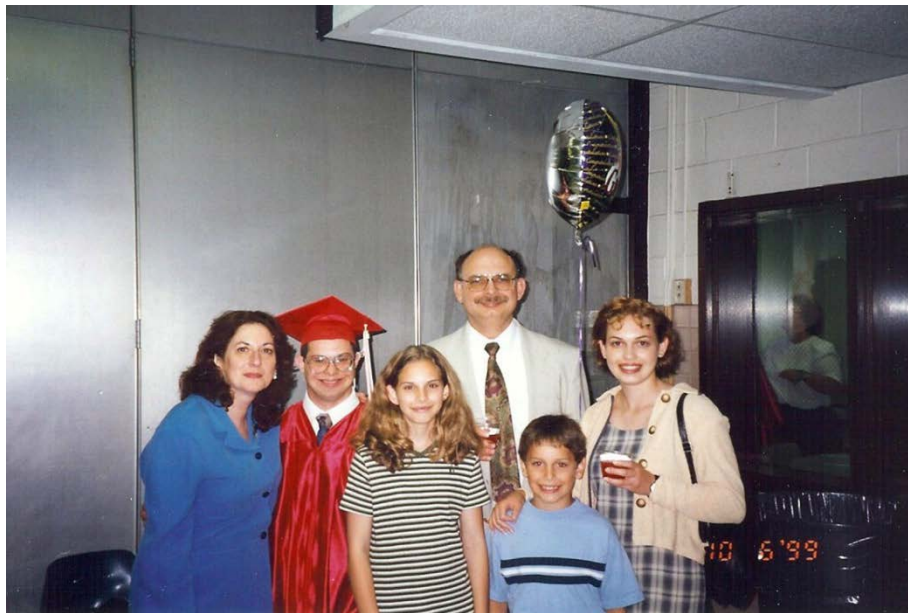
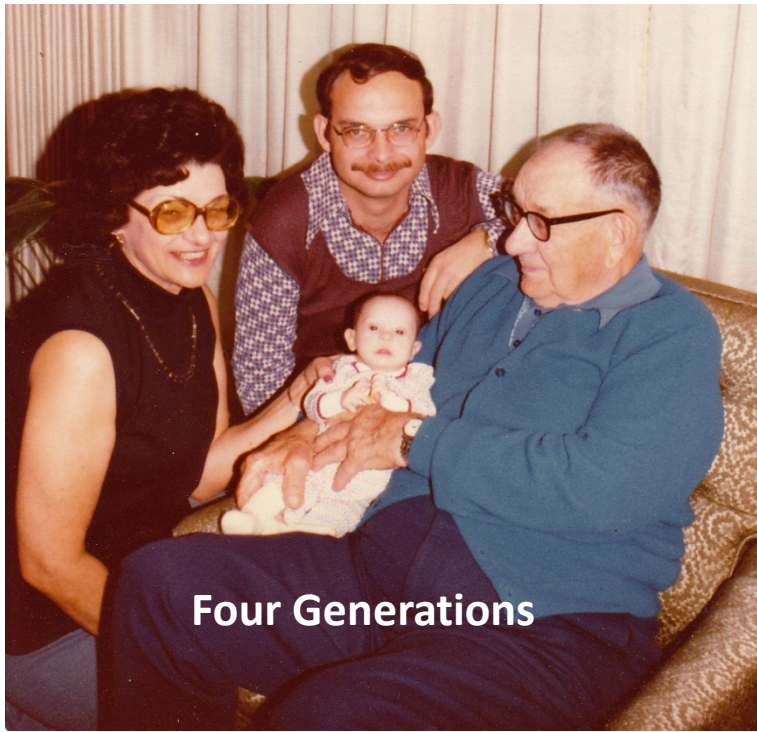
Since the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) became law in 1990, employing people with Down syndrome and other disabilities has been a realistic goal for all kinds of employers – corporations, small and local businesses and government agencies. However, many barriers to employment for individuals with Down syndrome still exist. Individuals with Down syndrome can and do make valuable employees and are ready to work, but often lack the opportunity. Furthermore, many employers have expressed interest in hiring employees with Down syndrome, but often lack the information and resources to support opportunities for employment.

This guide is intended to educate employers on hiring people with Down syndrome by highlighting benefits, suggesting tips for success, identifying some challenges, sharing success stories and providing resources.

Determining an Employee & Employer Match

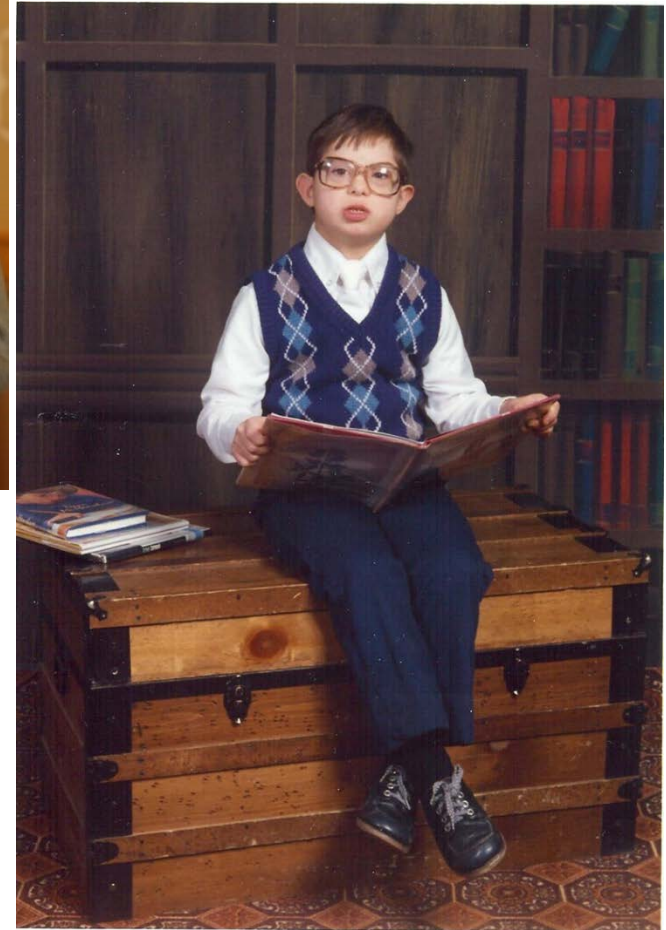
There are various types and places of employment, each with numerous tasks to be performed and skills required to perform them. The key to successful employment is to match individuals with Down syndrome with needed skills, tasks and workplace culture – just like any other employment match. Like in any population, job seekers with Down syndrome have a range of abilities and personalities. People with Down syndrome are, in general, known to be dependable, structured, loyal, enthusiastic, and most of the time, social and interactive. It has been reported time and time again that individuals with Down syndrome generate "inspiration" and "spark" in the workplace.

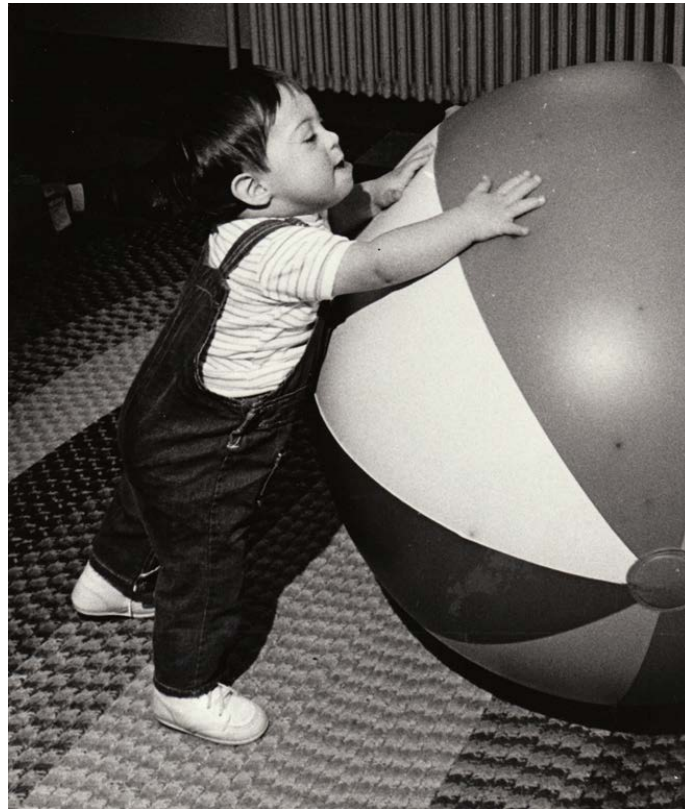
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**“It stays with you
all of your life.
It does not stop
you from having
dreams and
being successful”**







Reflection on Inclusion



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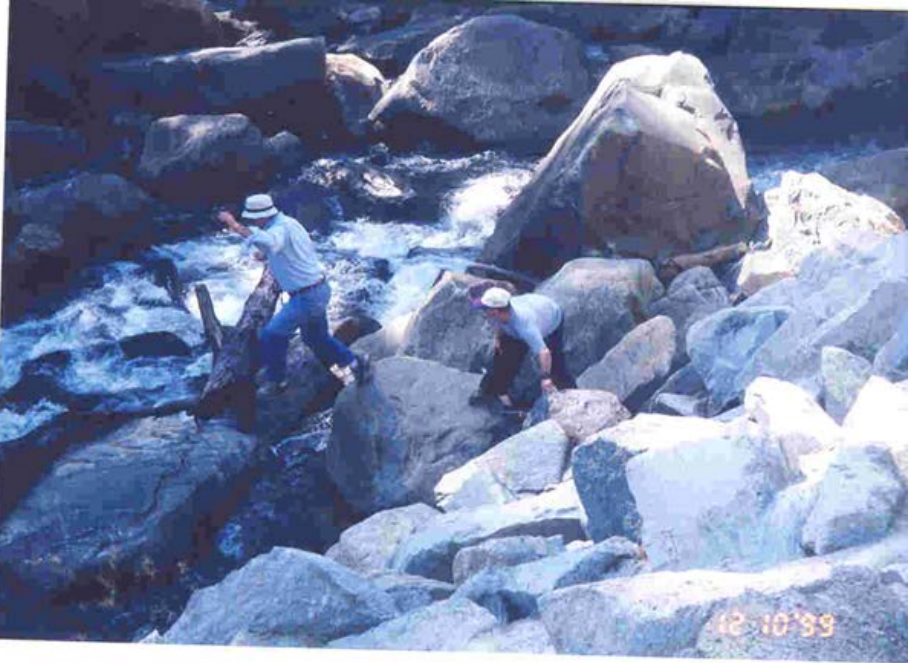


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**Research that can give us
an edge to lead fulfilling
lives is worth pursuing**



**Research on Down
syndrome could make it
easier to understand
diseases that affect us all?**



We are more alike than different



THANK YOU QUESTIONS?

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