

Charlotte Gray & Jeanne Doherty

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Navigating the DS-ASD Journey (FRIDAY)

Down syndrome and autism can be challenging disabilities separately, however when combined the challenges can be quite complex and oftentimes are misunderstood by the family members and professionals in the individual's life. If you suspect that your child may also have autism, or are new on this journey, then this presentation is for you. This workshop will take a look at what we know about DS-ASD, discuss commonalities in family experiences, explore basic behavioral red flags, discuss treatment recommendations, where to get a diagnosis, how parents feel about an autism diagnosis, and what they can do if their child has DS-ASD.

Down syndrome- Autism Q & A (Saturday)

Join Charlotte Gray and Jeanne Doherty, from the Down Syndrome-Autism Connection for a Q & A for families. This session is best for families caring for a child or young adult with a Down syndrome- Autism diagnosis or suspect that their child might have a dual diagnosis.



Charlotte Gray

Charlotte Gray has served as the executive director of the Down Syndrome-Autism Connection since 2015.Charlotte presents workshops on DS-ASD both in person and via webinars for audiences which include the NDSC, MDSC and DSAIA conferences.





Jeanne Doherty

Jeanne Doherty serves as board president for the Down Syndrome-Autism Connection since 2016 providing leadership, direction and overseeing operations for the organization. Jeanne brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience in providing care for individuals with complex needs.