

European Down Syndrome Association

Bosnia & Herzegovina Zivot Sa Down Sy

(Life with Down Syndrome)

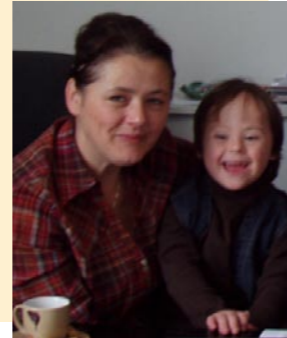
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Founded: 2006 in Sarajevo

President: Sevdija Kujovic

Members: 50

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Sevdija Kujovic with
her son Anes

Main goals

Promoting and protecting the rights of persons with Down syndrome and implementing EDSA directions in the national legislative.

Supporting families and promoting a better understanding about persons with Down syndrome in society.

Services

We offer counseling, rehabilitation and organise seminars, courses and family days.

Publications

We publish a regular journal, "Zivot & Down syndrom". We have informationflyers and posters. Following books will be shortly available:

1. "Niki",
2. „DOWN SYNDROME - Guidebook for preventive and systematic monitoring of the health condition“
3. „Down Syndrome - Happy family“

We have produced some films: „Open your eyes“ – a fashion presentation and a concert, and about the theater-show „Bubi and beings from stories“

Awareness campaign

This year (2-5 April 2009) we organise the first international Conference on Down Syndrome in Bosnia& Herzeovina, celebrating the World Down Syndrom Day at this occasion.

Projects and campaigns

Very succesful was the celebration of WDS in march 2008 and our projects "Happy family" and "Niki".

General information

The main problems in our country: early intervention, inclosion in schools and employment for adults with Down syndrome; all must be urgently improved.

Numbers

We have no statistics about the number of babys born or people with Down Syndrome living in B&H. We are trying to make a first database.

Situation of babys and toddlers

- there is good medical care and physiotherapy for babys and toddlers. There is no systematic early intervention.

Situation of schoolchildren

We have no information about mainstreaming in regular schools
There are two big centers, for all children with special needs.

Situation of adults

We have no knowledge about the situation of adults.

