

# Imagine the Possibilities

23RD CONNECTICUT DOWN SYNDROME CONGRESS CONVENTION  
OCTOBER 25, 2008 — CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, CROMWELL, CT

## DISTINGUISHED KEYNOTE SPEAKER



*Karen Gaffney*

**F**rom the moment she was born, Karen Gaffney began an incredible journey that continues today. She is the President of a nonprofit organization dedicated to championing the full inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in schools, the workplace, and the community. Karen travels the country speaking to a wide range of audiences about overcoming limitations and what can be accomplished with the power of positive expectations. Karen tackles any challenge she faces with determination and commitment, knowing she has limits, but not allowing them to limit her drive to succeed.

Oh, and by the way... Karen Gaffney has Down syndrome.

Karen graduated from St. Mary's Academy in Portland, Oregon, and earned a two-year Associate of Science degree from Portland Community College.

***"I can think of nothing more inspiring, more uplifting or more empowering to a parent than to see an adult with Down syndrome deliver the keynote at our annual convention."*** — Walt Glomb, President, Connecticut Down Syndrome Congress

## Information Forum

Learn from vendors catering to all different needs. Browse on our computers and access our website. See all CDSC has to offer including our yahoo group for members support.

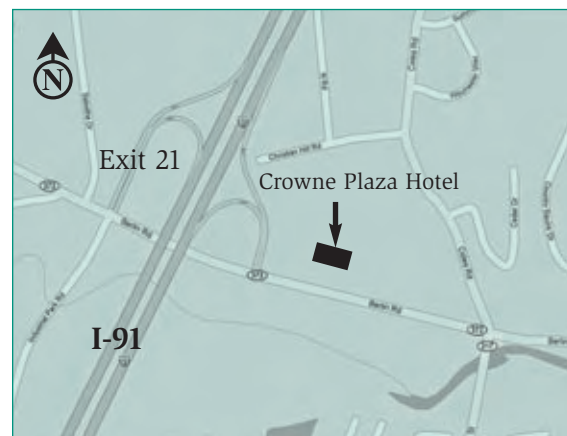
## General Membership Meeting

The annual meeting of the general membership of the Connecticut Down Syndrome Congress will be held at 8:30 AM in the Grand Ballroom at the convention. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect members to fill empty seats on the Board of Directors. A slate of candidates will be published to the membership at least two weeks prior to the convention. Members in good standing shall be eligible to hold office and to vote at the general membership meeting.

## Directions:

Crowne Plaza Hotel –  
Hartford/Cromwell  
100 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT 06416

- Take I-91 North or South to Exit 21
- Turn left off the exits
- The Crowne Plaza Hotel is on your left
- Complimentary Parking



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**The Connecticut Down Syndrome Congress (CDSC)** is a private non-profit advocacy organization founded in 1986 and staffed by parent volunteers that promotes opportunity, equity and inclusion for individuals with Down syndrome and their families.

*Please join us for our 23rd Annual Convention celebrating people with Down syndrome.*

**Who Should Attend:** Individuals with Down syndrome, family members, parents, grandparents, siblings, employers, educators, doctors, other professionals, and any person interested in learning more about Down syndrome and current related topics. The Convention's Keynote Speaker and workshops will focus on a wide variety of topics and information chosen to enhance the lives of people with Down syndrome, their families, and supporting professionals. Topics include issues from birth through adulthood.



**Continuing Education Units:** Attendance at the indicated workshops will provide up to 0.3 Continuing Education Units under the Connecticut Department of Education for certified educators.

**For More Information:** Visit the Connecticut Down Syndrome Congress website at: [www.ctdownsyndrome.org](http://www.ctdownsyndrome.org) to download a copy of this brochure. To find out more about the Convention, email us at [convention2008@ctdownsyndrome.org](mailto:convention2008@ctdownsyndrome.org) or phone 888-486-8537.

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## SCHEDULE

8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 CDSC Annual Membership Meeting in Main Ballroom for Members Only

8:45 Introductory Remarks in Main Ballroom

9:00 Keynote Address by Karen Gaffney

9:45 Break for networking and exhibits

### Birth to Three I

10:00 **1. Medical Issues in Children and Infants**  
*Robert Greenstein, MD*  
Director, Division of Human Genetics,  
University of Connecticut Health Center

### Birth to Three II

4. **Oral Motor Speech Therapy**  
*Jennifer Price-Hoskins, MS,*  
CCC-SLP, of Alphabet Soup

### School Years I

7. **Positive Behavior Support\***  
*Judy Itzkowitz, Ph.D.*

11:30 Lunch Program with Awards Presentations

12:30 **2. ENT Manifestations of Down syndrome:**  
*Scott Schoem, MD,*  
Connecticut Children's Medical Center  
Pearls and Preventive Tips for Parents

5. **Oral Motor Feeding Issues in Children with Down syndrome**  
*Jennifer Price-Hoskins, MS,*  
CCC-SLP, of Alphabet Soup

8. **Reading Instruction for children with Down syndrome\***  
*Sheryl Knapp, literacy consultant*

2:00 Break with Silent Auction

2:15 **3. Touching Souls Through Music & Sign Language**  
*Janine LaMendola*  
aka Ms. Janine

6. **Advocating for Your Child**  
*Laura Glomb, JD*

9. **Integrating Related Services into the General Education Classroom\***  
*Julie Giaccone, M.S. CCC-SLP*

3:45 *Drive Safely!*



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## School Years II

**10. Teacher Panel (elementary, middle, high school) on Curriculum Modifications and Accommodations in Inclusive Classrooms.\***  
*Sheila Blachman, Ph.D.*

## Adult Life

**13. DDS Employment Supports**  
*Beth McArthur, Director of Waiver Management and Systems Improvement; Robin Wood, Director of Self Determination*

## Special Topics

**16. The P.J. Settlement Agreement\***  
*Attorney David Shaw*

## Self-Advocates

**19. Panel of Self Advocates with Karen Gaffney**

**11. Person Centered Planning and Transition\***  
*Jessica Veneziano-Lemos*

**14. Adult Services – a Provider Perspective**  
*Tom Sullivan, Executive Director, Arc of New London County*

**17. Legislative Issues**  
*Walt Glomb, President, CDSC*

**20. Culinary Career**  
*Nick Glomb, self advocate*  
**My Life - a work in progress: my school, employment and recreation experiences.**  
*Jamie Graham, self advocate*

**12. Post-secondary Education for Students with Down syndrome\***  
*Margaret Kardos OTR/L, ATP*

**15. Strategies for Effective Advocacy**  
*April Dipolina, CT Family Support Network*

**18. Talking About Sexuality to Children with Disabilities**  
*Erin Livensparger, Staff Trainer, Planned Parenthood of CT*

**21. Skin Care Tips**  
*Mary Kay*  
**Pampering**  
*by Ella Grasso Tech*  
**Karate Demo**  
*in Grand Ballroom at 2:15*

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