



Want to host a CDSC event in your area?

There are already several regularly scheduled playgroups and parents nights outs across the state of Connecticut, but we would like there to be more opportunities for parents to find events closer to their home, with a schedule that fits their lifestyle better. It's easy to do and you'll probably meet other families in your area looking for the same type of social event.

Want to organize a spring fling or a holiday celebration? It doesn't have to be a weekly or a monthly event like a playgroup – you can organize a bowling party in March or a picnic in July.

If you've wanted to start your own CDSC event but didn't know how, here's your opportunity. All the information you need to get started is right here.

The CDSC will support your event by doing the following:

- We will advertise your event via our member e-mail list, on-line message board and flyers mailed to our members.
- We will post your event info on the CDSC calendar on the website.
- We will post your event info in the quarterly CDSC newsletter.

What you need to do:

- For playgroups: find a location where you want to have your playgroup. It can be a local library meeting room, a playground during the warmer months, your own house, etc. If you would like to have it at a library, all you have to do is ask a library staff member for help in reserving the room.
- For parents nights outs: find different types of restaurants in your area that is suitable for talking and socializing.
- Gather either directions or street addresses of locations.
- Decide how often you will be meeting – weekly or monthly etc.
- Decide when you would like to meet. For example, 10:30 am till 12:00 pm on the first Saturday of the month for playgroups – or 6:30 at night for parents nights outs on last Tuesday of month.

Send the following information to: events@ctdownsyndrome.org:

- Type of Event (playgroup, picnic, bowling party, holiday bash, ...)
- Your contact info (Name, phone number with area code and/or email address) for people who are looking for more information and for RSVPs.
- Location(s) (Name of facility/restaurant and address).
- Starting times. If appropriate, provide ending times and RSVP dates too.
- The next 3 - 12 months of scheduled dates. Sorry, we will only be able to mail flyers out for recurring events that you've provided 6 months or more of scheduled dates.

The following are the deadlines for having your event information posted in the quarterly newsletter:

February 1st:	Dates for March - May
May 1st:	Dates for June - August
August 1st:	Dates for September - November
November 1st:	Dates for December – February

Have questions? Contact us at events@ctdownsyndrome.org