

BE ALL THAT YOU CAN BE: CARING FOR THE CHILD WITH DOWN SYNDROME

Introduction And Opening Activities

All About Down Syndrome

- Who has Down Syndrome
- What causes Down Syndrome
- Diagnosis and characteristic features

Growth And Development

- Mental age
- Social skills and concerns
- Education and training
- Employment possibilities

Health Concerns

- Common physical problems
- Screening and prevention
- Diet, weight control, and activity needs

Living Well

- Importance of caring environment
- Home care or institutional care
- Maximizing potential

Evaluation And Closure

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Describe the cause and diagnosis of Down Syndrome
- Explain the characteristic growth and development of the child with Down Syndrome
- Identify common health concerns and interventions
- Describe the role of the caregiver in maximizing the potential of the child

COMPETENCY

316-1. The Child Welfare Professional knows health and medical conditions which can affect the well being of children and families or which can contribute to or result from child abuse/neglect.