



**WAISMAN CENTER**  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

12<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Virtual

## Waisman Center Day with the Experts: Down Syndrome

Learn about advances in research and clinical services and hear from a panel of experts—individuals with Down syndrome and family members.

**Saturday, March 12, 2022 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

**Via Zoom**

**9:00 - 9:10 a.m.**

Welcome and Update on COVID and Down Syndrome  
*Maria Stanley, MD, Director, Waisman Center Clinics*

**9:10 - 9:35 a.m.**

**“Positive Behavior Strategies to Support Individuals with Down Syndrome Across the Lifespan”**

*Martha Walter, PhD, Psychologist, Co-Director, Waisman Down Syndrome Clinic*

Behavior can be an important form of communication. This presentation will focus on ways of learning more about what an individual with Down syndrome may be communicating with their behavior as well as ideas for ways to reduce the likelihood of challenging behaviors and offer alternate behaviors that meet the individual’s needs. This presentation will also focus on how to increase and maintain positive behaviors and how to assess and work through challenging behaviors.

**9:35 - 10:00 a.m.**

**“Behavioral and Cognitive Profiles in Down Syndrome Across the Life Course”**

*Sigan Hartley, PhD, Associate Professor, Human Ecology and Waisman Investigator*

This presentation will provide an overview of research on common behavioral and cognitive profiles seen in individuals with Down syndrome in childhood and adulthood. These profiles include both behavioral and cognitive strengths and challenges that have impacts for learning and the ability to function in school, everyday activities, and employment settings.

**10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. PANEL DISCUSSION** that includes individuals with Down syndrome and family members.

**Please register at [www.waisman.wisc.edu/event/experts-down-syndrome-2022/](http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/event/experts-down-syndrome-2022/)**

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