

Communication with children with Syndrome Down

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Abstract. *Probably each and one of us has at least once in our lifetime met a person with developmental disabilities. The fact is that a large number of people is not sufficiently informed about developmental disabilities or they are afraid of communicating with such persons. Today, Down syndrome is one of the most common genetic disorders. This paper aims to look at this type of communication compared to the usual one. The goal is to educate people about the communication skills of children with Down syndrome and how they communicate with the environment so they can improve themselves if they find themselves in contact. In order to go into the issue in more detail, apart from the theoretical part of the paper which will be accompanied by literature such as books, scientific articles and sources from the Internet, the paper will also be based on conducted research. Moving forward to the research itself, the research part of the paper is based on a survey and an interview that were conducted in the Association for Down Syndrome of Međimurje County, all in purpose of making important conclusions regarding the communication of children with Down syndrome. The survey was intended for parents, since they play the most important role in the child's upbringing and they spend the most time with them, and of course parents have the greatest influence on their kids. The interview, on the other hand, was intended for experts from the association in order to see the communication from that side as well. The goal was to examine the communication skills of children with Down syndrome, how they communicate in different situations, whether there are similarities or differences in communication between parents and professionals with children, and what methods are used to improve their communication skills.*

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