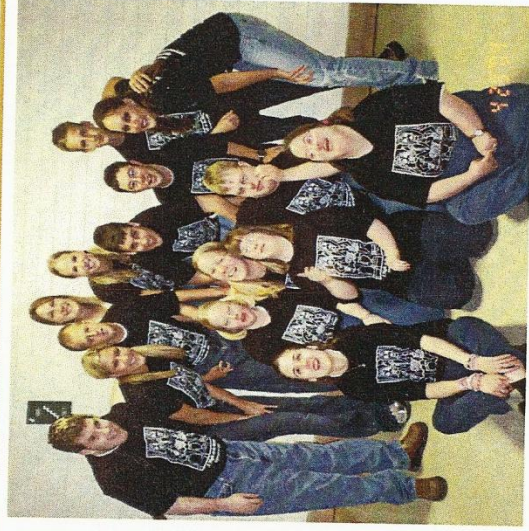


# Transition Issues for Individuals with Down Syndrome



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# Educational Issues

- Mainstreaming and full inclusion
- Participating as contributing members of the class  
Presence=Participation
- Transitions between schools
- Graduating with peers
- Pre-vocational training
- Secondary Education



# Vocational Issues

- 70% of adults with disabilities are UNEMPLOYED and that's UNACCEPTABLE!
- Appropriate Assessment at Appropriate Time
- Skill base is driven by individual needs and is appropriate across settings
- Wide variation of jobs presented
- Education of community employers
- Celebration of supportive employers



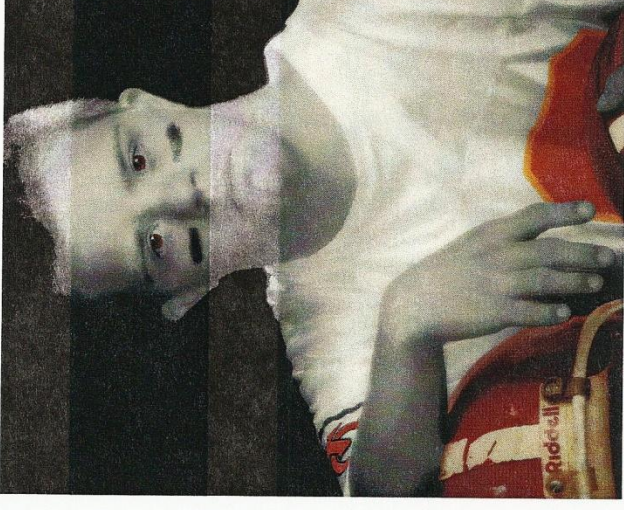
# Community Living Issues



- Consumer driven services
- Person Centered Planning with stakeholder input
- Parent vs. Provider
- Group Home Models
- Mission Project

# Life Span Issues

- Medical Insurance and treatment; Alzheimer's, dual diagnosis, average life span 55 years
- Guardianship
- Voting Rights
- Social Security
- Relationships: Rights vs. Risk
- Legislative Change: Strong need for parent and self advocates to become legislative advocates to effect change



# Looking Ahead to the Future

- Everyone will know someone with Down syndrome
- Different generation than previous with early intervention, partial or full inclusion, more visible presence in society
- Organizations such as DSG will need to partner to create successful outcomes in the community

