



Buddy Walk 2021 Logistics Chair Description

Buddy Walk Background

Each year, as part of our mission to promote inclusion and acceptance, Family Connection honors Down Syndrome Awareness Month, and we host our Buddy Walk event as part of this annual celebration. Traditionally, this in-person festival-like event attracts nearly 2,000 family members, friends, sponsors, and supporters who raise awareness and funds during the Buddy Walk campaign. In 2021, we hope to return to our in-person format. (Date, venue TBD).

The Buddy Walk Volunteer Leadership Committee will have the opportunity to help raise awareness and funds to support Buddy Walk and Family Connection's programs and services for families who have a child with a disability, such as Down syndrome.

Family Connection offers parents peer-to-peer support, helps families navigate the complex healthcare system, and provides guidance and support to help parents plan for, and attend school meetings to ensure their child's supports and services are carried out effectively. As the education landscape continues to face unprecedented challenges, our services are needed more than ever. There is no cost to families for any Family Connection services.

The Logistics Chair Role

The Logistics Chair is a vital member of the Buddy Walk Volunteer Committee who will assist Family Connection staff with managing event logistics and leading the execution of day-of-event activities. The primary role of the Logistics Chair is to ensure that the day of the event runs smoothly, and is safe, well-organized, and fun!

Responsibilities:

- In collaboration with event committee and Family Connection staff liaison, create a logistics plan and timeline for pre-event, day-of, and post-event activities
- Become familiar with Family Connection and Buddy Walk speaking points and be comfortable presenting this information to help promote interest, participation, and support of the event
- Start a Buddy Walk fundraising team at your workplace, set a team goal and serve as your team's caption or recruit a team captain or co-captain
- Ask your company leadership to consider becoming a sponsor of Buddy Walk
- Help secure donations or discounted rates for logistics-related event materials, equipment, etc.
- Assist with managing logistics activities and volunteers on event day.
- Attend committee meetings (one per month March – September, twice per month in October)
- Present a logistics update to the committee