



TREETOP TALK



**Anna Shaw
Children's Institute**

March 2021

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National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

March is National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. According to the Developmental Disabilities Act, the term Developmental Disabilities means that a person has a severe, chronic disability that occurs before the age of 22. This disability is likely to continue throughout their lifespan and result in a substantial functional limitation in 3 or more areas:

- Self-care
- Receptive and expressive language
- Learning
- Mobility
- Self-direction
- Capacity for independent living
- Economic self-sufficiency

These impairments would require that the person would need extended supports or assistance throughout their life span.

The National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) has 56 Councils on Developmental Disabilities which receive federal funding to support programs that promote self-determination, integration, and inclusion for all people with Developmental Disabilities.

For more information about Developmental Disabilities and support please visit <https://www.nacdd.org/> or <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/developmentaldisabilities/index.html>.

On December 19, 2011, the United Nations General Assembly declared March 21 as World Down Syndrome Day. This date was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy = 3) on the 21st chromosome. The goal of World Down Syndrome day is to create a single global voice for advocating for the rights, inclusion, and well-being of

all people with Down Syndrome.

From March 1 through the 21, you can join a 21-day challenge to learn more about Down Syndrome, advocacy, and support. Sign up at: <https://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/take-action>.

To learn other ways you can participate in World Down Syndrome day, please visit this website: <https://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/about-wdsd>



Parent Support Group



The Parent Support Group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.

All parents, grandparents, guardians, and other family members of children with special needs are invited to take part in a new parent-led Parent Support Group.

Anna Shaw Children's Institute follows social distancing and CDC safety guidelines.

- CHILDREN ARE WELCOME
- CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED
- FREE PIZZA, DRINKS, AND A FUN ACTIVITY

Southern Magnolia room on the lower level
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Dalton, Georgia

Call to RSVP
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GRUPO DE APOYO PARA PADRES LATINOS

Todos los padres, abuelos, guardianes, y otros miembros de la familia de niños con necesidades especiales están invitados a tomar parte en un grupo de apoyo para padres, dirigido por los padres.

Anna Shaw Children's Institute se apega a las guías de seguridad y recomendaciones de distanciamiento social de la CDC.



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DE CADA MES**

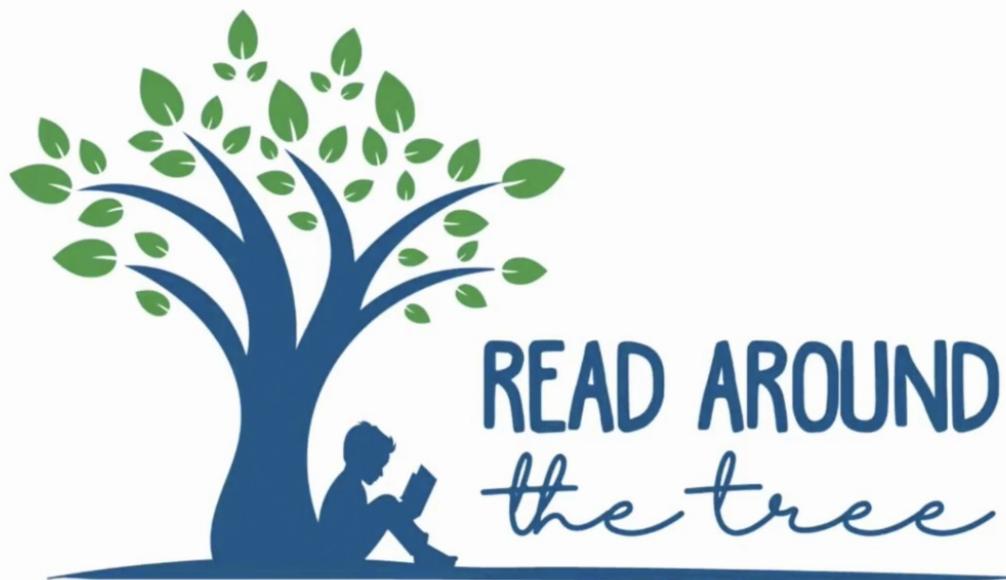
**Necesidades
Especiales**



8:30 - 10:00 am

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Join us each Wednesday on the [Hamilton Health Care System Facebook page](#) for a book reading around the tree by the Anna Shaw Children's Institute staff. There are also several pre-recorded stories on [Hamilton's YouTube channel](#). Click the picture below to watch Lynn Sams, a speech therapist at Anna Shaw Children's Institute, read *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson.



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