Each of our programs incorporate therapeutic and educational components in the areas of speech and language, fine and gross motor skills, and social skill development.

educational programs

Open Play (all ages)
2 & Under (0-2yrs)
Crawlers (0-2yrs)
Walkers (1-3yrs)
Hop, Skip & Jumpers (3-5yrs)

Playhouse Pals (6-8yrs)
Kids Club (9-12yrs)
Teen Tastic (13-17yrs)
Friday Friends (18+)
Sign class
Math Program coming soon!

literacy

This comprehensive program teaches individuals with Down syndrome how to read through a variety of successful methodologies and by using custom made materials.

phun with phonics

The next step after Literacy, the Phonics program ensures that each child masters linguistic and comprehension skills.

skill builders

Reinforcing school-aged skills, Skill Builders incorporates handwriting, math, social skill development, and phonics.

activities and classes

Daddy and Me Leaps and Bounds Polish Speaking Playgroup Nuestros Angeles Playgroup

national awareness campaigns

GiGi's focuses on spreading positive and accurate information about what Down syndrome is and what it is not. Through a variety of campaigns, we are able to spread this awareness nationally.

> i have a voice Traveling Gallery National Conferences Annual Award-winning Awareness Calendar Interactive Website Custom-made Awareness Materials

National Awareness



Check out our award-winning Down syndrome awareness calendar! Great as a gift and best of all it's a great awareness tool for hospitals, schools and the community!



The i have a voice Traveling Gallery is a powerful exhibit featuring portraits of individuals with Down syndrome sharing a voice you can't help but hear!

To bring this incredible exhibit to your area, contact ihaveavoice@gigisplayhouse.org.



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McHenry, IL Sioux City, IA
Chicago, IL Des Moines, IA
Rockford, IL

More locations coming soon!





about gigi's playhouse

What started as a local playhouse in a suburb of Chicago has turned into an international phenomenon, spreading awareness and inspiration to everyone it touches. GiGi's Playhouses are Down syndrome awareness and educational centers that provide resources, specialized teaching, and support to individuals with Down syndrome, their families and the community.

GiGi's Playhouse centers evolved into educational centers with a focus on national awareness for Down syndrome. All of our programs are free to our families and are therapeutic in nature.

Each of them are designed to work on specific skill development in several areas including speech and language, social development, and fine and gross motor skills. Our literacy program alone teaches thousands of kids with Down syndrome to read around the nation! The newest awareness project is our "i have a voice" campaign which seeks to change outdated perceptions and replace those images with beautiful, thought provoking, intelligent images.

In just 5 years, 5 Playhouses have opened and there are more in the works! GiGi's is committed to the important mission of spreading positive and accurate information about Down syndrome through education. We know that by helping individuals with Down syndrome reach their highest potential, we can change outdated perceptions that people may have. The end result is a world that is empowered with knowledge, compassion, and inspiration – what a better place for all of us!

GiGi's Playhouse is something different to everyone. For some it may be family support, an educational experience, community



awareness, a hug, a party, informational network, or a self esteem boost — but for all it's a place to belong.