



# 2017-2018 AIM Program Together we CAN!

The Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress' AIM: Teen & Young Adult Program provides monthly events for youth with Down syndrome, ages 13 to 22, and their families. We gather throughout the school year to have fun, meet new friends, and learn new things. This year's theme, *Together we CAN!*, will get us out into the community, working as a team, and learning about the many ways we can contribute and make the world a better place.

**AIM Hangouts** are held one Sunday each month from 12:30-3:30 at the West Suburban YMCA in Newton. Each month includes a youth session with engaging activities related to our theme and a parent session with networking and a guest speaker covering a different transition-related topic.

2017-2018 AIM Hangout Dates:

October 1	January 7	May 6
November 5	February 4	June 3
December 3	April 8	

**AIM Socials** take place on a Friday evening, Saturday or Sunday each month at various locations throughout Eastern MA. We're excited to partner with our friends at Emarc for the Halloween Costume Dance in October, and we've got other great outings in the works!

AIM Membership is \$175 for the 2017-2018 year. Scholarships are available; contact Colleen Endres at [cendres@mdsc.org](mailto:cendres@mdsc.org) to learn more. AIM Members have access to:

- All Sunday **AIM Hangouts** and **AIM Socials** (with the exception of one or two social activities that may require a small fee)
- AIM Parent Info Sessions, held each Sunday session from Nov-May at the Newton YMCA
- AIM youth participants receive an AIM t-shirt and gym bag
- AIM Participant Directory and AIM Parent Facebook Group to easily connect with others in between events to get together or request/share resources

Families that are unable to commit to the full program but would still like to join in on socials from time to time can sign up as an AIM Friend for \$25. AIM Friends have access to:

- **AIM Socials**, given that space is available, at a small cost per event
- AIM Parent Facebook Group to easily connect with others in between events to get together or request/share resources.

To register, visit <http://mdsc.kintera.org/AIM1718>.