

ADULTS LIVING WITH A DCC PROGRAM

The Adults Living with a DCC Program is designed for adults (18+) ONLY who have been diagnosed with a Disorder of the Corpus Callosum. Please join us in these discussions and activities to share your experiences, difficulties, and successes with other adults living with a DCC. Sessions are moderated by professionals, and intended to be highly interactive with candid discussions, question/answer time, and role-playing. This year's program will be led by Jasmin Turner, MA with the support of Ella Bohlman, BS.

PROGRAM MODERATORS



Jasmin Turner, MA (NODCC Board of Directors) is a researcher, coach, and advocate dedicated to supporting neurodivergent individuals and families. Her work sits at the intersection of brain science, lived experience, and practical, everyday support. Jasmin earned her MA in Clinical Psychology and previously worked as a research coordinator at Caltech, where she worked alongside Dr. Lynn K. Paul and contributed to longitudinal research on behavioral development in infants and children with agenesis of the corpus callosum. This experience sparked her ongoing commitment to the DCC community and continues to inform her approach to supporting individuals across the lifespan. She currently serves as Vice President of the NODCC Board of Directors, where she leads initiatives focused on adult programming and amplifying the voices of individuals with DCC. Jasmin is also the founder of Kangaroo

Coaching & Consulting, a neurodiversity-affirming coaching practice that helps individuals and families build skills in executive functioning, emotion regulation, and self-advocacy through personalized, strengths-based support."



Ella Bohlman, BS is a research assistant at the University of Minnesota. She received a bachelor's degree in cognitive psychology from the University of Illinois in 2024. Ella has been studying development in infants and kids with disorders of the corpus callosum with Dr. Lynn K. Paul since 2022. She is currently in partnership with the NODCC to complete a natural history study! She also joined the NODCC team in December 2024 as Executive Assistant to the board of directors. She assists the board with organization and scheduling so they can continue to lead and improve the NODCC. This is Ella's third NODCC conference and she's excited to spend this conference assisting in the Adults Living with a DCC Program!



Warren S. Brown, Jr., PhD (NODCC Board of Directors) is Professor of Psychology at the Graduate School of Psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary and founder of the Travis Research Institute. He received his PhD in Experimental Psychology from the University of Southern California and postdoctoral training at the UCLA Brain Research Institute. He is actively involved in neuropsychological research, particularly related to the consequences of agenesis of the corpus callosum for intellectual and social abilities. Among his more than 100 research publications are 50 articles on the neuro-psychology of ACC. Dr. Brown also co-authored over 100 presentations at scientific meetings regarding his research on ACC.



Lynn K. Paul (Sternberg), PhD (Former NODCC Board President) Dr. Lynn K. Paul is currently serving as Senior Research Scientist at California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA where she is directing a research program studying brain-structure, cognition, and social processing in disorders of the corpus callosum. Dr. Paul received her PhD in Clinical Psychology from Fuller Graduate School of Psychology, Pasadena, CA working with Dr. Warren Brown, and completed a residency in clinical neuropsychology from the Department of Neurology, University of California, Los Angeles, CA. Dr. Paul also conducts neuropsychological assessments and consultations regarding DCC through her private practice, L.K. Paul and Associates.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

NODCC reserves the right to change the schedule at any time. Revised 5/6/26

In addition to the program's special sessions, Adults with a DCC may attend the following general sessions:

- Thursday:
- Genetics and Disorders of the Corpus Callosum
 - Social Security Benefits
- Friday:
- Conference Keynote
 - Disorders of the Corpus Callosum: The Basics
 - Financial Planning, Guardianship & Alternative Support
 - Interfacing with Neurologists Across a Lifetime: Clinical Considerations from Gestation to Adulthood for Individuals Diagnosed with a DCC
- Saturday:
- Ask Adults Living with a DCC Panel
 - Nourish the Brain: Updated Strategies in Neuronutrition for ACC and Neurodevelopmental Support
 - Managing Sleep Disorders for Individuals with a DCC

Thursday, July 23

- 1:00 – 2:30 **Welcome & Introductions** Moderator: Jasmin Turner, MA
- During this session participants will introduce themselves and share their name, age, type of disorder, city, state, living situation, education, employment situation, why they came to the conference, and what they hope to gain from the conference.
- 2:30 – 3:00 **Break**
- 3:00 – 4:30 **Discussion: Knowledge is Power** Moderator: Jasmin Turner, MA
- During this discussion we will explore how a DCC impacts brain function, cognition, and social interaction. Through a blend of neuroscience, psychology and personal anecdotes, our aim is to equip individuals diagnosed with DCC with empowering knowledge; a deeper understanding of their experiences; and the promotion of personal growth and resilience.
- 4:30 – 6:00 **Conference Families Meet & Greet - No Host Gathering**
- 7:30 – 9:30 **Adults Living with a DCC: Games & Movie Night**

Friday, July 24

- 9:00 – 10:30 **Attend Conference Keynote**
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Break**
- 11:00 – 12:30 **Discussion: Mental Health & Emotion Regulation Strategies**
Moderator: Jasmin Turner, MA
- This session will provide information on mental health and effective emotion regulation strategies for individual diagnosed with a DCC. We will explore practical techniques for navigating and managing emotions in everyday life. Overall, this discussion aims to introduce tools that will cultivate resilience, enhance well-being, and help individuals living with a DCC thrive in the face of challenges.
- 12:30 – 2:00 **Lunch**

- 2:00 – 3:30 **Ask the Professional: Q&A About DCC** Moderator: Warren S. Brown, PhD
 Moderator: Lynn K. Paul, PhD
- An informal session in which Adults diagnosed with a DCC may ask medical and behavioral questions regarding their DCC diagnosis with answers and information from Research Scientists, Dr. Warren S. Brown and Dr. Lynn K. Paul.
- 3:30 – 4:00 **Break**
- 4:00 – 5:30 **Group Activity: Art Therapy** Moderator: Ella Bohlman
- During this session, we will use art and guided exercises to explore emotions and personal narratives in a supportive and non-judgmental space. By harnessing the power of creativity, individuals are offered a platform for self-expression where they can process difficult emotions and gain a better understanding of themselves.
- 6:30 – 8:00 **Banquet Dinner**
- 8:00 – 9:00 **Evening Entertainment**
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Saturday, July 25

- 9:00 – 10:30 **Panel: Ask Adults Living with a Disorder of the Corpus Callosum**
 Moderator: Jasmin Turner, MA
- Conference attendees may ask the panel of adults questions related to what it is like for them living with a DCC, e.g. challenges and successes in formal or vocational education over the years, employment or volunteering in the community, developing and keeping relationships, learning to ride a bike and driving, living independently, etc.
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Break**
- 11:00 – 12:30 **Social Skills & Relationships** Moderator: Jasmin Turner, MA
- This session will combine psychological research, practical tips and interactive discussions to help participants navigate social situations with confidence. Participants will acquire tools and strategies needed to cultivate fulfilling connections and meaningful relationships.
- 12:30 – 5:00 **Off-Site Activity** Moderator: Jasmin Turner, MA
- 6:30 - 8:00 **Dinner**
- 8:00 - 8:15 **Conference Attendees Group Photo**
- 8:00 - 10:30 **Dance Party**
- 10:30 **Conference Concludes**