

DSAG Parent Workshop at ETCH Koppel Plaza

Registration will be on the first floor in Plaza Room 1. All workshop sessions will be in rooms on the second floor of Koppel Plaza.

Saturday, February 10, 2018

7:30 am to 7:55 am	Registration and Light Breakfast provided
8:00 am to 8:20 am	Welcome and Introduction of presenters
8:30 am to 9:15	Session 1
9:30 am to 10:15	Session 2
10:30 am to 11:15 am	Session 3
11:30am to noon	Closing and Door Prizes

Topics available during Session times (Pick three)

Behavior and Ds	This session will present information about Ds and effective behavior management, with practical strategies provided for use in the home and school settings.
What your Other Children Without Ds are Thinking: Sibling Issues for Parents	Through a series of interactive exercises, parents will explore what questions, needs, and concerns are often raised by children who have a brother or sister with Ds. Parents will come away with practical answers to commonly raised questions. This presentation draws upon Brian Skotko and Sue Levine's publication in American Journal of Medical Genetics and their new book, <i>Fasten Your Seatbelt: A Crash Course on Down Syndrome for Brothers and Sisters</i> .
Accommodations and Modifications: The Keys to Accessing Inclusive Education	When it comes to supporting students with disabilities in the classroom, accommodations and modifications are key! In this session, participants will learn how accommodations and modifications can help a student with Ds be meaningfully included and increase educational outcomes.
Impact of Oral Motor Impairment on Eating and Speech	When should assessment and treatment of hypotonia of the facial muscles begin and what outcomes should be expected? Find answers to this and more in this session with information presented by a local speech therapist.
How to Practice and Learn Gross Motor Skills for Children with Ds: Birth to Walking	This presentation will review the important role of physical therapy in children with Ds. It will include the goal of physical therapy, critical times for intervention strategies. The focus of this workshop will be the gross motor skills learned during the period from birth to walking.
An OT Perspective	Some common Occupational Therapist recommendations will be shared, as well as a basic overview of development to understand and assist with progression of skills for milestone acquisition, while making sure your child is having fun!