

DSPTC News

January Mini-Workshops

What: DSPTC/GOS Mini-Workshops

Date: Saturday, January 26, 2008 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Where: Green Oaks School, 5508 Chaperito Trail, Arlington 76016

You won't want to miss this informative afternoon! Each session lasts one hour and will be repeated three times. Mix and match to see the topics in which you are interested. Come for one, or stay for three! Call Green Oaks School at 817-496-5100 for more information.

Topics/Speakers:

1. Social Skills for Young Children with Down syndrome - Leigh Weedman, Principal of Green Oaks School
2. Financial Planning for Families Who Have a Child with Special Needs - Angela Harvey, Attorney and parent of a child with Down syndrome
3. The Importance of Having High Expectations for Your Child with Down Syndrome - Casie Hough, MOT OTR
4. Nutrition Issues - Theresa Nash
5. Libby Kumin Speech Video

It Was a Great Party!

Thanks to all who played a part in putting on the DSPTC Christmas party, especially Barbi Wolfe, Amanda Morgan and Jan Farrington. There were lots of families in attendance, with children of all ages. Everyone had a good time! Congratulations to those who won prizes and/or centerpieces:

Door Prize Winners:

Rick Arlington	Beverly Whitt
Claire Cox	Kathy Dreyer
Amy Smith	Jace Larimer
Sharon Gronau	Mallory Hartman
Bill Shannon	Deanie Horton
Candace Moffitt	Lanisha Mahan
William Wolfe	Ewa Nelson
John Fayette	Terry Dunn
David Cox	
Roby Irizarry	

Centerpiece Winners:

Kelly Bunger	Sarah Lewis
Karen Spikes	Cobie Hemingway
Cheri Stripling	Beverly Whitt
Minoo Rahbarzare	Jan Farrington
Elaine Duston	Robyn Irizarry
Denise Logan	Rick Arlington
Billy Ray Glass	Jan Crook
Stephanie Bedwar	Shaya Rahbarzare
Tommie Morgan	Cheryl Mosman
Victoria Hernandez	Teresa Rodgers

Help Needed for Northeast Play Group

Play groups are a wonderful way to make new friends, visit with old friends, and make sure your children have friends in the Partnership. Unfortunately, our Northeast Play Group coordinator has had to step down due to work conflicts. If you would be interested in making sure this group meets monthly, please contact Sessalie Shapley at (817) 358-1879 as soon as possible. The group still has access to play areas and rooms in a church if needed.

We Need Space!

The DSPTC has grown to the size where we need office space and adjacent or close storage space. If you or someone you know has space available CHEAP please put them in contact with Theresa Moffitt at 817-987-4501 or treace@aol.com.



The Manual for Parents and Students about Special Education Services in Texas

This 61-page manual is an invaluable resource for families trying to understand the Texas special education system. The August 2007 version of the Parent Manual, called "It's a New IDEA" can be downloaded and used by anyone.

The manual is available online in both English and Spanish on The Arc of Texas' website at <http://www.thearcoftexas.org/>. To request one free copy per family of the a printed version from The Arc of Texas call 1-800-252-9729 or e-mail rstatman@thearcoftexas.org

2008 Inclusion Works! Conference

February 20th-23rd Renaissance Hotel Austin

The state's premiere conference on inclusive education celebrates its 15th year! As always, we bring you top experts from across the nation to share the latest research, information and practical strategies you can use in your own district, school, classroom or family.

For more info or to register go to the ARC of TX website at <http://www.thearcoftexas.org>.

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Down Syndrome Guild 2008 IEP Conferences

Saturday, January 19, 2008

Two Sessions: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (for educators) and
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (for educators and parents)

Region 10 Service Center, 904 Abrams Road, Richardson, TX 75081

Paula Kluth will present. She is a long time advocate for people with disabilities and has a Ph.D. from Syracuse University. She is the author of *"You're Going to Love This Kid!" Teaching Students with Autism in the Inclusive Classroom*. She will discuss many issues, including a positive approach to inclusive education.

Saturday, February 16, 2008

One Session: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Region 10 Service Center, 904 Abrams Road, Richardson, TX 75081

Lynn Campbell and her partner **Sidney Crim**, local speech pathologists with extensive experience working with children and adults with Down syndrome, will speak about writing and means of enhancing effective communication.

Saturday, March 29, 2008

One Session: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Region 10 Service Center, 904 Abrams Road, Richardson, TX 75081

Gail Wayman, M.Ed. in special education and Board Certified Behavior Analyst, will present on the topic of developing IEPs, including writing objectives that are observable and measurable. She returns to us after rave reviews for her presentation on toilet training last year.

SPACE IS LIMITED!! Please email dallasdsg@sbcglobal.net or call the DSG office at (214) 267-1374 to confirm your reservations.

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Things to Remember

Mom's Night Out

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Contact Cyndi Anderson at
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cell phone, 817-501-2358 for more
information.

Down Syndrome Clinic

Upcoming Clinic Dates:

January 18 February 15
March 28 April 18 May 16

For more information or an appointment, call
Sarah Stringer at 682-885-2181.

Northeast Play Group

Contact Sessalie
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at (817) 358-1879

Arlington Play Group

January ????
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
at

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Bienvenidos!

La Asociacion Syndrome de Down
de Tarrant County prove recursos y
apoyo para gente con syndrome de
down y sus familias. Mas
informacion: Favor de llama a la
Sra. Julia Barbosa, (817) 923-3628.

Dads

Contact Mike Nelson at 817-723-9051 or
Fnelson@bbar.com for more information.

The DSPTC qualifies as a 501c(3) non-profit charitable organization and contributions are tax deductible to the extent the law allows.