

DSPTC News

Affiliate, National Down Syndrome Congress & National Down Syndrome Society

April 2007

Thank You, Speedway Children's Charities

The DSPTC was the proud recipient of a grant for over \$1000 from the Speedway Children's Charities. At right, members of the Partnership receive the check in the December ceremony at the Texas Motor Speedway. Our representatives were Carter, Brad & Heather Singleton, Margaret and Jacob Yaquinto, and Candace and Theresa Moffitt. (Man on the left and woman on the right are from the SCC).



Upcoming Community Events

The Arc of Northeast Tarrant County & The Autism Society of America Greater Tarrant County Chapter present...

It's A New IDEA! The Special Education Process, Parental Involvement, Collaboration and Your Child

April 10 , 2007 from 11:30 ~ 1:30

The Arc House at 1806 Haltom Road Haltom City, TX 76117

Sometimes – no, most times (!!) planning for your child through the ARD/IEP process is confusing – new lingo, assessments, IEP goals and objectives, related services, supports for school staff, placement and more. If you are not sure how the process works and how to exercise your rights before, during or after the ARD, you will not want to miss this meeting! Marianna Bond, M.Ed., (Learning Legacy, Inc.) will review the ARD decision making process, and the rights of you and your child receiving special education services.

For information or to RSVP contact Cindi: (817) 219-8157 or Email: cindipaschall@scbglobal.net

New Group for Texas Parents

In November of 2006, TOPAA, the Texas Organization of Parents, Advocates and Attorneys, was developed to provide a forum for sharing experiences and ideas relating to the needs of Texas children with disabilities. This organization distributes vital information concerning specialized services and programming needs of children who are protected under IDEA.

TOPAA's mission is to assist parents, advocates

and attorneys in securing appropriate quality services for children with any type of disability by working collaboratively with other key stakeholders such as educators and service providers. Future plans include making an impact in the Texas system by providing information and seminars and disseminating legislative information concerning Texas bills that affect children's educational rights. For more information, go to www.TOPAA.org.

Summer Activities

These are not DSPTC sponsored events

• Flint Academy Fun & Educational Summer Days Camp

Note: Participants need to enroll in at least six of the eight summer weeks.

Each week consists of a thematic unit with a field trip. Classes are for students ages three through five and five through 7.

June	4-7	Community Helpers	July	2-5	Jungle Animals
	11-14	Gardening		9-12	Circus
	18-21	Little Artists		16-19	Dinosaurs I
	25-28	Little Theater		23-26	Dinosaurs II

• Flint Academy Skill Improvement with Games, Crafts & Cooking

Note: Participants need to enroll in at least six of the eight summer weeks (see dates above).

Classes are for students ages six through nine and ten through thirteen.

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Fun with Reading and Phonics
12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Bring your sack lunch
12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Fun with Math

• Summer Language Camp Ages 4-10 (approx. & depending on disability)

Students may have Down syndrome, a similar developmental delay, or be typically developing. All children must meet admission criteria, including being completely toilet trained. This camp is designed to encourage the development of speech in a stimulating and language-rich environment. Classes are held Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

June 4-7 "Fun with Books" July 16-19 "It's a Party!" August 13-16 "More Fun With Favorite Books"

Tuition is \$120.00/week plus \$10.00 supply fee (one-time) for children with special needs and \$60.00/week plus \$10.00 supply

• Green Oaks School Enrichment Camp

For students from ages ten to young adult who have Down syndrome or a similar developmental delay. Appropriate students for this program are those who have mild to moderate intellectual delay and minimal behavior or medical involvement. A maximum of 30 students will be accepted for each summer school week.

Program dates are June 18-22 and July 23-27. Classes are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day.

Cost per week is \$160, which includes all class materials, program and field trip expenses, and one t-shirt per student.

Students may register for either one or both weeks.

For additional information, or to receive an application for summer admission, please call 817-496-5100.

• L.I.F.E. Club (Learning Is Fun and Educational!) (Ages 13-Young Adult)

Tuesdays and Thursdays on the following dates:

Session I: June 12, 14, 26 & 28. **Session II:** July 3, 5, 10 & 12. **Session III:** July 31, August 2, 7 & 9

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (After Hours care available at an additional charge until 5:45 p.m.)

Cost: \$120 per session or \$300 for all three sessions. \$25 one-time supply fee per student.

Each day will include the following four courses: **The Best Me I Can Be** (manners, character and social skills); **Cooking & Nutrition 101** (meal planning, prep and cooking; kitchen safety and etiquette); **Games Galore** (leisure time activities, good sportsmanship, physical activity); **Girls Just Wanna Have Fun! OR Guys Rock!** (Girls will learn about hair and nail care,

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Upcoming Seminars

(Note: These are not DSPTC-sponsored events.)

Wills, Estate Planning & Guardianship...

Presenter: Kathryn Craven

April 17, 2007 from 11:30 – 1:30

The Arc House at 1806 Haltom Rd.

Haltom City, Texas 76117

For questions or to RSVP call (817) 281-7855 or

Email: laura4705@sbcglobal.net



GROSS MOTOR SKILLS for Children with Down Syndrome

Saturday, April 28

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

at The Rise School of Dallas

Pat Winders, PT, is a Senior Physical Therapist at the Down Syndrome Clinic at Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, Maryland. She has specialized in providing PT to children with Down syndrome, ages 0-5, for over 25 years and is the author of Gross Motor Skills in Children with Down Syndrome: A Guide for Parents and Professionals. She provides training conferences for therapists and parents on gross motor development for kids both nationally and internationally.

Cost: \$10 per individual or couple

All proceeds to benefit The Rise School of Dallas

Space is limited, so sign up early! Refreshments will be served.

Free Child Care is provided but you must pre-register by April 20th as space is limited.

For more information, call Angela O'Brien at 214-546-0507.

The Rise School of Dallas is located in St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 5923 Royal Lane, Dallas, TX 75230 (one block east of the North Dallas Tollway).

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Things to Remember

Mom's Night Out

April 20

Pappadeux in Fort Worth

RSVP to Cyndi Anderson at
cyndi0633@yahoo.com or call her
cell phone, 817-501-2358. Hope to
see you there!

Important Numbers

DSPTC Voice Mail 817-421-1812

Home & Community Based Services
(Kim Lambert) 817-569-4140

Medically Dependent Children Program &
Community Living Assistance & Support
Services 1-877-438-5658

**Northeast
Play Group**

Contact Sessalie
Shapley
at (817) 358-1879

**Arlington
Play Group**

April 21st

from 10am -12pm at
Green Oak School (5508
Chaperito Trl, Arlington,
TX, 76016). Hope to see
you there!! Wendy
Behnke, 817-829-7812 or
behnkesw@yahoo.com

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

For more
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**Down Syndrome
Clinic**

Upcoming Clinic Dates:

April 20

For more information, call
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