

The Down Syndrome Advocacy Foundation (DSAF)

2012 Suffolk County Monthly Meetings

Thursday, January 19th
(7:00 – 9:00 pm)

Using Applied Behavior Analysis Methodologies to Address the Needs of Children with Down Syndrome

Presenter: Kathleen Feeley, PhD, BCBA
Associate Professor, Director, Center for Community Inclusion
L.I. University

Instruction adhering to applied behavior analysis is evidence based and incredibly effective for individuals with Down syndrome of all ages. There is an abundance of studies demonstrating the effectiveness of applied behavior analytic interventions for children with Down syndrome. An overview of the findings of these studies will be presented along with specific strategies that meet the core characteristics associated with Down syndrome. In addition, strategies for accessing behavioral analytic programming will be presented.

The 9th Annual Conference On Best Practices in the Education of Children with Down Syndrome
March 9-10, 2012 ~ C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University

Thursday, March 22nd
(7:00 – 9:00 pm)

How to Prepare for Your CPSE/CSE Meeting

Presenter: Yvonne Sinisgalli, Educational Outreach Coordinator, LIPC

We are approaching the time of year when annual reviews are being held. The Long Island Parent Center; Center for Community Inclusion will present and share tips for planning and preparing for your child's Individualized Education Plan.

At this workshop, we will share tips for preparing for your child's CPSE/CSE meeting. We will discuss the purpose of the meeting, roles of the attendees, important documentation, discuss the new IEP form and strategies for reviewing goals and objectives as well as suggestions for following up with members of the team. We will demonstrate ways (role-play) to collaborate and effectively communicate with professionals on your child's team to ensure your child's success.

Thursday, March 29th
(7:00 – 9:00 pm)

New Parent Meeting**

Held at DSAF's office (77 Arkay Drive, Hauppauge NY 11788~Microcad Office)

Come meet members of DSAF, and obtain information to help you access important resources. The decisions families make early on in their child's development, impact them for the rest of their lives.

Thursday, April 19th
(7:00 – 9:00 pm)

"How to Read an Evaluation"

Presenters: Barbara Pirnat, MS Ed., Evaluation Coordinator
Val Kelly, MS, Service Coordinator
Marion K. Salomon & Associates

This workshop will provide a comprehensive overview on how to read an evaluation report and to interpret the scores. Standard scores and percentile ranks will be addressed and an understanding of what they mean will be gained. Developmental domains and what is assessed in each domain will be discussed.

A period for Q & A's will be offered.

Thursday, May 17th
(7:00 – 9:00 pm)

Panel of Educators who have Children with Down Syndrome in their General Education Classes

Panel of professionals will provide information regarding implementation of curriculum modifications and fostering relationships.

Thursday, July 19th
(7:00 – 9:00 pm)

Managing Problem Behavior

Presenter: Emily Jones, PhD, BCBA-D
Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology
Queens College

One of the biggest obstacles for learners is challenging behavior. Challenging behavior may be disruptive or dangerous. Challenging behavior also significantly interferes with learning and interaction with others. It is critical that any approach to intervention be based on a functional behavior assessment and evidence based intervention strategies. Practical strategies will be discussed.

Thursday, July 26th
(7:00 – 9:00 pm)

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Thursday, August 16th
(7:00 – 9:00 pm)

Teaching Life Skills to Children & Young Adults with Special Needs

Presenter: Tracy E. Murphy
Special Education Teacher
Young Autism Program

Teaching life skills can be a very fun and rewarding experience. Life skills are systematically taught to individuals with developmental disabilities in order to promote day-to-day skills. Life skills are generally those skills that the students will need to survive in everyday life. This includes skills such as toilet training, money management, hygiene, and shopping for groceries. These skills are essential for special education students to learn because they enable an easier transition from school to life in the "real world."

There are so many fun ways to teach life skills to special education students, and it's even more rewarding if the parents are involved. Explore my tips on how to teach life skills to children and young adults with special needs. I'll cover many of the Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) in a basic Life Skills Curriculum.

Thursday, October 25th
(7:00 – 9:00 pm)

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Thursday, November 15th
(7:00 – 9:00 pm)

Transition and Self Determination

Presenter: Helene Fallon
Project Coordinator
Long Island Parent Center
Long Island Advocacy Center, PTIC

The training will explain what transition planning is and what it entails. It will look at the benefits and the importance of student and family participation in the transition plan and the IPE; Individual Plan for Employment.

****Important:** Due to space limitations, prior registration is required. Please call 516- 983-7008 or E-mail: dsaf03@gmail.com to register to attend.

Suffolk County Meetings to be held at the Courtyard Marriott, Ronkonkoma

5000 Express Drive South, Ronkonkoma, New York 11779, Phone: 631.612-5000

From the East: West on LIE to exit 60, take Ramp (Right) onto Expressway Drive North. Turn Left (South) onto Hawkins Avenue, then immediately turn LEFT (East) onto Expressway Drive South.

From the West: East on LIE to exit 60, take Ramp (Right) onto Expressway Drive South.

****Please note...New Parent Meetings only will be held at 77 Arkay Drive, Hauppauge, NY 11788****

From the East: West on LIE to exit 55, take Ramp (right at light) onto Motor Parkway. Drive West to Adams Avenue, make a right. Take Adams Avenue to Arkay Drive, turn right, building is on the right.

From the West: East on LIE to exit 53, stay on service road – see exit for Wicks Road. Turn left onto Wicks Road at the light, go under overpass (LIE) and make a right at the light onto Motor Parkway. Head east to Adams Avenue, make a left onto Adams Avenue. Take Adams Avenue to Arkay Drive, turn right, building is on the right.

**Individuals who would like to join DSAF will be asked to pay a nominal yearly membership fee.
Call Cathy Hoffman at 516-983-7008 for additional information/www.dsafonline.org**