

Workshop Registration
Must Pre-Register
Deadline Jan 31, 2009

Down Syndrome Association
of Central Oklahoma
P.O. Box 892592
Oklahoma City, OK 73189-2592



Down Syndrome
REACHING ACROSS THE PLAINS
CONFERENCE • OK • 2009

Saturday, March 7, 2009
Moore Norman Technology Center
South Penn Campus - Conference Center
13301 S. Pennsylvania
Oklahoma City, OK 73170

Presented By:

Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma Down Syndrome Connection of Northwest Arkansas

Down Syndrome Association of Tulsa

Red River Valley Down Syndrome Society

Who Should Attend?

This conference is for parents/caregivers of children or adults with Down syndrome and for the professionals that work with these individuals.

Keynote Speaker



Jan is the parent of two adult children with developmental disabilities. She is Director of Community Leadership and Advocacy, for the Center for Learning and Leadership, University Center for Excellence on Developmental Disabilities, OUHSC College of Medicine. She provides consultation, technical assistance and training to families, professionals, and agencies on family-supportive, self-determining practices and serves on state, regional and national committees.

Jan chairs the *Family Leadership Council and the Supportive Health Care Network*, supporting family members in leadership roles as advisors to health care entities and in agencies and organizations which provide services. She is a frequent presenter at local, state, national and international conferences. In 2005 she received the AUCD Advocate Award for her work promoting the inclusion of families and self-advocates in leadership roles. In 2007 she was selected to be one of the 50 women honored by the Journal Record Newspaper in the Woman of The Year celebration.

Workshop Details

Saturday, March 7, 2009
8:00 am—5:00 pm
Moore Norman Technology Center
South Penn Campus
Conference Center Room
13301 S. Pennsylvania
Oklahoma City, OK 73170

(Conference is located in the Main Building Conference Center. Maps may be found at www.mntechology.com - follow prompts to South Penn Campus.)

Suggested hotels near the conference center.

Holiday Inn Express - Oklahoma City West I-240
7601 C.A. Henderson Boulevard
Oklahoma City, 73139
(877) 863-4780/(405) 631-3111
www.hiexpress.com

Candlewood Suites - Oklahoma City/Moore
1701 North Moore Ave.
Moore, OK 73160
(800) 225-1237/(405) 735-5151
www.candlewoodsuites.com

Due to the length of this workshop, childcare **CANNOT** be provided. However, there is limited amount of respite care monies and scholarships available to assist with your expenses. Some rules apply.

For more information about scholarships and respite care, contact Dana Poulter at (405) 330-5025 or conferenceinfo@dsaco.org.

Casual dress—don't forget a sweater or jacket in case the meeting room is cool.

Workshop Sessions

- 1) **Early Intervention**
Cynthia Bernardi-Valenzuela
Associate State Director, Sooner Start
Spanish Translation Available
- 2) **Transition & Employment Opportunities**
Kim Osmani
Department of Rehabilitation Services
Spanish Translation Available
- 3) **Roadmap to Special Education Services**
Misty Kimbrough, Director of Special Education
State Department of Education
- 4) **DHS Services**
Rose Ann Percival
OKDHS/DDSD Programs Manager
Spanish Translation Available (Session Two)
- 5) **Positive Rituals**
Vyonda Martin - Center for Learning and Leadership
Sally Selvidge - OASIS
- 6) **Advocating for Your Loved One**
Doris Erhart
Center for Learning and Leadership
- 7) **Secondary Education**
Dr. Greg Winters, Superintendent
Canadian Valley Technology Center
- 8) **Medical Concerns with Down Syndrome**
David Domek, MD - Pediatric Genetics
Integris Baptist Medical Center
Spanish Translation Available
- 9) **Aging and Research**
John Mulvihill, MD
OUHSC - Director, Program in Human Genetics
- 10) **Estate Planning/Special Needs Trust**
Dan Keller, J.D.
Keller & Associates, P.C.
- 11) **Writing an Effective IEP**
Nancy Garner
Oklahoma Parents Center
Spanish Translation Available
- 12) **Responsible Choices (Sexuality)**
Marla Sanchez, PhD
Responsible Choices, LLC
Spanish Translation Available
- 13) **Homeschooling**
Elaine Huskey
Down Syndrome Association of Central OK
- 14) **Disabilities - The Big Picture**
Diana McCalment
Partners in Policymaking Coordinator

Conference Schedule

- 8:00-9:00 am:** Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00-10:00 am:** General Session
Keynote Speaker - Jan Moss
- 10:00-10:15 am:** Morning Break
- 10:15-11:30 am:** Workshop Session One
(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
- 11:45-1:00 pm:** General Session and Lunch
Louise Tucker Jones—Professional Speaker and mom of adult with Down syndrome
Heather Hancock—Self Advocate
Matt Newberry—Self Advocate
- 1:15-2:30 pm:** Workshop Session Two
(4, 6, 7, 8, 9)
- 2:30-2:45 pm:** Afternoon Break
- 2:45-4:00 pm:** Workshop Session Three
(10, 11, 12, 13, 14)
- 4:00-4:30 pm:** General Session
Diana McCalment
- 4:30-5:00 pm:** Door Prizes and Closing

Spanish translation provided during all general sessions.



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Registration Form

Please Print

First and Last Name _____

Address (Street or P.O. Box) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Area Code and Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Please help us in preparing for this and future conferences by completing the following information.

- Parent/Caregiver
Age of Individual with Down syndrome _____
- Professional (Teacher, Therapists, Dr., etc.)
- Other: Please Specify _____
- What Down syndrome support group are you associated with? _____

Do you need Spanish Translation? _____

\$40.00 per Couple / \$25.00 per Person
(includes continental breakfast, 2 breaks, lunch and materials.)

Please send your completed registration form along with check payable to DSACO and have post-marked no later than Saturday, January 31, 2009.
Send to:

Dana Poulter
3204 E. Country Oaks Drive
Edmond, OK 73034

For more information, please contact the
Down Syndrome Association of Central OK at
conferenceinfo@dsaco.org or
(405) 330-5025

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST PRE-REGISTER