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DREAMS CONFERENCE 2018

OCTOBER 13TH, 2018
GREAT WOLF LODGE,
NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO

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AGENDA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, 2018

- 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM BREAKFAST - ANTLER SHANTY
- 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM REGISTRATION - NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
- 9:30 AM – 10:30 PM “MAKE IT HAPPEN” – SUJEET DESAI
- 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM WORKSHOP #1
Multiple Intelligence
- WORKSHOP #2
Safety Awareness
- 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM LUNCH – ANTLER SHANTY
- 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM WORKSHOP #3
Using Applied Behaviour Analysis to Build Skills for Learners with Down Syndrome
- WORKSHOP #4
Education Advocacy

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 2018

- 7:30 AM – 10 AM BREAKFAST BUFFET - ANTLER SHANTY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, 2018

9:30 am – 10:30 am - “Make It Happen”

Sujeet Desai is a 37 year old accomplished musician born with Down syndrome who plays seven instruments.

Sujeet will share his story on how he made it happen!

www.sujeet.com



11:00 am – 12:30 pm – Workshop #1

Multiple Intelligence (MI) Theory

Presented by Dr. Sindoor Desai (Sujeet’s Mom) who believes Sujeet is a perfect example of how one born with Down syndrome can improvise their life using their various abilities. She talks about various research on the theory of multiple intelligence and how it is applied in the medical field as well as in schools. She will share how when using their “abilities (MI)”, they will improvise their life and reach their goals.

11:00 am – 12:30 pm – Workshop #2

Safety Awareness

Presented by David Whalen, Project Manager at Niagara University, New York and founder of Disability Awareness Training in 2004.

Be it the parent of a toddler or an adult transitioning to adult life, there are many angles and factors that go into ensuring the safety and well-being of a person with a disability. Establishing a fire safety or disaster preparedness plan, interacting with a police officer, calling and communicating with a 9- 1-1 operator, having medical information ready for the EMT, and many other aspects are important to the well-being of any individual, but how does it differ and what do we need to know to be sure it turns out best for the individual. Disability Awareness Training has developed curriculum, spun off its grants in First Responder and Emergency Management Training, for parents of and individuals with DS to address comprehensive understanding of this topic.

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Workshop #3

Using Applied Behaviour Analysis to Build Skills for Learners with Down Syndrome

Presented by Dr. Nicole Neil, PhD, BCBA-D, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education, Western University.

Dr. Neil is an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Education at Western University. She is coordinator of the MPED in Applied Behaviour Analysis and is cross-appointed in the Department of Psychiatry at Western University. Dr. Neil has been working with individuals with developmental disabilities for over 10 years. Her program of research focuses on maximizing outcomes in behavioural interventions for learners with developmental disabilities. She is involved in projects investigating intervention for communication among children with Down syndrome and improving relationships between children with developmental disabilities and their siblings.

This workshop will overview the evidence for behavioural interventions for building skills with learners with Down syndrome and provide step-by-step procedures for implementing intervention along with video illustrations. Participants will identify a learner with whom they work and document specific skills that warrant attention in that learner. Participants will develop an intervention protocol that addresses these skills using several intervention strategies.

Agenda

1. Introduction to Down syndrome and the Behavioural Phenotype
2. Identifying Target Skills
3. Introduction to Behavior Analysis
4. Evidence-Based Interventions for Down syndrome
5. Building an Intervention Plan

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Workshop #4

Education Advocacy

Presented by Cindy Wilson, an educator of over 20 years. Although her years of education advocacy began long before the birth of her son, Matthew, it definitely took a new turn when he entered school 15 years ago.

During her session with you, Cindy will not only walk with you through some of the fundamentals significant in understanding the rights of every child, but will

also explore the importance of building and maintaining respectful, positive relationships and partnerships with those in the educational community.

Conference Location – The location of the conference is the Great Wolf Lodge in Niagara Falls. It is located at 3950 Victoria Avenue. Their phone number is 1-888-878-1818. More information on the Great Wolf Lodge can be found at www.gwl.com.

The code to register for the conference is 1810DOWN.

The cost for a Family Suite on Friday night is \$179.99 plus HST and a Family Suite on Saturday night is \$199.99 plus HST. Other rooms are also available at a reduced rate but are limited.



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“DREAMS CONFERENCE” REGISTRATION FORM
October 13th, 2018

Conference Fee: (Saturday Breakfast & Lunch & Sunday Breakfast all included) - **\$100.00 for first parent and \$75.00 for second parent.**

Please use a single form for each adult. Photocopy as required. Please print.

Personal Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Day _____ Email: _____

Total Amount Due

\$ _____

Additional meals for other family members not registering for the conference can be purchased at the various food locations on-site. There is a refrigerator and microwave in each family suite.

The conference food package (2 breakfasts & lunch in the Antler Shanty) are also available for purchase for \$62.00.

Payment can be made by cheque payable to DSAP or by Visa/Mastercard.

I would prefer to charge the conference to my credit card

Expiry Date _____ Code _____

Phone # _____

Name _____

Address (including postal code)

Send cheque and registration to: Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough, 300 Sunset Blvd., Peterborough, ON K9H 5L3. If you have any questions, please call 705-749-6695. Email registrations to info@downsyndromepeterborough.ca.

Parent #1 - \$100.00 _____

Parent #2 - \$75.00 _____

of Extra Meals x \$62.00 _____

Total Amount _____