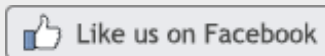




Down Syndrome Community Upcoming Events

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DSC Learning Program

The Down Syndrome Community's (DSC) Learning Program is continuing and will be in its 3rd year in 2016-17! We will have two Level 1 classes: one new class and one continuing class from last year. A Level 2 class has been added this year, for those advancing from the Level 1 class. We are currently seeking participants for the new Level 1 class. With ongoing support from our members, we hope to continue the Learning Program and add levels/classes every year.

Level 1 is for 4-6 year olds, and we are currently looking for children and their parents/primary caregivers to take part in this specialized program!

The Learning Program was developed by the Down Syndrome Foundation of Orange County (<http://dsfoc.org/learning-program>) in 2004. It was created to bridge the gap between research and practice in teaching people with Down syndrome. Although researchers continue to discover more about how people with Down syndrome learn, their insight has been slow to filter to parents and teachers. This program focuses on parents/primary caregivers as first-teachers for their children. Knowledgeable parents/primary caregivers can work more effectively with their children and give them a jump-start on education.

A group of children ages 4 - 6 with their parent(s)/primary caregiver(s) meet one Saturday morning each month for 10 months at Fairview Christian School (844 NE 78th St., Seattle). Each class is an hour and a half. The parent(s)/primary caregiver(s) and children meet in separate rooms to learn a specific skill that they will then be able to take home and practice for further development and mastery. Example skills include letter and number recognition, literacy, phonics, memory, writing, etc.

The parent/primary caregiver's room has a lead teacher and the children's classroom has a lead special education teacher, assistant teachers, a speech therapist, and an occupational therapist. All of these professionals work with the children during each class.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please fill out the application [here](#) by June 13th, 2016.

Please note that given the nature of the Learning Program and the limited spaces available, children and parents/primary caregivers must commit to attending every session.

Therefore, we ask that you ensure you can attend all the classes (see below for dates) before submitting the application. The cost of the new Level 1 program is \$500 per family for all 10 sessions and materials, which includes 20 books with flashcards and a calendar for learning months/days. Tuition is due by September 1st, but can be paid in three installments upon request. There are partial scholarships available. We will notify selected families by June 23rd, 2016.

Learning Program 2016 - 2017 Dates

Classes will be held at Fairview Christian School from 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

September 10

October 8

November 19

December 10

January 21

February 11

March 11

April 8

May 13

June 10

Please contact [Kara Freel-Sparks](#) with any questions.

DSC Friends Meet-Ups

*DSC Friends Meet-Ups are hosted by the DSC at **no cost** to you!
Please join us and have fun!*

Babies/Toddlers Ages 0-3 generally meets the 4th Saturday of the month

Contact: [Caitlyn Hanney](#)

June

Saturday, June 25th, 10am-12pm

[Seattle Children's PlayGarden](#)

1745 24th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98144

July

Saturday, July 23rd, 11am-1pm

Greenlake Wading Pool

The wading pool is located on the north end of Green Lake at the intersection of Wallingford Ave N and East Green Lake Drive North. (The wading pool does not open until 11am).

August

Saturday August 27th, 10am-12pm

Alki Beach

2701 Alki Avenue, Seattle

Meet at the Bathhouse located at the south end of the beach.

Ages 4-7

Contact [Kara Freel-Sparks](#) 206-850-4129

or [Shane Sparks](#) 206-351-6375

Sunday, June 26, 11:00am - 1:00pm

Carkeek Park

950 NW Carkeek Park Rd, Seattle, WA 98177

Bring your shorts, swimsuit, sand toys, frisbee, soccerball, etc. and let's have some fun together in the sun !!!!

DSC will provide drinks and chips, so feel free to pack a picnic lunch and a blanket.

RSVP if you can and I'll send a message to everyone about best gathering spot when there. See you soon.

Tweens Ages 8-12 generally meets the 2nd Saturday of the month

Contact: [Maura Dunn](#)

Saturday, June 11, 3:30pm - 6:00pm

[Lynnwood Recreation Center and Pool](#)

18900 44th Ave W

Lynnwood, WA 98036

Join the Tween group for a fun afternoon of swimming with friends at the Lynnwood Recreation Center Pool. We'll meet for snacks and refreshments (provided by DSC) from 3:30-4:00 in one of the party rooms in the Senior Center located next door to the Recreation Center (there is reserved parking at the Senior Center that we can use). At 4:00, we'll head to the pool for open swim from 4:00-5:45. Parents or caregivers need to be present for swimming.

Please RSVP to [Maura Dunn](#) or 206-498-9872 by Friday, June 9.



Teens Ages 13-19

generally meets the last Sunday of the month

Contact: [Sue Adelman](#) 734-274-1839

Facebook: RaiseExpectations

Movie and Dinner!

Friday, June 17, 4:40pm

[Lincoln Square](#)

700 Bellevue Way NE #310

Bellevue, WA 98004

The Teen Group is excited to see Finding Dory on it's opening weekend! Lets do Movie and a Dinner at Lincoln Square Cinema! We will start with the 4:40 movie then walk over to Red Robin in Bellevue Square for dinner!

Please RSVP to [Sue Adelman](#) or cell: 734-274-1839

DSC Moms' Night Out

June

Saturday, June 18 in Redmond

Gab with gals and get your Luau on at Jamie Kivela's home in Redmond. Dig out your Hawaiian shirts and leis and bring sides, appetizers, and/or desserts to go with a Hawaiian ham.

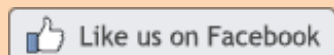
RSVP courtney@downsyndromecommunity.org and you'll receive her address.

Please check the DSC online Events Calendar regularly!

<http://downsyndromecommunity.org/events-calendar>

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