ACE Informational Meetings
Saturday, July 27th, 9:00am-10:30am
Tuesday, August 6th, 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Register online: kcdsg.org/ACE

ACE (Adult Continuing Education) is a learning program for adults with Down syndrome. Supports are individualized, goal driven, technologically integrated, community-based, and expertly designed for lifelong learning.

ACE promotes enhanced skill development in a safe, supportive environment. Our program staff will actively teach and embed the following throughout the program:

**PILLARS OF DSG PROGRAMMING**

**DAILY LIVING**
Tasks of everyday life and routines related to independent living, such as eating, dressing, grooming, chores, scheduling, and organization.

**COMMUNICATION & SOCIAL SKILLS**
Critical skills to socialize, communicate wants and needs, and develop and maintain friendships.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**
Engagement in the community for service, play, and leisure, work, socialization, and shopping.

**HEALTH, WELLNESS & SAFETY**
Knowledge and actions that support healthy living and security, such as nutritious diets, active lifestyles, and safe choices.

**SELF-ADVOCACY**
Skills related to making choices, setting goals, assuming responsibility, and driving how one’s own life is lived.

**VOCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
Skills critical for volunteering, job attainment, and maintaining a job, such as sequencing work tasks, following directions, and utilizing technology.

**LIFELONG LEARNING**
We are committed to helping adults with Down syndrome achieve their full potential!

ACE is your loved one with Down syndrome...
Living a productive adult life?
Connected to a strong social network?
Engaged meaningfully in the community?
Continuously learning new skills?

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What our families have shared with us, in regards to their visions for their children:

“Living as independently as possible, meaningful employment, active social life.”

“Independent, happy, social, valued.”

“Living as independently as possible and be an active member of their community.”

“I want him to have the same options my other kids have, love work, independence.”

Our vision for our daughter is to live as independently as possible and be an active member of their community.

ACE consists of the following:

- **Comprehensive Evaluation:** Evaluations assist in determining strengths and challenges impacting participation in daily life and will be a collaborative effort among the self-advocate, family, ACE Program Manager, and DSG Therapy Team.

- **Individualized Service Plan (ISP):** ISP includes short and long-term goals that reflect the needs and interests of the self-advocate.

- **Learning Center:** Participation occurs within groups based on education and learning needs. This includes community outings, technology utilization, job training, work opportunities, physical activity, healthy eating, and promotion of self-advocacy skills.

- **DSG Therapy:** Therapy (OT, SLP, BCBA) is available to provide support as needed, to ensure maximum benefits from ACE participation.

- **Progress Monitoring:** This will occur on a daily basis as all Program Coaches will be highly trained in data collection. Families will be provided with thorough documentation, including an evaluation report, ISP, quarterly progress reports, and daily self-reflections from the self-advocate.

Who is ACE for?

Adults with Down syndrome (18+ yrs of age) who:

- Could benefit from additional support to compliment current services (18-21 programs, postsecondary programs)

- Want an alternative to current day programs

- Are looking to supplement part-time work and/or volunteer schedule

- Are sunsetting from employment and would benefit from extra support

ACE will launch Fall 2019

**When:** Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

**Location:** DSG office

**Cost:** $45 daily fee or $30 half day

**Minimum enrollment:** 2 days/week

DSG listened and we are committed to supporting our self-advocates and families’ visions by improving outcomes for our adults with Down syndrome.