Seminars are FREE and offered in person or viewable online through a recording.

Seminars held at:
Down Syndrome Guild
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Learn how to include, educate, engage and encourage your students with Down syndrome to achieve their full potential.

Seminars are geared towards educators, therapists, service providers, administrators and parents who are supporting people with Down syndrome from pre-K through high school. Our expert presenters have a wealth of information to share through interactive and practical toolkit presentations.

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# Seminar Series 2020 to 2021

*All seminars are 2 hours in length and will be presented live in person at the DSG office. Recorded versions will also be available to those who register but cannot attend in person.*

### Functional Skills for the School Day
**September 10, 2020 8:30-10:30 AM**
You have the academics covered, but what about the functional skills needed to ensure students with Down syndrome are successful in everyday life, and eventually in the workplace? It takes time to develop independence with essential life skills. Help students of all ages progress, at a level of just-right-challenge!

### Visual Supports For Success
**November 12, 2020 8:30 AM-10:30 AM**
Come and see how you can utilize visual supports in school, home, and community settings to promote learning and foster independence. Participants will learn why visuals are so important to ALL people and how to develop visuals that build a strong rapport and reduce off task behavior while engaging learners at a higher level.

### Down Syndrome 101
**October 8, 2020 12:30 PM-2:30 PM**
Are you an educator or family member working with a student who has Down syndrome currently? If so, do you understand the unique learning profile and how you can most effectively include, educate and encourage your student? Participants will learn the, medical, social and behavioral challenges, how to accommodate/modify work and how to build rapport while utilizing best practices.

### Utilizing Technology to Promote Success
**December 10, 2020 12:30 PM-2:30 PM**
Are you looking for ways to further utilize technology at home or in the classroom? This presentation will highlight a variety of tools, apps and resources to help promote success for both you and your learner with Down syndrome! Participants will learn how to search and choose great apps, make video models, identify phone alternatives and explore iPad and computer adaptations which promote further use of technology by students.

### Effective Communication Strategies
**January 14, 2021 8:30 AM-10:30 AM**
Communication is a fundamental aspect of life. We all communicate in different ways and have a right to be heard! It is no different for people with Down syndrome. This seminar will address common communication strengths and areas of concern as well as different ways to communicate, and possible therapeutic strategies to increase communication skills for your student with Down syndrome.

### Effective Practices for Fading Paraprofessional Support
**February 11, 2021 12:30 PM-2:30 PM**
A great para knows their role is to work themselves out of a job and have the student be responsible for their own learning. This presentation will highlight benefits of IEP’s and Behavior Intervention Plans, how to build rapport with your student and how to provide the just right level of academic and behavioral support.

### Behavior Baseline
**March 11, 2021 8:30 AM-10:30 AM**
Are you struggling to manage behavior in the classroom, home or community? Do you avoid activities afraid of triggering a meltdown? Join us to learn functions of behavior, how communication affects behavior, the difference between reinforcement and punishment and proactive behavior management strategies.

### Facilitating and Reinforcing Social Skills
**April 8, 2021 12:30 PM-2:30 PM**
Is your social butterfly flying too freely? Our self-advocates are inherently social but are they skilled enough to follow all the hidden rules? This session will teach the hidden social rules, how to teach them to self-advocates, and how to generalize them across people and environments.

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