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Please send your registration to:
 Down Syndrome Association of MN
 656 Transfer Road
 St. Paul, MN 55114
 Attn: Grandparent Conference

We wish to continue to provide this conference as a gift to our grandparents. While there is no registration fee, its costs the Association \$15 per attendee. Conference donations will be gratefully accepted to offset our costs.

Please select a workshop from each session. *Please note: If you are attending as a couple, you do not need to attend the same workshops.*

Pre registration is required for workshop assignments as well as food orders.

Session I:

- 1. Creating Positive Behaviors _____
- 2. Supported Living Programs _____

Session II:

- 1. Intro to Educational Planning & Service Options _____
- 2. Partnering after High School _____

Session III:

- 1. Communicating with Signs _____
- 2. Handling Challenging Behaviors with Peers _____

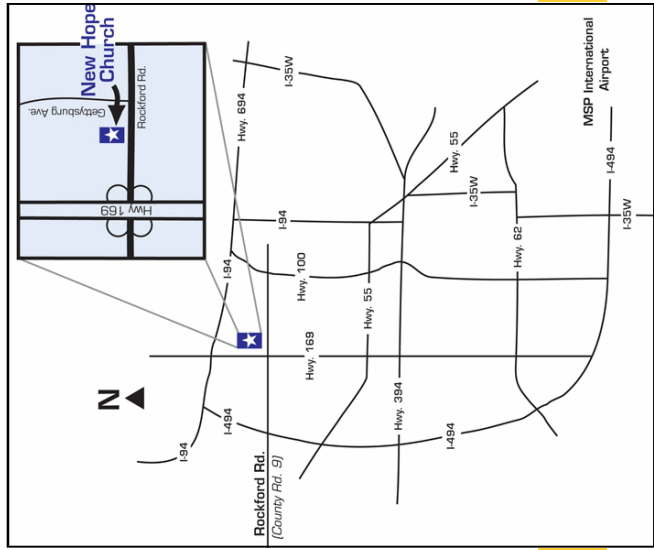
Down Syndrome Association of Minnesota

5th Annual Grandparent Conference



Saturday, May 3rd, 2008
8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
New Hope Church
 (Formerly Crystal Evangelical Free Church)
4225 Gettysburg Ave N
New Hope, MN 55428

Directions:
 From the North: Take Hwy 169 South. Exit on to Rockford Rd, turn East. Follow Rockford Rd to Gettysburg Ave.
 From the South: Take Hwy 169 North. Exit onto Rockford Rd, turn East. Follow Rockford Rd to Gettysburg Ave.
 From the West & East: Take Hwy 394 to Hwy 169. Take Hwy 169 North to Rockford Rd exit. Turn East and follow to Gettysburg Ave.



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Workshop Descriptions

Schedule

8:00-8:15am	Registration/Check in
8:15-8:30am	Welcome - What we hope you learn this morning... Connie Gunderson Warner, Program Coordinator, DSAM
8:30-9:30am	Session I Workshop 1: More Creating Positive Behaviors Wendy Selnes, Behavior Analyst, Brih Design Workshop 2: Supported Living Programs Lisbeth Armstrong, Director Program Services, Hammer Inc.
9:30 - 10:30	Break & Coffee Talk Time -What's new? Q and A Kathleen Forney, Executive Director, DSAM Annie Gruetzmacher & David Reedstrom, Disability Planning Services
10:30-11:30am	Session II Workshop 1: Get ready - an introduction to the Education planning process for your grandchild Sharon Mule', Program Specialist, Arc Greater Twin Cities Workshop 2: Partnering after high school - Our Journey Ann Booker, self advocate & Nancy Booker, parent
11:30-12:30am	Session III Workshop 1: Sign the basics: Why it is used with young children and how it facilitates language and speech Denise Meyer, Trainer, SignBridge Language Systems Workshop 2: Handling Challenging Behaviors with Peers Julie Hertzog, Program Manager, PACER Center

More Creating Positive Behaviors

Learn some of the most relevant conditions and functions of problem behavior that arise when supporting a child with Down syndrome. We'll review effective general interaction strategies to address behavior challenges - highlighting ways to generalize strategies to address sibling interaction and effectiveness with all children.

Presenter: Wendy Selnes, Behavior Analyst - Brih Design

Supportive Living Programs

Learn about program services available to help adults with Down syndrome "live life to the fullest". She'll help you understand the different ways they support people: case management, In-Home Support, cost effective living arrangements in 14 homes and 30 locations in the community, and supportive employment services. This is the time to ask your questions!

Presenter: Lisbeth Armstrong, Director of Program Services - Hammer Inc.

Get Ready—an Introduction to the Education Planning Process for Your Grandchild

Learn about the individual education plan (IEP). Sharon will help you understand why it's so important to parents. How does the IEP influence which services and school programs your grandchild receives? What programs are available? Bring your questions!

Presenter: Sharon Mule' Program Specialist, Arc Greater Twin Cities

Partnering After High School—Our Journey

Anne works for Life Time Fitness and has lived in her own apartment supported by Fraser Community Services for nearly 20 years. She and her mom will talk about the many agencies and individuals they partnered with over the years to make it all work.

Presenter: Anne Booker—self advocate & Nancy Booker—parent

Sign the Basic: Why It Is Used with Young Children and How It Facilitates Language and Speech

Learn the rational around using sign language with children who have Down syndrome. You'll find out how to use sign with your grandchild. You'll even learn 20+ signs.

Presenter: Denise Meyer, Trainer, SignBridge Language Systems

Handling Challenging Behavior with Peers

Learn what defines bullying, the reasons that children are at risk of being bullied, strategies for you to address the situation and techniques that can be used to help children address the situation. Session will include an overview of PACER's bullying prevention website for elementary school students.

Presenter: Julie Hertzog, PACER Kids Bullying Program

12:30-1:30pm

Lunch