

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

Keynote: Saturday, October 17th - 9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Let Laughter Lighten The Load”



In this extremely humorous presentation, Judy shares some helpful tips to control and lower the stress of our hectic world. Tips that will help you move ahead with ease. Your laughter during the presentation will immediately heal the body, soothe the soul, lift the spirits and give you energy.

A Human Rights Approach to Inclusive Education Presentation – Barbara Hall, Chief Commissioner of the Ontario Human Rights Commission. The Commissioner will speak about how the Ontario *Human Rights Code* supports inclusive education for all Ontario students. She will discuss the legal duty to accommodate, and the need to focus on individual needs to make each student’s experience a positive one in Ontario classrooms.

Workshop A Saturday, October 17th – 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

1. **Guide, Energize and Excite - Leading So Others Will Follow – Judy Suke –** Learn the art of leading every day; handling the changes, issues and problems to be a more effective leader.
2. **Vision Problems in Children with Down syndrome – Dr. Catherine Chiarelli, Vision Institute of Canada –** The incidence of eye and vision problems in Down syndrome will be discussed. An overview of the eye examination process, with definitions of common vision problems as well as treatment strategies will be presented. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions concerning eye examination and eye care.
3. **Inclusive Education - Andy Loebus and Jennifer Shields, Directors of the Down Syndrome Research Institute -** Inclusion is an important and complex educational concept. This session will offer an outline of some of the important characteristics of inclusion and lead participants in a problem-solving approach to further understand and describe inclusion in their educational contexts.

Workshop B Saturday, October 17th - 1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

4. **Registered Disability Savings Plan – “What Is It?”, “How Do I Qualify?”, “Where Do I Get It?”** – Andrew Pyle, Wealth Advisor, ScotiaMcLeod - These questions and more will be answered during this informative presentation on the new Registered Disability Savings Plan.
5. **IPRC (Identification, Placement and Review Committee) - Facilitating Meaningful Dialogue Between Home and School** – Speaker TBA.
6. **Sexuality Is a Part of Growing Up And It’s No Different For Individuals With Down Syndrome - Margaret Marchen, Behaviourial Consultant, Tri-County Behaviourial Services** – In this workshop, discussion will include typical human sexual development, the impact of developmental disabilities, and strategies for teaching and how to address inappropriate behaviour. Participants will increase their comfort level with the topic through the frank, open format of the workshop.

Workshop C Saturday, October 17th - 3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

7. **ODSP - Income Supports – Johanna Kowacz, Income Support Specialist** – This Provincial program provides financial assistance to eligible people with disabilities. ODSP is an income of last resort and all sources of income must be exhausted or applied for. Discussion will include eligibility requirements, how to apply, benefits, rates, etc.

ODSP – Employment Supports – Sandra Ross, Employment Support Specialist - This Provincial program provides assistance for persons with disabilities to find jobs, advance to another job if underemployed, overcome a disability-related job crisis to maintain employment and retain long-term employment. Discussion will include eligibility requirements, how to apply, supports and services.
8. **Teaching Manipulatives – Jen Edgerton, Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board** – It is always easier to learn when you are having fun. This workshop will provide you with various hands-on math and literacy games and activities which you can easily make at home or school.
9. **Behaviour Management – Tri-County Behaviourial Services – Margaret Marchen** – All behaviour happens for a reason. The challenge is to find out why and learn how to make positive changes. This workshop will help to determine why inappropriate behaviour might be happening, to learn how to increase positive behaviour, and to develop strategies to address inappropriate behaviour.

Workshop D Sunday, October 18TH - 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**What your other children without Down syndrome are thinking:
Sibling Issues – Brian Skotko, M.D.**

Through a series of interactive exercises, parents will explore what questions, needs, and concerns are often raised by children who have a brother or sister with Down syndrome. Parents and/or professionals will come away with practical answers to commonly raised questions. This presentation draws upon Brian Skotko and Sue Levine's publication in *American Journal of Medical Genetics* and their new book, ***Fasten Your Seatbelt: A Crash Course on Down Syndrome for Brothers and Sisters.***

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“DESIGNER GENES”

October 16th – 18th, 2009

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

Personal Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Day _____ Email: _____

1. Conference Fee: (2 Breakfasts, Saturday Lunch & Coffee Breaks all included).

Professionals	\$150.00	\$ _____
Parents (Up to Sept. 18th)	\$125.00	\$ _____
Students	\$ 60.00	\$ _____
Registration (After Sept.18th)	\$150.00	\$ _____
Sunday Only Breakfast/Speaker	\$ 50.00	\$ _____

2. Social Events:

Friday Night: Meet and Greet

Registrants N/C x _____ Others: (family/friends) X \$10.00 _____ \$ _____

Saturday Breakfast

Registrants N/C x _____ Others: (family/friends) X \$15.00 _____ \$ _____

Saturday Lunch

Registrants N/C x _____ Others: (family/friends) X \$16.00 _____ \$ _____

Sunday Breakfast:

Registrants N/C x _____ Others: (family/friends) X \$15.00 _____ \$ _____

Total Amount Due \$ _____

(Make cheque payable to DSAO Conference)

Written notice of cancellation must be postmarked or faxed to (705) 749-5864 by October 5th, 2009. A \$25.00 fee will be deducted. No refunds will be issued after this date.

Workshop Selection		
	First Choice	Second Choice
Saturday A	#	#
Saturday B	#	#
Saturday C	#	#

Send cheque/registration to: Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough, 291 Charlotte Street, Unit 3, Peterborough, Ontario K9J 2V6. For more information contact Deb Reid at 705-749-6695 or by email at info@downsyndromepeterborough.ca.

OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

Conference Location – This is the 7th Annual Down Syndrome Association of Ontario Conference. The location of the conference is the Holiday Inn Waterfront in Peterborough. It is located at 150 George Street North. Their phone number is 1-866-258-5181. The cost for a room is as follows: \$117.00 cityview, \$137.00 riverview, \$162.00 business class per room per night, maximum 4 people per room. A limited number of rooms will be held at this price until September 18th, 2009. More information on the Holiday Inn Waterfront can be found at www.holidayinn.com/waterfront. Guests may also email their requests to hi-peterborough@fortisproperties.com.

Directions: From Highway 115, take the Parkway to Lansdowne Street, turn right, follow Lansdowne Street to George Street, turn left, Holiday Inn is on the right hand side.

From Highway 7, it turns into Lansdowne Street, turn right on George Street, Holiday Inn is on the right hand side.

Association and Vendor Displays – If your local Down syndrome Association would like to set up a display at the conference, please let us know so that we can have a table available for you. There is no cost for a table, if your association made a donation to the conference. The cost for vendor tables is \$50.00.

Pictures – There will be a power point presentation at noon on Saturday. If you would like to include a picture of your child with Down syndrome, please email your picture to traynorfamily@hotmail.com or mail it to Kathy Traynor, 2636 Lakefield Road, Peterborough, Ontario K9J 6X5. Deadline for pictures is September 26th or send with your registration form.

Buttons – Once again, Peterborough will be offering buttons for purchase with your favourite picture on it for a nominal cost of \$2.00 each.

RECOGNITION AWARDS

Down Syndrome Association of Ontario (D.S.A.O.) Recognition Awards will be distributed to members of the community who demonstrate significant positive contributions to the lives of individuals with Down syndrome. Each local D.S.A.O. Association is invited to nominate someone who they feel meets this qualification. The nomination must include the recipient's name and a brief description of why they are being nominated. Winners will be announced and their certificates will be presented at the Conference.

Nominations must be received in writing before midnight, August 31st, 2009.

Mail nominations to: D.S.A.O., 300 Earl Grey Drive, Suite 304, Ottawa, Ontario K2R 1C1.

Anyone wishing to make a financial donation to the DSAO conference, a charitable tax receipt is available. Charitable Registration Number 88604 8792 RR0001

The Brown Outstanding Service Award

The Down Syndrome Association of Ontario (DSAO) is seeking nominations for the 'Brown Outstanding Service Award'. This award will be presented to an individual who has promoted the well being of people with Down syndrome through their own talents or actions in the community. The award will be presented at the Annual DSAO Provincial Conference being held this year in Peterborough, Ontario on October 16 - October 18, 2009.

DSAO will pay transportation and accommodations of the winner to attend the conference, where the recipient will receive a plaque in recognition of their achievement.

The recipient must be a resident of Ontario

Please provide the following information: (Please print)

Person to be nominated:

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address

City _____ Postal Code _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Person submitting the nomination:

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address

City _____ Postal Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Please use the back of this sheet to provide a description (150 words or less) and state why you feel this person should be considered for the 'Brown Award'

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