



The Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas

presents

2009 IEP Clinics (Individualized Education Plan)

Saturday, January 24, 2009

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Region 10 Service Center
904 Abrams Road
Richardson, TX 75081

Anne Eason is an attorney, author, disability rights activist, trainer, and mother of 4. She presents and trains both nationally and locally on special education legal rights, with a focus on inclusive education. Eason is the co-author, along with Dr. Kathleen Whitbread of the book *IEP and Inclusion Tips for Parents and Teachers*.

Kathleen Whitbread, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor of Education and Program Director of Special Education at Saint Joseph College, where she teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in special education. Dr. Whitbread has more than 25 years of experience providing training and technical assistance to school districts and families in inclusive education, positive behavior supports, and family-school partnerships.

Inclusion: From Law to Implementation:

This seminar is designed to help parents and professionals understand the law and develop an IEP that enables students with disabilities to succeed in their neighborhood schools. Inclusion can be achieved using collaborative planning, instructional strategies, accommodations, supplemental aids, meaningful evaluations, adaptations, related services, and other appropriate supports.

Participants will walk away with ideas to create learning and social environments that promote learning and friendship for ALL students. The myths of including kids with disabilities in regular education classes will be examined. Participants will see how the Individualized Education Program can be aligned with the general education curriculum.

Saturday, March 7, 2009

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Regan Roth Fitzgerald (M. Ed., BCBA & President Behavior & Education Specialists of Texas, LLC) will speak on how to develop and implement an effective Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP). Attendants will learn about the four main functions of all behaviors and how this relates to the development of all parts of the BIP from the functional assessment to positive intervention strategies. Attendants will be taken step by step through the process and have a chance to practice writing techniques and strategies for problem behaviors.

Saturday, April 4, 2009

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Julie Liberman (M.A.CCC-SLP & owner of Speech TX) will speak on facilitating friendships and writing these into IEP goals.

It's fun to have fun, but you have to know how:

Topics to be discussed include: importance of play, typical development of play skills, different theories for teaching individuals how to play and improve social skills, and how to incorporate these skills into IEP goals and objectives.

SPACE IS LIMITED!! RSVP is a must! Please email dallasdsg@sbcglobal.net or call the DSG office at (214) 267-1374 to confirm your reservations.