

## **Down Syndrome Specialists “Education Connection”**

***WE HAVE A FANTASTIC SERIES FOR OUR TEACHERS WHO ARE WORKING HARD TO EDUCATE & INCLUDE OUR STUDENTS WITH DOWN SYNDROME & TO KEEP OUR PARENTS INFORMED WITH THE MOST CURRENT EDUCATION!***



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**Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> \* Two Sessions \***

**“Fostering Independence in Children with Down Syndrome”**

**Presenter: Amy Allison, Chief Operating Officer,**

**Down Syndrome Guild of Greater Kansas City**

**Thursday, February 21st 7:45 - 11:00 AM Educator Training,  
Sedgwick CMS Training Room, 1000 Ridgeway Loop, Memphis, TN**

Educators will learn how to help their students with Down syndrome become more independent.

**Thursday, February 21st - 6:15 - 8:15 PM Parent Workshop (Open to Everyone)  
Baptist Women’s Hospital Training Room, 6225 Humphrey’s Blvd., Memphis, TN**

Parents and caregivers will learn how to help their children with Down syndrome become more independent.

**In these workshops educators and parents will learn practical strategies and real time solutions to help you foster independence and motivate your child with Down syndrome to be fully engaged in family life and school with as minimal supports as possible, including keeping them on task and engaging with their peers. Workshop will also touch on Behavior Management Techniques to coincide with fostering independence.**

Amy graduated from Brigham Young University with a B.S. in Psychology and a B.S. in Sociology and began working in the field of developmental disabilities in 1995. Early in her career, she served in various roles including Medicaid Case Manager, Group Home Supervisor, Service Coordination Supervisor, and direct care provider. Working with individuals with disabilities for the last 23 years from infants to senior citizens has given her a great insight into issues faced across the life-span. Amy became the Executive Director of the Down Syndrome Guild in January of 2003. During the past 15 years she has been responsible for overseeing dramatic growth and expansion of the organization which now serves 1,600 members, 22 hospitals, 45 school districts and dozens of service providers. Amy launched the National Down Syndrome Affiliates in Action (DSAIA) Conference in 2007 to bring leaders in the DS community together, enhance their operational capacity, overcome common challenges and leverage resources so they can serve members efficiently and effectively. Amy became the Chief Operating Officer of the DSG in 2018. Under Amy’s leadership, DSG has grown to be one of the premier Down syndrome associations in the United States.

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