

Conference Registration

Individuals from the same family/address may use the same form. If using this form for more than one parent, please be sure to include the name of the other parent. This form may be photocopied. Please print legibly!

Registration deadline: September 25, 2007

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Support Group Name (if applicable) _____

Please list the four sessions by their assigned letter (see chart on next page) and alternates you and your spouse would like to attend on the day of the conference.

	Name		Name	
	1st Choice	Alternate	1st Choice	Alternate
1	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	_____	_____

Registration Fees: Includes continental breakfast before registration begins, two snacks, lunch, registration packet and conference sessions. We will be offering very limited registration at the door on the day of the conference, but you may not get the session class of your choice, so please try to register by mail by the deadline date. Sorry no credit cards or cash accepted. Please make check or money order payable to: **Reach for the Stars II** Mail form with payment to: **34088 Northwood Ct. Sterling Hts., MI 48312 (586) 978-9066**

One person	\$65	\$ _____
One couple	\$115	\$ _____
Extra lunch ticket	\$25	\$ _____
Late registration (after 9-25-07) please add \$15		\$ _____
Total = \$		_____

Conference Schedule

Registration begins: 7:00am - 7:45am
 Conference opens: 7:45am - 7:55am
 Keynote Speaker - Bob Sornson: 7:55am - 8:15am
 The Early Learning Foundation

MORNING SESSIONS

Break: 8:15 - 8:25	Session 1: 8:25 - 9:55	Break: 9:55 - 10:05	Session 2: 10:05 - 11:35
	A-Love and Logic: for adolescents & up (3 hr. double session until 11:35)		
	B-Otolaryngology		J-Otolaryngology
	C-Toilet Training		K-Toilet Training
	D-Picky Eaters		L-Picky Eaters
	E-Simple Signs		M-Reading
	F-Brain Gym		N-Special Needs Planning
	G-D.A.D.S.		O-Transition
	H-Alts. to Guardianship		P-Doctor Is In
	I-Independent Living		Q-Sexuality for ages 10 & up

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Lunch: 11:35 - 12:45	Session 3: 12:45 - 2:15	Break: 2:15 - 2:30	Session 4: 2:30 - 4:00
	R-Love and Logic: for preschoolers session until 11:35)		(3 hr. double session until 11:35)
	S-Advocacy		AA-IEP's/IFSP's
	T-Ailing Mind & Body		BB-Planner Guy
	U-Expand Lang.		CC-Expand Lang.
	V-Reading		DD-Simple Signs
	W-Special Needs Planning		EE-Brain Gym
	X-Transition		FF-D.A.D.S.
	Y-Doctor Is In		GG-Alts. to Guardianship
	Z-Living Longer		HH-Sexuality for ages 3-10

Conference Breakout Topics

Love and Logic (Two age groups- one for preschoolers & one for adolescents/teens)
 A special double session lasting 3 hours each session on parenting needs for behaviors in the preschoolers & adolescents/teens.

Otolaryngology (All ages)
 A question/answer session with Dr. John Becker on all ear, nose and throat concerns in individuals with Down syndrome.

Toilet Training (2-5 yrs old)
 Judith Coucouvanis will offer advice and tips on how to make potty training happen.

Picky Eaters (0-5 yrs old)
 Diane Donoghue (MISD-OT) will share thoughts, ideas and experiences to help you with the picky eater in your life.

Simple Signs for Tiny Hands (0-5 yrs old)
 Bethany McLain, Director of Sign Language Services of MI and mother of a child with DS, will teach attendees how to help their child be less frustrated and communicate.

Brain Gym (All ages)
 Katy Held shows exercises to enhance brain function and reduce stress.

D.A.D.S. Only Workshop (All ages)
 Join Joe Mearas, one of the founders of Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome.

Alternatives to Guardianship (Adolescents & adults)
 Lisa LePine from ARC shares thoughts, answers questions that we'll all have to address.

Independent Living (Adolescents & adults)
On My Own of Michigan helps adolescents and young adults gain skills needed to live as independent as possible.

Reading Made Simple (2-7 yrs old)
 Love and Learning is a successful reading program developed for children with DS by parents who wanted their children to learn to read.

Special Needs Planning - Solving Your Greatest Worries
 Local attorneys will explain what every parent of a special needs child needs to know.

Transition...what you need to know (Adolescents & adults)
 Staff of Macomb Academy will talk about transition of the 18 to 26 year old.

The Doctor Is In (All ages)
 Dr. Raman, pediatrician, and Dr. Robinson, geneticist, both who have many patients with Down syndrome, will address questions and queries from the audience.

Sexuality (Two age groups-one for young children & one for teens/young adults)
 Ann Heler discusses strategies to keep individuals with DS safe from violation & abuse.

Advocacy that Succeeds (School age & up) and IEP's & IFSP's (All ages)
CAUSE will help you to understand how to be your child's advocate & about IEP/IFSP's

Alining the Mind & Body...Elite Rehab (All ages)
 "The most advanced manual therapy approach in physical therapy today..." Take a look and decide for yourself. www.eliteimt.com

Expand Language in Your Child (5 & up)
 Learn a new multi-sensory tool to help your child with expressive language. Designed for teachers, but taught with the parent in mind.

Living Longer (Adults)
Angel's Place addresses issues and concerns on the aging DS population.

The Planner Guide Guy - Connect the Dots (Adolescents & adults)
 An innovative approach for helping individuals gain independence and improve skills.

Conference Highlights

Welcome!

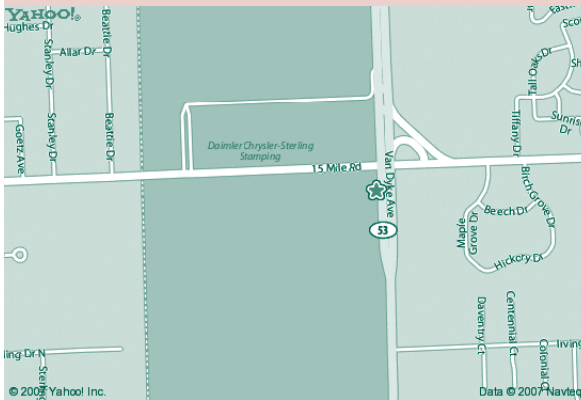
Families Exploring Down Syndrome is proud to present its second statewide conference. FEDS is a support group that serves Macomb County and the neighboring communities. There are currently over 200 active members involved in FEDS as we approach our 19th year in the community. The conference is open to members and non members at no additional charge. Please take advantage of this opportunity to listen and learn from respected experts in all areas as they relate to Down syndrome. Because of generous donations, there are a few partial conference scholarships available based on need. Request a "Scholarship Application" by calling (586) 754-7180 or email: fedsyndrome@aol.com. Also, please check with your local school district for their support.

We encourage families to make arrangements with the hotel to extend their time and energies to network with other families. Special arrangements have been made with the hotel for reduced rates. Please mention Families Exploring Down Syndrome when you call for room reservations. The hotel features an awesome waterpark that your kids will just love.

The hotel reservation desk is (586) 979-1400.

There will be vendors on hand, delicious food and a myriad of knowledge and comraderie. Please spread the word and invite family, friends and educators to join us for the conference.

Space is limited to 400 attendees, so please register early for the best choice of classes. Quiet babies in arms are welcome to attend sessions with parents if needed, but we are unable to allow toddlers and children in the breakout sessions.



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