



DSAGSL In-Service for Educators, Paraprofessionals and Administrators

The DSAGSL offers presentations for school administrators, educators, paraprofessionals and parents across the metro-area. Our presentations can be tailored to any audience's needs and learning goals. Presentations last anywhere from a half an hour to three hours, depending on the objectives of the audience. Our presenters include DSAGSL staff, trained parents, and education specialists. We can present in your school or at our office. Our goal is to make learning about the education of Down syndrome fun and meaningful for all involved, and of course, to help improve the educational experiences of students with Down syndrome.

Topics covered in our presentations can include, but are not limited to:

- Down syndrome 101: What it is and how it affects students
- People first language
- Health conditions that affect learning
- Fine and gross motor skills
- Communication and behavior
- How student's with Down syndrome learn
- Curriculum adaptations
- Home/school partnership
- Implementing inclusion
- Transition and employment
- Tips for paraprofessionals
- DSAGSL programs and services offered

Participants in our educational workshops will learn to:

- use researched best practices to assure the success of all students.
- understand the meaning of challenging behaviors.
- develop solutions for an inclusive classroom.
- use social story and visual supports in the classroom.
- work effectively with paraprofessionals.
- help all students participate in classroom activities.
- develop modified curriculum based on students' needs.
- create an effective classroom environment.
- facilitate social interactions.
- prepare students for transition and independence.