



36th Annual Convention
July 11 – 13, 2008
Seaport World Trade Center
Boston, MA

Keynote Speakers:

Katie Apostolides, Student, Mount Aloysius College, Self Advocate

Jesús Flórez, M.D., Ph.D., Director of Canal Down 21, Spain

William W. Henderson, Jr., Ed.D., Principal, Patrick O'Hearn Elementary School, Boston Public Schools

Emily Perl Kingsley, Author of *Welcome to Holland*

Jason Kingsley, Co-author of *Count Us In*, Self Advocate

Mitchell Levitz, Co-author of *Count Us In*, Self Advocate

Mark Nasjletis, Founder, Go Voice For Choice, Self-Advocate

Siegfried Pueschel, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., J.D., Brown University Medical School, NDSC Board Member

Brian Skotko, M.D., M.P.P., Children's Hospital Boston, Boston Medical Center

Workshop Speakers:

Daniela Aguilar Félix, Universidad Complutense Madrid
Arteterapia: Una alternativa para estimular los sentidos de las personas con síndrome de Down

Wendy Bloch / Melba Mebane, The Kennedy Center, Inc.
A Look at Alzheimer's Disease and DS

Sue Buckley, O.B.E., Professor, The Down Syndrome Educational Trust, UK
Literacy

George Capone, M.D., Kennedy Krieger Institute, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, NDSc Board Member, Baltimore, MD
Dual Diagnosis: Neurobehavioral Disorders In Children, Adolescents & Adults

Barbara & Michael Cardella, Parent and Self Advocates
Meet Michael & Know ... the rest of the story!

Brian Chicoine, M.D., Medical Director and Dennis McGuire, Ph.D., Director of Psychosocial Services, both at The Adult Down Syndrome Center of Lutheran General Hospital
Growing Up and Growing Older: Mental and Physical Wellness in Adults with Down syndrome

Laura Cifra-Bean, M.D., Pediatrician, NDSC Board Member and Siegfried Pueschel, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., J.D., Brown University Medical School, NDSC Board Member
Preventative Medical Care

Linda Clark, L.C.S.W., Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., New Hartford, NY
Helping People with DS Cope with the terminal Illness and Death of a Loved One

Terri Couwenhoven, MS, AASECT Sexuality Educator, Consultant, Milwaukee, WI
There's No Place Like Home for Sexuality Education: Strategies for Teaching and Supporting Healthy Sexuality

Peggy Coyne Ed.D., Research Scientist and Mindy Johnson, Ph.D., Instructional Designer & Research Associate both from CAST Inc., Wakefield, MA, Madeleine Will, Vice President of Public Policy and Director, Ricki Sabia, Associate Director of Public Policy, both from NDSS, Washington, DC
Universal Design for Learning: Meaningful Access to the General Curriculum for All Students

Allen Crocker, M.D., Children's Hospital Boston
Reflections of the Journey

Anne Eason, Esq., The Law Offices of Anne Eason, LLC., Norwalk, CT
Mock IEP

Kathleen M. Feeley, Ph.D., B.C.B.A., CW Post Campus of Long Island University
Inbedded Instruction

Jesús Flórez, M.D., Ph.D., Director of Canal Down 21, Spain
Brain and Learning in Down syndrome

Dr. José Carlos Flórez, Director de la Clínica de Síndrome de Down para Adolescentes y Adultos en el Hospital General de Massachusetts

Adults with Down syndrome: Preparing now for a healthy future
Adultos con síndrome de Down: Su salud hoy y su futuro mañana

Maureen Gallagher, M.S., Executive Director, Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress

Engaging People with DS in Community Service

Vivian Galletly, S.L.P., Galletly Speech-Language Services, Marietta, GA

Is Your Child's Therapy All it Can Be?

Susan Goodman, J.D., Director of Governmental Affairs, NDSC

Federal Legislation: A Critical Player in your Child's Life

Jennifer Graf-Groneberg, Author of *Road Map to Holland* and Kathryn Lynard Soper, Author and Contributing Editor of *Gifts*

New Parents Survival Guide

Joan Guthrie Medlen, R.D., L.D., Author of the Down Syndrome Nutrition Handbook

Promoting Possibilities of Healthful Living in the Early Years

Joan Guthrie Medlen, R.D., L.D., Author of the Down Syndrome Nutrition Handbook

Promoting Possibilities of Healthful Living for Teens & Adults

Cynthia R. Haddad, C.F. P., and John W. Nadworny, C.F.P., Co-authors of the Special Needs Planning Guide: How to Prepare for EveryStage of Your Child's Life

Special Needs Financial Planning - Demystified!

Dana L. Halle, J.D., Down Syndrome Foundation of Orange County, Irvine, CA

Math Doesn't Have to be a Drag: Tips & Tricks for Making Math Meaningful and Fun

Debra Hart, PhD, Educational Coordinator, Institute for Community Inclusion

Pathways to Inclusive Post-secondary Education for Youth with Intellectual Disabilities

William W. Henderson, Jr., Ed.D., Principal, Patrick O'Hearn Elementary School, Boston Public Schools

Successful Inclusion in Public Schools

Brad Hennefer, Self Advocate, Bob and Nancy Hennefer, Golf For Life Foundation

Behind the Scenes of Successful Inclusion in School Athletics

DeAnna Horstmeier, COSERRC, Author of Teaching Math to People with Down syndrome, Columbus, OH

Math

Cheryl M Jorgensen, Ph.D., Assistant Research Professor and Project Director, Institute on Disability, University of New Hampshire and Sarah Buckovitch, Self Advocate

Supporting Membership, Participation, and Learning for Students with DS in Inclusive Classrooms

George Kent, Director of Organizational Development, SOMA

Through the Transformative Power of Sports

Libby Kumin, Ph.D., C.C.C.-S.L.P., Founder of the Down Syndrome Speech and Language Center for Excellence at Loyola College – Columbia, MD

Starting on the Road to Speech & Language: Birth to Two Word Combinations and Speech & Language Classroom Skills for Elementary and Middle School

Mark Leach, Esq., Down Syndrome of Louisville

ACOG: What Can Your Group Do?

Denise MacDonald, B.A., E-Reading Pro

How to Teach your Child with Special Needs to Read

Kathleen Marafino, J.D., M.A., Marafino Meives, P.C., Syracuse, NY

Employment Brokerage

Kimberly Mielke and Megan Lynette-Richmond, M.S.O.T., O.T.R./L., M.S., C.C.C.-S.L.P. both from Super Duper Publications

A YOGAcentric Approach: Using Yoga Poses to Promote Language and Motor Skills

Jenni Newbury, Co-founder, Camp PALS

Camp PALS: Reducing Social Stigma and Creating Inclusive Environments for Teens and Young Adults with DS

Roger Reeves, Ph.D., Professor Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

Research

Jane & Billy Schulz, Parent and Self Advocates

I Got a Good Life

Sally R. Shott, M.D., Professor, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Children's Hospital Medical Center Department of Pediatric Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery

Sleep Apnea and Ear Nose and Throat Concerns

Joann Simons-Derr, Executive Director, The ARC of East Middlesex, Reading, MA
Transition & Housing

Steve Simpson, DADS
Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome (DADS): What it is and How it Works

Brian Skotko, M.D., M.P.P., Children's Hospital of Boston, Boston Medical Center and
Susan T. Levine, M.A.C.S.W., Family Resource Associates, Shrewsbury, NJ
What Your Other Children Without DS Are Thinking: Sibling Issues

Ann Turnbull, Ed.D., Co-Founder, Co-Director, Distinguished Professor and Martha
Blue-Banning, Ph.D., Assistant Research Professor, both at The Beach Center on
Disability, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
***Creating Whole Lives and Accessing Resources in Ways that Promote
Inclusive, Self-determined Lives***

Theresa M. Varnet, M.S.W., J.D., Spain, Spain & Varnet, PC
Guardianship and Less Intrusive Alternatives to Guardianship

Lic. María Victoria Troncoso, Presidenta de la Fundación Síndrome de Down de
Cantabria, España
Enseñanza de lectura y escritura a personas con síndrome de Down

Patricia C Winders, P.T., The Children's Hospital, Denver, CO
Gross Motor Development in Children with DS: Birth through Walking

~ Speakers listed above are those that have been confirmed as of March 20, 2008. ~