

87 WORKSHOPS

were presented for families and the professionals who serve the Down syndrome community.



Three Convention workshops that received great reviews involve The Learning Program and LP Online. The Learning Program is an innovative program which enhances educational success for children with Down syndrome through family and educator instruction on best practices, consultations, tutoring, group and private advice lines and customized materials.

During the NDSC Convention workshops, there were many questions about The Learning Program and LP Online. Below are some of the most common inquiries:

What Is The Learning Program?

The Learning Program is a platform developed in collaboration with researchers for sharing strategies, resources, and activities to improve academic outcomes for students with Down syndrome. Parent/Teacher sessions equip participants with the knowledge and tools to work effectively with students with Down syndrome in home and school settings. Student sessions focus on building literacy, math and social skills, with speech and occupational therapy components. Instructional content is delivered through face-to-face sessions with parents, teachers, and students. Most program resources are printed and distributed onsite.

What Is LP Online?

DSF works with NDSC's Center for Outreach & Education to deliver LP Online. LP Online is an online learning community based on The Learning Program. It also serves as a vehicle for sharing strategies, resources, and activities, but because the classroom is virtual, participants can progress at their own pace, as convenient. Instructional content is delivered through webinars in live and on-demand formats. Resources are provided through video demonstrations, online links, and printable PDFs.

How Are Sessions Structured?

Both programs consist of ten sessions created to support the development of literacy and math skill and address general topics related to education, such as accessing the curriculum, fostering independence and memory. Parents and teachers work through program levels depending on the age and skill level of each student with whom they work.

For most students, the levels break down as follows:

- **Pre-K & Level 1** support students in preschool through 1st grade
- **Level 2** supports students in 2nd or 3rd grade
- **Levels 3 & 4** support students in 4th through 6th grade

Can I Still Register And What Is The Cost?

Registration for The Learning Program usually opens in August (but may differ depending on your location). Feel free to contact us at info@dsfoc.org if you have questions about registering and we can direct you to the

appropriate contact person and organization. Tuition varies based on partner and location, ranging from \$35 - \$60 per month (\$350-\$600 per year). Tuition includes both participation in sessions and take-home materials. Most partners offer partial to full scholarships for those who demonstrate financial need.



Registration for LP Online is available year-round through DSF's website at <https://www.dsfc.org>. Tuition is \$20 per month (\$200 per year). Tuition includes access to DSF's LP Online Classroom Level 1, 2 or 3. DSF offers partial to full scholarships for those who demonstrate financial need.

Do I Need To Enroll In These Programs To Access Resources?

Not at all. There is a very large inventory of free resources available through the DSF website. To access these resources, you simply register as a "user" on the website (for free) and use the menu to navigate to the literacy or math resources you need.

Have Questions?

Even if you do not enroll in one of our programs, please feel free to reach out with educational questions or to find resources that may be supportive to you in your educational journey.

For those with whom we already work, whether in California, across the nation or through the NDSC Convention, thank you! Together, we are making great progress towards effective education and community inclusion for all learners with Down syndrome.



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Access to all recorded sessions was included in the 2019 Convention Attendee Registration. All registered attendees should have received an email with instructions to access their free account. If you could not attend #NDSC2019 or would like to upgrade to a downloadable or flash drive subscription visit www.playbackndsc.com. Packages start at just \$129.