



Down Syndrome Education Alliance

DSEA services and resources are for the benefit of the entire education team, including general and special educators, parents administrators, paraeducators, specialists, and all students

The Down Syndrome Education Alliance (DSEA) offers training and consultation, ability awareness presentations, access to our curriculum, and AAC and print libraries.

We have worked with more than 40 Bay Area school districts, and encourage you to be a part of this important partnership.

The mission of the Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area (DSCBA) is to empower, inspire and support people with Down syndrome, their families and the community that serves them, while fostering awareness and acceptance in all areas of life.

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

– Helen Keller

DSEA Services and Resources

Consultation

- Call and/or email us when you have questions about supporting students with Down syndrome.
- Access our consultants and topic-specific specialists in these areas: augmentative and alternative communication, behavior, development, and more.
- In-classroom consultation.
- Receive consultation in adapting curriculum and setting up the environment for success.

Information Sources

- Receive our e-newsletter, *The Bridge*, specific to educating students with Down syndrome.
- Access our "Education and Resources" section of our website where you will find a comprehensive educator's manual and more.
- Access our Facebook page with nationally shared information and resources.

Materials and Libraries

- Take advantage of borrowing privileges for our substantial book, journal, and DVD library, and for our research-based literacy and/or numeracy curricula.

- Access our extensive augmentative and alternative communication devices and assistive technology library.

Training Resources

- Join our Educators' email list to receive advance notice of upcoming trainings. Topics have included: "Road to Success for Your Student with Down Syndrome," behavior, literacy, augmentative and alternative communication (AAC), numeracy, and more.
- On-site training: with a nominal fee and a guarantee of a minimum of 25 participants, we will bring training to your Bay Area school district site.
- Ability Awareness. We will present or consult with you to present an Ability Awareness presentation at your classroom or school (K-12).

Added Benefits

- Professional education units are available for workshops and training.
- This specialized training is not offered anywhere else.
- The training and information is applicable to and benefits all students.

The Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area



The DSCBA has been working towards our mission for more than 20 years. Significant components of this support are our guidance and resources for children entering and in the educational systems.

We know it is equally important to provide educational and training opportunities to the educators who are dedicated to fostering the development of students with Down syndrome. The Down Syndrome Education Alliance (DSEA) is committed to providing educators and professionals with current information and services about research-based best practices for educating students with Down syndrome.

People with Down syndrome are not simply "globally delayed" in all areas; there is a general learning and cognitive profile with clear strengths and weaknesses regarding how students with Down syndrome perceive, process, and express information. Our goal is to share that information with educators possible so that all students, particularly those with Down syndrome, can reach their fullest potential.

As an example, we know that young school-aged children with Down syndrome often have limited verbal ability. This may be due to an expressive/receptive gap, apraxia of speech, and/or low muscle tone. It is important not to assume that the student didn't understand your request. Also, because people with Down syndrome often experience a processing delay, by waiting ten seconds for a response, you can provide a student who has Down syndrome with the vital opportunity to participate with peers.



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