



# 2017-2018

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# Events

Down Syndrome Association of Central Texas

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# Engaging Your Child

Saturday, October 7th, 2017; 9:00AM-10:30AM

LOCATION: AGE Building; 3710 Cedar Street; Austin,  
TX 78705

What is your child's learning profile of your child? Did you just think, "Wait! What is a learning profile?" Understanding your child's learning profile will help you identify your child's preferences, strengths, and challenges to ultimately help you engage your child in academic work and have more productive lessons. In this seminar, you will learn how your approach to teaching fits with your child's strengths and challenges, and what your child may need from you to increase focus on learning and decrease undesirable behaviors. Join DSACT to explore how we can create learning environments that encourage each child's participation and success.

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# The Whole Child Reading Strategy, by Natalie Cole

Saturday, January 6th, 2018; 9:00AM-10:30AM

LOCATION: AGE Building; 3710 Cedar Street; Austin,  
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“Go in through the heart and teach to the brain.” This the basis for the reading program developed by Natalie Hale, the mother of a child with Down syndrome and a reading educator and program developer. While teaching her own son to read at age five, she created books that addressed his needs: large type, generous white space, separate space for type and pictures, and interesting topics!

In this seminar, DSACT Education Manager Peggy Wolf will outline Ms. Hale’s reading approach, which emphasizes providing interesting books that are written at a level to guarantee your child’s sense of mastery. This approach works at any age. You can read more about Ms. Hale’s approach at <http://specialreads.com/>.

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# The Individual Education Plan (IEP)

Saturday, February 10th, 2018; 9:00AM-10:30AM

LOCATION: AGE Building; 3710 Cedar Street; Austin,  
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Do these three words and letters instill fear in your heart? Join DSACT as we unlock the mystery of the IEP! In this seminar, you will learn your and your child's rights and responsibilities, and those of the school. Find out what "least restrictive environment" and "present level of academic performance mean" and why they are important. We're going to dissect the IEP to help you know whether your child's is appropriate in addressing his/her academic needs.

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# Planning for Secondary Education Years and Beyond

Saturday, April 7th, 2018; 9:00AM-10:30AM

LOCATION: AGE Building; 3710 Cedar Street; Austin,  
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Join DSACT in this seminar to learn about important learning and supports to have in place during middle and high school years, including considerations beyond the school district. If you have questions about choices and options after graduation; preparing for independent living; and instilling academic and behavioral skills important for life, this is your seminar! Take inventory of what your child can do now and learn to build on those skills to help your child reach his/her goals.

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# Fostering Independence through Visuals and Expectations

Saturday, May 5th, 2018; 9:00AM-10:30AM

LOCATION: AGE Building; 3710 Cedar Street; Austin,  
TX 78705

No more broken records! Banish the power struggles! Break the cycle of providing repeated verbal reminders to your child by implementing and sticking to routines. Think it can't be done? Join DSACT to learn how to achieve the art of the routine, with the goal of fostering your child's self-efficacy by eventually removing yourself as a parent/guardian from the routine. During this seminar, you'll learn about creating and using visual schedules, written routines, videos, modeling, and social stories so that you can fade into the background and allow your child to be more independent.

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