



RENAISSANCE HOTEL

7000 Bluebonnet Boulevard

Baton Rouge, LA 70808

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2014

6:00-8:00 pm Welcome Reception & Early Conference Check-in

7:00 pm Guest Speaker: Craig Blackburn, Self-Advocate

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014

7:15 am Conference Check-in

8:15 am – 4:00 pm Conference

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WELCOME RECEPTION

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

SALON III

DUANE LEE
SESSION CHAIR

SALON IV

JOHN KNAPP
SESSION CHAIR

MORNING

- 7:15 Check-in**
- 8:15 Welcome & Opening Remarks**
Duane Lee, DSAG Secretary / Treasurer
- 8:30 Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge & Waiver/Disability State Programs**
HonaBea Cavalier, Families Helping Families (FHF)
Kay Lewis-Caron, FHF Children's Special Health Services
- 9:30 Speech Pathology Panel**
Kris Barrios, M.A., CCC-SLP; Lauren Laird, M.S., CCC-SLP;
Nicole Guest, M.A., CCC-SLP; Joy Pennington, M.A., CCC-SLP
Excellence in Speech Pathology (ESP)
- 10:30 Maximizing Individual Education Plans (IEP)**
Jannean Dixon, St. Lillian Academy
- 11:30 LUNCH—Provided**

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John Knapp, DSAG Vice-President
- 8:30 Supported Employment**
Gabe McGrew, Louisiana Workforce Commission —
Vocational Rehabilitation Center
- 9:30 Transition Planning**
Kay Rone Wilson, Education Specialist
- 10:30 Post-Secondary Education for All Collaborative**
Richard Hall, Educational Coach,
LSU HSC Human Development Center
- 11:30 LUNCH—Provided**

LUNCH: Medical and Health Panel

Dr. Steven Felix, M.D., Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics, Our Lady of the Lake Physicians Group
Dr. John Knapp, M.D., Internal Medicine / Pediatrics, St. Elizabeth Physicians Group
Dr. Andrew Gustavson, M.D., Neurologist, St. Elizabeth Physicians Group

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AFTERNOON

- 1:00 Teaching Early Math and Reading Skills**
Tara Dixon and Melanie Sandahl, St. Lillian Academy
- 2:00 Apps for Better Communication**
Tammy Dupre, AT Answers
- 3:00 Building Social Communication Competence**
Kelli Renfro, M.A., CCC-SLP, Tracy Rippetoe, M.A., CCC-SLP
Access to Better Communication (ABC)
- 4:00 ADJOURN**

AFTERNOON

- 1:00 Cognitive Changes (all ages)**
Dr. Andrew Gustavson, MD, Neurologist, St. Elizabeth Hospital
- 2:00 Life Skills and Vocational Training**
Susan Munster, Principal, St. Michael's Special School
- 3:00 Creating a Path to Independence**
Jo Monroe, Frances Center for Customized Employment
- 4:00 ADJOURN**

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REGISTRATION CONTACT INFORMATION

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Name for Badge _____ Title _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone (_____) _____ Email _____
FAX (_____) _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ American Express _____
Expiration Date

Name as it appears on Card

Signature

You may now register and pay by credit card online. To register online, visit our website at www.dsagbr.org.

REGISTRATION FEES

Circle Appropriate Fee(s)
Registration

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION \$20
DAVID VINCENT'S MARTIAL ARTS \$25 / child
Child's Name & Age: _____
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Child's Name & Age: _____

Registrations may also be made by mailing this form, along with a check payable to Down Syndrome Awareness Group, to the following:

**Down Syndrome Awareness Group
c/o Tami Lawrence
P.O. Box 82378
Baton Rouge, LA 70884**

If you would like a vegetarian meal for lunch, please check the box below. If you select the couple registration, note how many vegetarian meals are needed.

☐ **VEGETARIAN LUNCH**

Will you attend the Friday Welcome Reception?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If you have any questions, you may email Veronica Crow at veronica.crow@dsagbr.org.

DSAG cannot accept email messages containing credit card information; any such messages received will be deleted immediately for your protection!

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REGISTRATION / SUBSTITUTION / REFUND POLICY

You may designate a substitute in writing any time before the meeting as long as the registration fee for the designated substitute equals the category/fee of the registrant. Written refund requests must be received in writing by the pre-registration date of March 5, 2014. Refunds will be issued less a \$10 processing fee. No refunds will be given after March 5, 2014. If the conference is cancelled, the DSAG is not liable for any expenses by the registrant other than the refund of the registration fee(s) paid by the registrant.

Pre-registration will close on Wednesday, March 5, 2014. After March 5, 2014, all registrations must be made on-site at the Conference.

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SATURDAY REGISTRATION

Check-in will begin on Saturday, March 8 at 7:15 am at the Renaissance Hotel.

SATURDAY LUNCH

If you would like a **vegetarian dish** for the lunch on Saturday, March 8, please check the appropriate box on the registration form.

SPONSORSHIP & EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITIES

DSAG is offering an exhibition area during the Conference. If you are interested in exhibiting or sponsoring a meal or a break, please contact Tami Lawrence at dsagbr@gmail.com.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms is reserved in the name of "BATON ROUGE CHAPTER DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS GROUP" at the Renaissance Hotel at a special conference rate of \$124 single. Book your reservations by phone at 1-800-627-7468

Cutoff date for receiving the conference rate is February 21, 2014.

DAVID VINCENT'S MARTIAL ARTS

DSAG is partnering with David Vincent's Martial Arts to offer childcare during the conference. Children age 4 and up can enjoy a fun-filled day of exercise, activities, and martial arts from 7:15 am to 4:30 pm on March 8, 2014. David Vincent has owned and operated martial arts schools in the Baton Rouge area for over twenty years. Their mission is to enhance the lives of their students through Martial Arts based self defense, fitness, and character development.

DSAG is paying a portion of each child's registration so there will be a charge of \$25 per child. This charge will be paid to DSAG with your registration fee. Children registered to attend David Vincent's during the conference can be dropped off from 7:15 am to 8:00 am. David Vincent's is located at 9829 Bluebonnet Boulevard in Baton Rouge. Pre-registration is required.

SPACE IS LIMITED! Register early to ensure that your children can participate in this exciting opportunity. On the Registration Form, select "David Vincent's" and provide the name and age of each child.