Down Syndrome Education Series

Where - UNO Community Engagement Center, Room 231, reserved parking in LOT E

All sessions are FREE to attend. Please register via our website, [www.dsamidlands.org](http://www.dsamidlands.org), on our events calendar.

*Childcare is not provided.
*When the speaker allows, the session will be audio recorded and available for playback on our website.

2018 Schedule

**January 16th**, Speaker - Dixie Trevarthen, Technology Consultant
Topic - "Assistive Technology - From pencil grippers to iPads, learn how assistive technology can support students in the classroom and at home."
Educator Session - 4-6PM
Parent Session - 6:30 - 8:30PM

**February 20th**, Speaker - Dr. Brian Herndon, Parent, Educator, Advocate
Educator Session 4-6PM
Topic - "FAPE, LRE, IEP, FBA, BIP...It's all so confusing! What's my role in all of this? How can I make sure my students get what's best for them?"
Parent Session 6:30 - 8:30PM
Topic - "Inclusion and Least Restrictive Environment: How to make sure your IEP team talks about the issues that matter to you!"

**March 20th**, Natalie Hale, Founder - Special Reads for Special Needs
Topic - "WHOLE CHILD READING: Go in Through the Heart and Teach to the Brain"
Educator Session 4-6PM
Parent Session 6:30-8:30PM

**April 17th**, Elizabeth Schroeder, Occupational Therapist Children's Mercy Kansas City
Topic - "Feeding Difficulties in Children with Down Syndrome"
6:30 - 8:30PM, open to all

**May 15th**, William J. Warzak, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Munroe-Meyer Institute
Topic - "Toilet Training Success"
6:30 - 8:30PM, open to all
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**June 12th**, Rob Snow, Parent, Advocate, Motivational Speaker  
Topic- "Minimize the Mountain: Managing Through Life's Biggest Challenges"  
6:30 - 8:30PM, open to all

**July 17th**, PRESENTATION HELD AT CRCC, Children's Respite Care Center 5321 South 138th Street  
Topic - "How to Manage Problem Behaviors"  
6:30 - 8:30PM, open to all

**August 7th**, Make & Take Night  
Topic - About Me Books & Communication Journals  
Reserved for parents

**September 18th**, Amy Allison, Executive Director Down Syndrome Guild of Greater Kansas City  
**Educator Session 4-6PM**  
"Down Syndrome 101 for Educators - Gain a better understanding of how the diagnosis of Down syndrome affects learning and how you can best support your student"  
**Parent Session 6:30 - 8:30PM**  
"Transition to Adulthood: Surviving the Turbulent Teen Years"

**October 16th**, Marcus Sikora, Self-Advocate, Author & Mardra Sikora, Parent, Advocate, Author  
Down Syndrome Awareness Month  
6:30 - 8:30PM, open to all

**November 13th**, Pediatric Therapy Center  
Topic - "Addressing Sensory Issues"  
**Educator Session 4-6PM**  
**Parent Session 6:30 - 8:30PM**

**December 13th**, Make & Take Night  
Topic - TBD  
Reserved for parents