

August 2017

Dear Administrator,

As a new school year begins, Club 21 Learning and Resource Center is pleased to announce the return of their Educational Partnership Program. Since its inception, 3-years ago, this Program has provided a series of high- quality Professional Development opportunities to our local community, reaching 85 Professionals from 66 Districts.

The goal of this program is to create collaborative opportunities where educators and parents receive the tools and resources they need to work together to support students with Down syndrome, throughout the school year. Featuring 5 possible Professional Development opportunities to your teachers, Club 21 is pleased to announce that through the allocation of various Grants, one selected professional per member is able to attend these sessions at no cost to your District. Additionally, when your teacher attends a session during the school day your school will receive the full sub pay for your District through Club 21.

The program has two components, Equipping Educators sessions for Educators and Parent Pathways sessions for Parents.

**Equipping Educators sessions**, will feature speakers who will share the latest research, information, tools, resources and strategies to a group of like- minded professionals. Though 5 different all- days sessions are available, 2 of those sessions are during class time. Educators will also have an opportunity to participate collaboratively with their peers and share ideas and resources, as well as receive support from an experienced facilitator who can offer ongoing support throughout the year. These opportunities are specifically designed to assist educators in teaching students with Down syndrome, many of the strategies are based in best- practice methods and may be applicable ALL students.

Parents will attend 4 Parent Pathway Sessions, where they will have the opportunity to learn from featured speakers on topics such as CCSS, assessments ad other important topics in education as they share and gain valuable resources to support their child.

You currently have a student in your school, whose family holds a membership at Club 21. Their parent has expressed interest in having a member from your child's educational team participate in the Educational Partnership Program for the 2017- 2018 school year. Club 21 is requesting your permission for that child's team member to attend sessions available through this program, on their behalf.



Much has changed in recent years regarding our understanding of how students with Down syndrome learn, and we are excited to be able to bring this opportunity for your staff to join the increasing number of local professionals who have built their capacity for supporting the educational needs of students with Down syndrome in their classrooms and schools. Please contact us with any questions you might have. Attached you will find a registration form for your educator to participate, which will require your signature. **Please note: our first session is on Tuesday, September, 19, 2017.**

Should you have any questions, please contact us at our office, by phone, at 626/ 844- 1821 or, by email, at [educate@clubtwentyone.org](mailto:educate@clubtwentyone.org).

Sincerely,



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