



2017-2018 Educational Partnership Program

Equipping educators and families to create meaningful education for students with Down Syndrome.

Equipping Educators – Teacher Component:

Times for all meetings: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

- Tuesday, September 19th, 2017
- Saturday, November 4th, 2017, Carol Gray Conference
- Friday and Saturday, January 26th -27th, 2018, Tools for the Journey Conference
- Tuesday, March 13th, 2018, Changing the Culture

Educational Pathways – Parent Component:

Thursday nights, times for all meetings:

Dinner served at 6:30 PM. Program 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

- September 21st, 2017
- October 26th, 2017
- February 1st, 2018
- April 5th, 2018



Register at: www.clubtwentyone.org

Club 21's Educational Partnership Program

The Club 21 Learning and Resource Center actively works toward providing resources, tools and support for both parents and educators on the educational pathway of children with Down syndrome. We believe that providing these resources will allow children with Down syndrome to succeed in the classroom and thrive in communities. We know that when we work together, children with Down syndrome will receive what they need to be valued and a contributing member of their classroom and school community. Consequently, a child, a school and a community will be transformed. The description below describes our 2014/2015 Educational Partnership Program.

How Can I Participate in this Program?

- 1 Parents that are a current member of Club 21 and register for Club 21's Educational Pathways series will have the opportunity to have their child's educator be a part of the program.
- 2 Parents will attend four sessions of their Pathway Class, in the evening (dinner and child care is provided).
- 3 Teachers will be able to attend two all day seminars for free with Club 21 reimbursing their school district/school with funds to pay for a substitute, so they may be released to attend.
- 4 Teachers will be able to attend any Club 21 workshops/conferences that are held on the weekend or after school for free. Teachers may use any materials or resources that Club 21 has available.



to share their thoughts with their cohort. We believe that it is through the collaboration process with one another that learning, change and transformation can happen.

What is the Curriculum Content?

- 1 Learning profile of a child with Down Syndrome along with best practices and teaching strategies
- 2 Tools and resources for your school/classroom.
- 3 Technology to support the classroom
- 4 Classroom Differentiation and Modifications
- 5 Behavior support and strategies
- 6 Peer and social support

Club 21 will Provide Resources to Educators:

- 1 Provide the financial reimbursement that will provide substitute teachers and therefore release time so that educators will be able to attend the two trainings with other educators from various school districts.
- 2 A Resource Facilitator will help guide educators, as they will be placed in a cohort with other educators who are teaching the same grade level and also have a student with Down syndrome in their class. The result will be a collaborative effort, where educators come together to learn, share information and strategies and ultimately enhance and improve the educational experiences of all students!
- 3 Provide the capacity to share and exchange information and resources via online support.

What is Involved in Being a Part of This Program?

- 1 Each teacher/parent team will be assigned to a cohort according to the grade of the student. Each cohort will have a trained educator facilitator and will be available to support the cohort throughout the year. The purpose of this facilitator is to guide and coach both educator and parent. She/he will help answer questions, brainstorm ideas, and help each parent/educator acquire the skills they need to provide a successful school year.
- 2 Parents and educators commit to attending the classes and/or trainings.
- 3 In the spirit of collaboration, teachers may post ideas, videos, materials, that have been helpful or successful as well as ask questions and be able

What is Club 21's Educational Partnership Program?

The program is comprised of two components:

1 EQUIPPING EDUCATORS PROGRAM

Educator training and support is provided by participation in our Equipping Educators program. This program will equip educators to best serve those students with Down syndrome in their classrooms. Club 21 will provide up-to-date research, tools, resources and strategies to educators through two conferences (Fall and Spring) Educators will participate in an educational cohort of their peers. These trainings are specifically designed to assist professionals in teaching students with Down syndrome, although many topics are applicable to all students, with or without special needs.

2 PARENTS PATHWAYS

Parent education and support is provided through our Educational Pathways Series. Parents receive the education and tools needed to support their child's educational program through attending one of the Educational Pathways Classes, which meet four evenings throughout the school year. The Pathways Series begins with Preschool in Good Beginnings, progressing through Smart Start, On the Road, all the way through Middle and High school in the Moving on Up.



What is the Cost?

The cost of the program is \$150.00 which includes all four seminars. A teacher attending is also included in this cost. Any additional teacher attending is \$40.00 per seminar.

What are the Dates?

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Club 21's Mission Statement:

Club 21 provides the educational tools and resources that enable individuals with Down syndrome to be fully included.

How do we accomplish our mission?

We Support, Educate, Advocate and Celebrate!

Our goal is:

Independence, Access and Belonging

Core Values:

- Family support: You are not alone!
- Parent Involvement: We are family!
- Innovation: Try something new!
- Raising Expectations: We can do it!
- Inclusion: We belong!

The EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM is available through the generosity of several family foundations.



Please visit our website for additional information & resources for this program:
www.clubtwentyone.org

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