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- Down Syndrome Awareness Month
- National Disability Employment Awareness Month
- Bullying Prevention Awareness Month



TARRANT COUNTY BUDDY WALK® You Won't Want to Miss It!

- * Words from **Local Adults with Down Syndrome!**
- * Commemorative **Event Medals** for Registered Walkers with Down Syndrome
- * Carnival **Games**, Bounce Houses, Face Painting!
- * **Exhibitor booths** from Local Service Providers
- * **Appearances** and Photo Opportunities!
Rangers Mascot, Captain
Miss Texas 2010, Andrea Wilson
Mrs. Fort Worth 2011, Ashlee Woolridge

PettyCashBand Returns!

Hear the debut of their new song, **Walking with Me**, inspired by and written for the Tarrant County Buddy Walk!

Promoting the Acceptance and Inclusion of People with Down Syndrome!

* **Team Awards!**

Fundraising -Most \$\$ Raised, and Awareness - Largest Team at the Walk

* **Silent Auction** - Signing Times Videos, Nelson Cruz Autographed Baseball, & more!

Dates to Remember!

October 3 - Deadline for Registered Walkers to be Guaranteed an Event T-Shirt

October 10 - Deadline for Donations/Registrations to Count Toward Team Prizes

Your participation supports and benefits the lives of individuals with Down syndrome and their families in Tarrant County and the surrounding area. Proceeds benefit the Down Syndrome Partnership of Tarrant County with a portion of the proceeds going to Green Oaks School. Visit www.dsptc.org to register!

Tarrant County Buddy Walk

Saturday, October 16, 2010; 10am Gates Open, 11am Walk

Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, Coca-Cola Pavilion

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Lose the Training Wheels



Pool Party & Picnic



Christmas Party

Remember all the programs and events you enjoyed this past year???



Your Support of the

TARRANT COUNTY BUDDY WALK®

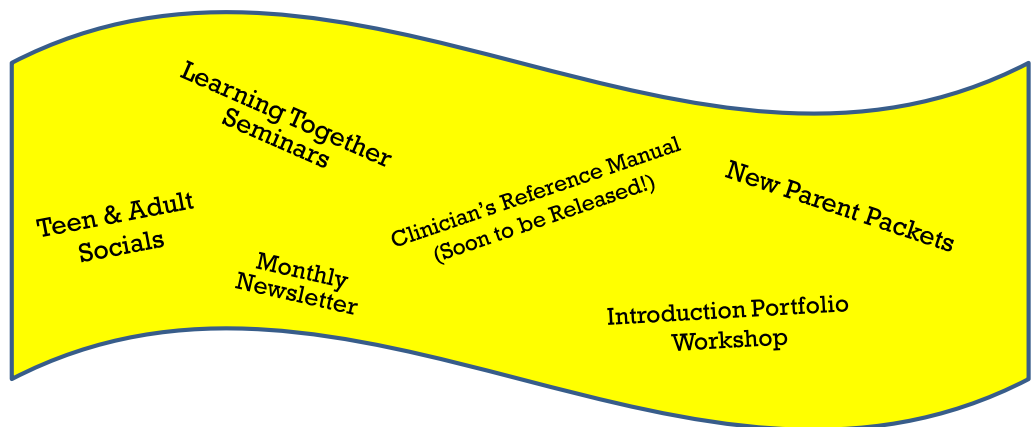
Supports the DSPTC

Join us

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Learning Together Seminars

Teen & Adult Socials

Monthly Newsletter

Clinician's Reference Manual (Soon to be Released!)

New Parent Packets

Introduction Portfolio Workshop

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Visit
www.dsptc.org
 for registration
 information!

*The Learning Together Workshop Committee in Collaboration with
 Education Service Center Region XI & Birdville ISD Invite You To...*

Employer-Based School-to-Work Transition: The Project SEARCH Model

Presenter: Erin Riehle, MSN, RN

WHEN

Friday – October 22, 2010
 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

WHERE

Birdville FAAC
 (Fine Arts & Athletics Complex)
 9200 Mid Cities Blvd
 North Richland Hills, TX 76180

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Parents & Students
- Special Education Personnel
- Transition Specialists
- Job Coaches
- Paraeducators
- VAC
- Charter Schools
- Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist
- Related Service Personnel & others interested in employment opportunities for people with disabilities, including individuals with complex disabilities.

Project SEARCH provides employment and education opportunities for individuals with significant disabilities. The program is dedicated to workforce development that benefits the individual, community, and workplace. The Project Search Model focuses on non-traditional job placements that are enhanced by agency collaboration, single point entry, and business leaders. This facilitates the teaching and learning process through continuous feedback and application of new skills. The ultimate goal is competitive employment upon graduation.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

Participants will leave inspired with (a) information to develop business credibility, (b) tools and strategies to improve performance of students and employees who have a disability, and (c) tools that can be implemented immediately at home, work, or school.

About the Presenter: J. Erin Riehle, MSN, RN, is a recognized authority and national leader in promoting employment opportunities for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment. She is a founder and Co-Director of Project SEARCH, an employment program that has received national recognition for innovative practices pioneered under Ms. Riehle's guidance.

DSPTC HAS A NEW BOARD MEMBER!

Patrick Bierle lives in Fort Worth with his wife April and their three children Brooklyn, Payton and Paxton. Patrick's 2-year-old son, Paxton, has Down syndrome and is a student at KinderFrogs. Sisters Brooklyn and Payton attend Oakmont Elementary.

Patrick received his BS and MBA degrees from Texas Christian University. For the past 10 years he has been a sales professional in the communications/home technology industry. Patrick served on the YMCA Camp Carter Board of Directors from 2000-2004 and on the Samaritan House Board of Directors from 2000-2002. He was a member of the 2010 Our Special Heroes Golf Classic



Committee and helped raise funds for the Lose the Training Wheels program. Patrick is active in the community supporting TCU KinderFrogs, The American Heart Association, the Down Syndrome Partnership of Tarrant County and various organizations focused on improving the lives of people living in Tarrant County. He and his wife are very proud of their three kids and are honored to be a part of the Down Syndrome Partnership of Tarrant County.

**2nd
Annual!**

PUZZLE SCUTTLE 5k

BENEFITING THE CHILD STUDY CENTER

Saturday, November 13, 2010

1-Mile Family Fun Run (9:30am) and Timed 5K Race (10:00am)

Lake Benbrook's Dutch Branch Park

377 and Winscott Road, Benbrook, Texas 76126

(Behind the Benbrook YMCA)

The Puzzle Scuttle 5K and 1-Mile Family Fun Run raises awareness about Autism and the Child Study Center (CSC). All proceeds benefit CSC's Children's Care Fund to provide diagnosis and treatment to uninsured children with developmental disabilities. For more information, call 817-390-2804, e-mail info@cscfw.org, or visit www.cscfw.org.

OCTOBER

October 1-2	Practical Solutions for Educating Children with Developmental Disabilities – Learning Together Series (www.dsptc.org)	Dee J. Kelly Center, TCU
October 3	Deadline to Register for Buddy Walk and Still be Guaranteed a T-shirt!	
October 6 11:30a-1:30pm	Bully-Proofing Our Schools, Working with Victims and Bullies (RSVP required: 817-834-7700 or arcnetc@att.net)	1806 Haltom Road Haltom City, Texas 76117
October 9 2:30-4:30pm	RISE Meeting—The Importance of Friendships (817-834-7700 or arcnetc@att.net)	1806 Haltom Road Haltom City, Texas 76117
October 10	Deadline for Buddy Walk Donations/Registrations to Count Toward	Team Awards!
October 16 10am-1pm	Tarrant County Buddy Walk (www.dsptc.org)	Rangers Ballpark in Arlington Coca-Cola Pavilion
October 22 9am-4pm	Employer-Based School-to-Work Transition: The Project	Birdville Fine Arts/Athletics Complex
October 22	SEARCH Model – Learning Together Series (www.dsptc.org)	9200 Mid Cities Blvd., NRH 76180
	Mom's Night Out (changed to 4th Friday due to Buddy Walk) (Amber D. Holmes: 817-874-1613 or amberdholmes@gmail.com)	BJ's Brewhouse 952 NE Loop 820 (by NE Mall)

NOVEMBER

November 6	Positive Behavioral Supports, Applied Behavioral Analysis, & Love and Logic – Learning Together Series	TBA
November 13	Puzzle Scuttle 5K (www.cscfw.org ; 817-390-2804)	Lake Benbrook
November 19	Mom's Night Out (Amber D. Holmes: 817-874-1613 or amberdholmes@gmail.com)	Mimi's Cafe I-20 & Bryant Irvin Rd., Ft. Worth

DECEMBER

December 5	Christmas Party	Round-up Inn, Will Rogers
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A LOOK AHEAD

June 13, 2011	Our Special Heroes Golf Classic	Texas Star Golf Course
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[DSPTC Events](#)



Would you take a minute to help DSPTC win \$1,000?

GoodSearch.com is sponsoring a contest that will award \$1,000 to each of the five organizations that have the most toolbar downloads (and \$100 to each of the first 100 charities to reach 100 downloads!) between October 1 and October 31, 2010! With the GoodSearch toolbar, every time you search or shop online at more than 1,500 stores (from Amazon to Zazzle!), a donation will be made to DSPTC — all you have to do is add our toolbar to your computer. You may even save money since the toolbar provides coupons and deals as well!

Please help us be one of the lucky charities that will receive these much needed funds!

The DSPTC toolbar is free to download. Just go to www.goodsearch.com, enter "Down Syndrome Partnership of Tarrant County" into the "Who do you GoodSearch for" box, click on "Get the GoodSearch toolbar," and then click on "Download Toolbar."

Notices!!

Did you shop at Tom Thumb in September?

If so, you may have earned some Community Bucks. (Tom Thumb awards one community buck per \$50.00 spent with a limit of three Community Bucks per transaction.) Send your Community Bucks to the Down Syndrome Partnership of Tarrant County by October 13 and DSPTC will receive \$1 for each Community Buck in the form of a Tom Thumb Gift Card!

BIENVENIDOS!

Tenemos un nuevo contacto

La Asociacion Syndrome de Down de Tarrant County prove recursos y apoyo para gente con syndrome de down y sus familias. Mas informacion: Favor de llamar a David y Laura Pabon, dopabon@gmail.com.



Find us on Facebook!

R.I.S.E.

Resources, Information & Support that Empowers

The Next R.I.S.E. Meeting...

The Importance of Friendships:
Addressing Social Skills within the IEP
Presented by Marianna Bond, M.ED, ATP

Saturday, October 9, 2010, 2:30 – 4:30pm
The Arc of Northeast Tarrant County (Arc House)
1806 Haltom Road • Haltom City, Texas 76117

To reserve your spot, or to talk with a R.I.S.E. family volunteer, please call 817-834-7700 or e-mail arcnetc@att.net.

NEW!!!

Dual Diagnosis Group!

This group is for moms (or dads) whose child with Down syndrome also has a second diagnosis under the autism umbrella (Autism, ASD, PDD). The purpose of the group is to network with and support each other in our unique challenges.

Contact Robyn Hardison at 817-905-6546 or robyn_hardison@yahoo.com for more information.

Mom's Night Out

BJ's Brewhouse
952 NE Loop 820 (by NE Mall)

RSVP to Amber D. Holmes at
817-874-1613 or
amberdholmes@gmail.com

Bully-Proofing Our Schools Working with Victims and Bullies

Presented by: Shannon S. Urbina, M.Ed.

Wednesday – October 6, 2010
11:30am – 1:30pm

The Arc of Northeast Tarrant County – Arc House
1806 Haltom Road • Haltom City, Texas 76117

Reservations Required!

(817) 834-7700 or arcnetc@att.net