

The Down Syndrome Association of Charlotte brings you "Inclusion Works!"

April 25th, 2009 ~ 8 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

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4740 Randolph Rd, Charlotte, NC 28222



WORKSHOP INFO:

The Down Syndrome Association of Charlotte brings you, "Inclusion Works!" a symposium for educators, parents, and professionals to learn about how a fully inclusive classroom can be a success.

Montgomery County Public Schools in the mountains of southwest Virginia has been a fully inclusive district for nearly twenty years; students in Montgomery County attend their neighborhood schools, and there are no separate special education classes or schools in the district. Their efforts have been profiled in two HBO documentary films, one of which won an Academy Award. The symposium will focus on key elements in Montgomery County's successful and durable move to inclusive education for all students. At the system level, presenters will address the "action steps" used system-wide in making the transition and lessons learned along the way. At the school level: values and philosophy, curriculum, staffing, scheduling and problem-solving at a highly successful inclusive school. At the classroom level, presenters will discuss co-teaching, team planning, problem-solving, and facilitating peer relationships in both primary and upper elementary grade levels. There will be ample time for questions and discussion throughout the day.

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS:

Cyndi Pitonyak: Coordinator of Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports for Montgomery County Schools.

Brian Kitts: Principal and former fifth grade teacher at Kipps Elementary School, a highly successful inclusive school in Montgomery County.

Mary Evans: Consulting Special Education Teacher at Kipps Elementary School.

Kim Wade: Kindergarten Teacher at Kipps Elementary School

AGENDA:

7:30 a.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m.—8:15 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions
8:15a.m.—10:00 a.m.	System Focus Session
10:00 a.m.—10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m.—Noon	School Focus Session
Noon—1:00 p.m.	Lunch (on own)
1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.	Classroom Focus Session
3:00 p.m.—3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15 p.m.—4:30 p.m.	Open Discussion and Q&A

CEUs

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be provided if requested.

PRICING:

We are discounting the normal rate to increase participation in this symposium that no educator or parent of a child with special needs should miss!

	NOW!
Parents/Family Members of People with DS	\$15 per person \$10
Students (High School/College) ..	\$15 per person \$10
Professionals	\$45 per person \$25

REGISTRATION:

To register and pay online please visit <http://dsac.kintera.org/symposium> or e-mail Kelly Yakob at kelly_yakob@yahoo.com with the following information by **April 10th:**

Your name
Address and phone number
Indicate whether you are an educator, professional (therapist or other service provider), or parent
Indicate whether or not you need CEUs

Mail your check by April 17th to:

Down Syndrome Association of Charlotte
PO Box 34787
Charlotte NC 28234

You may also mail the information above to the Down Syndrome Association of Charlotte

If you have any questions about this event, please feel free to contact Kathryn Lariviere at klariviere@carolina.rr.com or 704.823.1282.