Down Syndrome Specialists “Education Connection”
2017-2018 School Year

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Opening Session—Laurie & Katherine Gaut, Laurie Hobson, Jessica Smart, and Jamila Morrow

TUES AUG 29th  7:45AM - 11:00AM  
Ds Specialist Educator Training & Breakfast 
Location: Sedgwick CMS Training Room
1000 Ridgeway Loop, Memphis

Laurie Gaut is the parent of a daughter with Down syndrome, advocate and an attorney who is often called on by parents of children with disabilities for advice. She graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1986 and practiced full-time in New York City and Memphis before limiting her practice to concentrate on her daughter. She has participated in the five-day 2013 William & Mary School of Law Institute of Special Education Advocacy. Laurie and her husband Jim adore their daughter Katherine and are happy and proud to advocate for inclusion on her behalf.

Katherine Gaut is a junior at Houston High School in Germantown, Tennessee. She has been in an inclusive educational environment since Kindergarten. With her typical peers, Katherine has enjoyed learning in class and participating in school activities. During high school, Katherine has been a member of the Drama Club, the Random Acts of Kindness club, and more! Katherine is looking forward to college after she graduates high school. Laurie Hobson spent most of her life in inclusionary settings and will share many of her experiences. She graduated from Houston High & TRC, while earning many awards and serving on the Board for the National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC). She enjoys bowling, dancing and most recently working at Holiday Ham in Germantown. Jamila Morrow is a passionate self-advocate that helps out at the DSAM office. She also serves on the DSAM Board and goes to Nashville to help advocate for individuals with Down syndrome. When she’s not working, you can find her around town at local concerts and events. Jessica Smart is currently on the NDSC board and is employed by the DSAM office. When she isn’t at the office you will see her cheering for her Ole Miss Rebs! Katherine, Laurie, Jamila, and Jessica will be talking about their successes in life and how inclusion played a major part in it.

Dr. Paula Kluth— 30 Days to the Co-Taught Classroom/Don’t We Already Do Inclusion?

WED NOV 1st, 6:15PM - 8:15 PM  
Parent Workshop 
Location: Baptist Memorial Hospital
6027 Walnut Grove Rd. Medical Plaza #2 
Childcare & Light Refreshments Provided

THU NOV 2nd, 7:45 AM - 11:00 AM  
Ds Specialist Educator Training & Breakfast 
Location: Sedgwick CMS Training Room
1000 Ridgeway Loop Memphis, TN

Dr. Paula Kluth is a consultant, teacher, author, advocate, and independent scholar who lives in Oak Park, IL. She works towards providing inclusive opportunities for students with disabilities and creating more responsive and engaging schooling experiences for all learners. Paula is a former special educator who has served as a classroom teacher and inclusion facilitator. Her professional interests include differentiating instruction, active learning, and inclusive schooling. She is the author of numerous books and products including Universal Design Daily, 30 Days to the Co-taught Classroom, Don’t We Already Do Inclusion?, From Text Maps to Memory Caps: 100 More Ways to Differentiate Instruction in K-12 Inclusive Classrooms, and You’re Going to Love This Kid! Paula is also the director of a documentary film titled We Thought You’d Never Ask: Voices of People with Autism.
Natalie Hale—“Meet Their Need and They Will Read” Working from the Methodology of “Go in Through the Heart and Teach to the Brain”

FRI, FEB 23rd, 2018  7:45 AM - 11:00 AM  
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FRI FEB 23rd, 2018  6:15PM - 8:15 PM  
Parent Workshop  
Baptist Memorial Hospital  
6027 Walnut Grove Rd. Medical Plaza #2  
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Known as an “inspiring and practical” speaker, Natalie is intent on firing up her audience with a “can do” attitude, and then giving them the tools to immediately put into practice what they’ve learned. Her belief that children, teens, or adults with Down syndrome can learn is contagious, especially when best practices are outlined and best resources given.

Natalie began speaking on reading to Down syndrome parent groups in 1992 out of astonishment and passion. Astonishment that parents and educators didn’t already have the information they needed to teach reading easily to children with Down syndrome, and passion for both reading and teaching.