

## Conference Report and Action Plan

To be submitted to the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities  
no later than 30 days after the final day of conference

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Conference: Downsided Education Conference Newport Beach, CA 11/7/09  
Attended: Name City Dates

**Please list the three most valuable things you learned at the conference that will also benefit others**

1. Children with Down Syndrome learn to read better beginning with whole words (matching words, selecting words, then naming words.) Phonics last.
2. People with Down Syndrome are NOT globally delayed in all areas, but rather they have particular areas of delay, but other strengths that can be used to support learning.
3. People greatly underestimate the understanding of people with Down Syndrome because their speech is usually delayed or may not be articulate. Their understanding greatly exceeds their ability to speak what they know.

**Please explain how and to whom you will share what you learned at the conference. Although we expect that you have gained information that may be personally beneficial, we want to know the steps you will take to share information with other groups or organizations in your area. (See example; use additional pages as needed)**

I am currently drafting a synopsis of the conference to be shared with the Treasure Valley Down Syndrome Association through their email group as well as their online groups (through subscribers). I will also provide copies of all materials from the conference to this group, including the copies of each slide from the PowerPoint presentations. These include many wonderful internet sites where parents & teachers can read for themselves the latest research going on & its outcomes. These materials are also being shared with IPUL. I am also meeting with my son's teachers to let them know of what we have learned regarding John's

abilities & learning styles. I am also happy to be a resource to ICDD if ever a parent or provider expresses interest. I will also be delivering a copy of my synopsis & conference PowerPoint slides to the special education department at my daughter's school. I hope to meet with their special ed teachers to discuss or answer any questions they might have regarding this info.

I will also be implementing their recommended reading strategies with my son & plan on sharing our progress with several friends who have children with Down Syndrome near the same age. If things go well, I would like to share the program with our Treasure Valley Down Syndrome Association through a presentation at one of our bi-monthly meetings.

And, as always, as people express interest in my son or inquire as to his condition when we are out and about, I can now share this new info with them, especially regarding areas of strengths/weaknesses, the ability of their brains to learn & become better at learning with practice, and the great discrepancy between their understanding & their ability to express what they understand.

**Please list three steps you will take within the next month to begin sharing the information.**

1. Complete Synopsis & give to the Treasure Valley Down Syndrome Association , IPUL, John's teachers, and special education department at daughter's school.
2. Meet with John's teachers to share information
3. Meet with two other families who have young children with Down Syndrome to share info

**Please attach originals or copies of materials that you received at the conference. Return in the enclosed envelope.**