

# DSG B News For You









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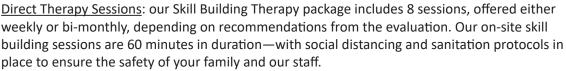
## Now Enrolling for 2021...

#### Therapeutic Services: Skill Building Therapy for All Ages

Does your child need specialized guidance in enhancing a particular life skill? Our multidisciplinary Therapy Team is ready to partner with your family in getting to that next level through our Skill Building Therapy Services. Our 1-on-1 direct therapy services—tailored to your child's unique needs—could focus on speech and language; daily life independence; play; technology access; toilet training; job skills, social skills and/or any other development skill.

Evaluation: the evaluation process is based on your family's priorities, utilizing interview and informal observation to determine the best path forward. The lead therapist will create goal(s) and provide individualized interventions that address your loved one's needs. In addition, caregivers will be provided strategies to embed into your family's daily routine to promote generalization of

skills across the home and community.



Virtual Option: we also offer a Virtual Skill Building Therapy package, with sessions that are 30 minutes in duration and recommended to occur weekly or bi-monthly to ensure optimal outcomes.

Enrollment: our enrollment period is on a rolling schedule to ensure your family may begin services when it's most convenient for you. Enroll today by visiting: https://pathways321.org/enroll/





GET CONNECTED

Have you registered on our family portal yet?

It's the only way to ensure you will receive accurate and timely information from DSG. as well as services and support tailored to your family's needs!

**REGISTER HERE >>** 

### **Multiple Options for Teletherapy Services**



Did you know we can provide specialized therapy in your own home with our new and improved teletherapy services? We are determined to serve our families in spite of the challenges of the COVID19 pandemic—and our services have received rave reviews from families, who participated this summer and fall!

Our services include direct therapy; therapeutic small groups; and consultations for behavior, distance learning support and long-term planning.

Our team of occupational therapists, speech-language pathologist and Board Certified Behavior Analyst specialize in Down syndrome. We are here for you, every step of the way!

Contact us today at (913) 213-5484 or pathways@kcdsg.org for a FREE consultation!

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# AT A GLANCE

## Thank You for Rallying Around Our Mission on #GivingTuesday!

Our community is simply incredible! Your Generosity Raised Nearly \$7,000 in ONE DAY! Words cannot adequately express how grateful we are that you believe in our mission! Your support has helped us grow our services (and campus!), so that we may serve people with Down syndrome, of all ages! *Together, we truly are Changing Lives!* 

#### Please Help Us Raise \$25,000 by December 31, 2020!

This year, our organization faced numerous challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We had to cancel all of our in-person fundraising events, which resulted in a significant decrease of donations that directly affect how we provide services and support to our families.

Our goal is to raise \$25,000 by year-end to help decrease the loss of this critical funding we need to deliver our mission. Please consider asking your family and friends to support DSG this year. Just remember, your support not only impact the families we serve now, but also for generations to come! It's truly the gift that keeps on giving!

If we all come together in a small way, we will have a big impact!



Support our Changing Lives Campaign today! >>

# Mission Moment

### **Adult Education: The Importance of Voting**

*V is for Voting!* Earlier this fall, our Club 3-21 Zoom sessions focused on a very relevant topic: voting. Nearly 30 adults with Down syndrome Adult participated in one of two sessions, co-moderated by Amy Allison, Vice President of Education and Advocacy, and Jessica Fahey, ACE Assistant Manager and Central Missouri Coordinator.

Participants were guided through how to register to vote, why it's important to vote, voting rights, and where to find ballot information. They were also provided with resources so that they could make an informed decision, noting how elections can affect the rights of people with disabilities and their families. Participants also shared their own experiences about voting.



During the discussion about "If I were President," many participants called for stronger voices for people with disabilities and more mandated vacation time. At the end of each session, a snapshot was taken of everyone holding up "V's" for voting!

To learn more about our weekly, complimentary Adult Education programs, visit our Club 3-21 page >>