

About Our Organization

Greater Clear Lake Families Exploring Down Syndrome was formed in the summer of 2007 to address the need for additional resources and support closer to Clear Lake and other communities east of Houston.

Our mission is to provide support and resources to individuals with Down syndrome and their families and to promote awareness, understanding and inclusion in their communities.

GCLFEDS holds monthly meetings on the third Thursday of the month at the United Way-Bay Area Service Center. Please e-mail ahbernay@houston.rr.com for more information.

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Communicating Partners

Saturday, November 10, 2007
8:30 am to 4:00 pm
University Baptist Church
16106 Middlebrook Dr.
Houston, TX 77059



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About the Conference

This conference is a workshop for helping a wide range of "late talking children" build social and communicative relationships. Based on over 30 years of research and clinical findings, Dr. MacDonald will:

- Provide parents with information and practical tools for taking a more active role in helping their child socialize and communicate
- Provide practical problem solving dialogs that address frequently asked questions about learning to talk
- Share many successful stories of children with delays such as Autism, Down Syndrome, Attention disorders, and other late talking children

About the Speaker

Dr. James MacDonald has worked with over 1000 families, teaching them to be their children's most effective communication partners and has trained over 1500 therapists and teachers to work with language delayed children. "Dr. Jim" was a professor of Speech and Language pathology and Developmental disabilities at the Ohio State University from 1971-1995. He directed the Parent Child Communication Clinic at the Nisonger Center during those years. In 1995, he took early retirement to devote his time to building parent-based programs and to direct the Communicating Partners Center.

In addition to teaching and clinical work, he directed federally funded research grants for 18 years with a focus on developing clinical approaches for preverbal and early verbal children. He has written six books, over 50 professional papers, and a series of training tapes. He also publishes the national newsletter, COMMUNICATING PARTNERS, which provides updated guidelines for parents and professionals concerned about their children's communication development. Go to www.communicatingpartners.com for more information or join the daily internet discussion group by registering for the COMMUNICATING group at Yahoo Groups.

Workshop Outline

Featuring Dr. James MacDonald, PhD, SLP/CCC
Professor Emeritus: The Ohio State University

1. Brief introduction and history
2. Five Stages of Social and Communicative Development
3. Five Responsive Teaching Strategies
4. Major problems, major goals & strategies and videos of successful performance for each stage
 - a. STAGE 1: Social Interaction
 - b. STAGE 2: Nonverbal Communication
 - c. STAGE 3: Social Language
 - d. STAGE 4: Conversation
 - e. STAGE 5: Civil Behavior
5. Tipping Points: several 'minor' changes that provoke major developments
6. Partnership Planning: developing IFSPs, IEPs and other planning tools
7. Home Programs
8. Relationship-based therapy model
9. School programs
10. Special Concerns with Special Populations
 - a. Down syndrome
 - b. Autism
 - c. Aspergers
 - d. Apraxia
 - e. Stuttering/disfluencies
 - f. Other late-talkers

Sunday, November 11 By Appointment Only
Family Consultations with Dr. MacDonald
One-hour session provides a personal evaluation and demonstration with the child and recommendations for the home. Cost is \$100 payable to Dr. MacDonald at session.

Registration

Registration fee includes all-day conference, pasta lunch, child care and Dr. James MacDonald's book *Communicate With Your Child*

Sign up for:	No.	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Registration before Oct. 27	_____	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> Registration after Oct. 27	_____	\$30

Note: lunch cannot be guaranteed for those registering the day of the conference

Total Paid (make checks to GCLFEDS) _____

Name

Address

Phone

E-mail

Child Care Required? (free of charge)

☐ Yes. Ages of children _____

* Child must bring own lunch

☐ No

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☐ Please contact me to schedule an appointment

Mail registration form and payment to:

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