## INDEPENDENCE ROCKS!!!!

## MOTIVATING YOUR CHILD WITH DOWN SYNDROME TO BE AS INDEPENDENT AS POSSIBLE

A FREE seminar designed to help you increase independence in your child with Down syndrome.



## **PRESENTER**

Amy Allison
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Amy earned a double Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Sociology. Amy has served on the executive staff at DSG for 16.5 years.

She is an expert on lifespan issues for people with Down syndrome. Amy has worked with thousands of families across the United States to help them navigate a new diagnosis, education issues, adult services, guardianship, transitioning at all ages and stages and legislative advocacy.

Amy presents regularly to parents, professionals and community members to help them better understand how to include, accept and enjoy working with people who have Down syndrome.

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Is your child with Down syndrome prompt, praise and reward dependent? Do you spend a significant amount of the day trying to find ways to motivate your child to participate in family events, do school work or stay on task? This seminar will highlight strategies for scaling back the constant prompting and how to structure your day for success while promoting independence and on task behavior. Attendees will also learn how to help their children identify when they are frustrated, how to ask for help and how to develop coping strategies to face non-preferred tasks.

Independence Rocks!!! covers the following topics:

- Why well meaning adults do all the wrong things for the right reasons
- Communication issues and strategies for success
- How to improve social skills
- Benefits of ceasing the prompt/praise/reward cycle
- How to gauge if a child is experiencing a skill or will issue related to tasks
- Environmental issues which can hamper success
- Prompt hierarchy and how to move away from hand over hand support
- Behavior intervention strategies
- Preferred teaching methods
- Importance of thinking like a future employer

Join us for this FREE seminar for parents and caregivers!

Wednesday June 19th 6:00 PM-8:00 PM NEWESD 101 Talbott Event Center, 4202 S. Regal Street Spokane, WA 99223



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