



Down Syndrome Aim High Resource Center

(A Division of Center for Disability Services)

Reading Tutorial Program

The DSAHRC Reading Tutorial Program offers one to one expert reading instruction to individuals with Down syndrome ages 5 years and older. Reading tutors are selected based on their knowledge and expertise in working with students with diverse literacy and learning needs, as well as their strong desire to embark on this exciting initiative in reading with us. Leveled books and materials and instruction that are designed to meet the individual needs of each student are the basis of the Reading Tutorial Program. All instruction will be on a one-to-one student-teacher ratio.

The focus of the DSAHRC Reading Tutorial Program is to teach:

- **Reading comprehension**
- **Word identification**
- **Phonemic awareness**
- **Fluency/Oral Reading Accuracy**

In order to establish a starting point for instruction, the reading tutor will conduct an initial assessment for each individual. (Any reading assessments from school are also welcome, but not required.) A final assessment at the conclusion of the 10-week program will also be conducted. A record of any changes experienced as a result of the tutorials will be provided.

10-Week Reading Tutorial Program Overview

- Tutoring is scheduled for one hour, 2 times per week. (Under special circumstances, two 30-minute sessions per week will be considered.)
- Tutoring will take place at the DSAHRC, town library, or a mutually agreed upon site
- Enrollment in this program is based on the mutual availability of the tutor and the student. Every attempt will be made to match each student with a tutor, but there is no guarantee that every applicant will be matched with a tutor.
- All 20 tutorials must be completed within the 10-week time period

Criteria for Participation in the Reading Tutorial Program

- Parent/Guardian must sign the Reading Tutorial Parent/Guardian Contract
- Parent/Guardian must sign the Reading Tutorial Schedule Agreement (after a tutor is assigned to the student)

It is imperative those students who enroll in the DSAHRC Reading Tutorial Program, together with their families or caregivers, commit to:

- **Compliance with the 10-week long schedule of tutorials**
- **On-time attendance**
- **Daily review and consistent follow-up**

Students who wish to receive tutoring and meet the above criteria will be scheduled with a Reading Specialist for a 10-week program.

The fee for this program is \$50 for the 10 week program. If paying this fee creates a financial hardship, please contact Namita Modasra, Education Coordinator at (518) 738-0020 ext. 3726.

The cost of this program is \$1,000 per student and is funded by a generous donation from the Annual "Tearing up the Turf with Timothy & His Friends with Down Syndrome" Golf Tournament organized by the Tanski Family and the Van Heusen Family.

Any additional contributions that you wish to make to the reading tutorial program are greatly appreciated and will be used to further fund the reading tutorial program for children and individuals with Down syndrome.

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