



2016



Special Needs

Education Conference

Presented by: The Panhandle Down Syndrome Guild

When: Saturday, November 19, 2016 — 1-4 p.m.

Happy State Bank

Virgil-Patterson Auditorium

Where:

701 S. Taylor St.

Amarillo, TX. 79101

(located underneath parking garage)

Guest Speakers include:

Shari Medford, MD

Is a pediatrician in private practice at Amarillo Children's Clinic. She is also the mother of a child with Down syndrome. She is board certified in pediatrics but has a special area of interest in children with special needs.

Dr. Medford will share her observations from the recent Down syndrome OPTIONS conference in Little Rock, AR. Topics covered will include nutritional guidance to help with cognition and physical well-being of people with DS, as well as ways to intervene to prevent Alzheimer's dementia. She will discuss ECGC (green tea extract) and the latest buzz on plant polyphenols. There will also be discussions on therapies to improve speech and other developmental outcomes.

Debbie Clark, LCSW

Is a licensed clinical social worker who has been working with children and families for 41 years. She has been the clinical social worker in the Down Syndrome Clinic at Children's Health/Children's Medical Center in Dallas since the clinic opened in 1993. In addition, she has a private counseling practice in Dallas.

Debbie will share the knowledge that she has gained from 23 years of working with children and families in the Down Syndrome Clinic. Government programs can be confusing! She will provide information about community resources including Medicaid Waiver programs, SSI, HIPP and DARS. Debbie will also discuss the most common social/developmental issues and strategies for success.

◆ **Reserved seating for members of PDSG when you RSVP by 11/12/16.**

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◆ **Everyone concerned with the well-being of people with special needs is encouraged to attend!**

◆ **Child Care will not be available.**