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2026 Family Conference

October 16-17, 2026 | Mississauga, ON

You're invited to join families from across Ontario for an extraordinary weekend of learning, connection, and celebration!

EXTENDED!

EARLY BIRD PRICING: \$145 (until July 7th)

FEATURED SPEAKERS & TOPICS

Purdeep Sangha - Leading at the Edge of Chaos

Dr. Giovanni Marotta - Geriatric Medicine- Supporting Aging Adults with Down Syndrome

Ann Calloon - Caring to Care - Planning for your loved one's future

Joanna Conrad - The Good, The Bad & The Ugly of Social Media

Lily Rosenberg - Self-Advocate - Inspiring Others to Live Their Best Life

Lori Besley - Partners for Planning - Safe and Secure Resource

Brad Bird - A Future Full of Possibility: The RDSP

Kellina Powell - Finding Hope, Strength & Possibility as a Parent

Carolyn Glover - Pharmacist- Advocating for Your Person

Joyce Hignett - Speech-Language Pathologist- Support Your Child's Learning and Development

Julie Evangelista - Educational Advocacy

Heroes Circle - Power Peace Purpose - Therapeutic Martial Arts

Maiko Taku - Laughter for Healing - Laughter Yoga

...and so much more!

YOUR REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

Friday evening dance with pizza | Saturday breakfast & lunch buffet

All Saturday conference speakers and sessions | T-shirt included

Saturday evening movie and social

REGISTER NOW AT WWW.DSAO.CA

Register before July 7th to lock in early bird pricing!

Down Syndrome Association of Ontario | www.dsao.ca

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2026

Conference

Learn -Advocate- Empower
Unleash Potential

FAMILY CONFERENCE



Preschool



Youth



Adult



Friday - Saturday
October 16-17

2026

Mississauga, ON

Sandman Hotel

5400 Dixie Road

Mississauga, ON

www.sandmanhotels.com

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JOIN THE CONFERENCE TO:

- share knowledge
- celebrate achievements
- build community

CONFERENCE INCLUDES:

- Friday evening dance
- Saturday full day of educational sessions

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Welcome!

There are some exciting updates for this year's conference.

- ★ **The venue has been moved to the Sandman Hotel which is located in Mississauga.**
- ★ **Early Bird registration pricing is available until July 1st. New this year is a special registration rate for individuals with Down syndrome.**
- ★ **Friday there will be a family dance. Please register all participants for the dance to ensure accurate food orders.**
- ★ **Hoodies will be available to purchase or as an upgrade option with a full registration package. All apparel needs to be preordered.**
- ★ **The schedule will be available soon and will include a full range of conference sessions, workshops and family activities.**

DSAO is excited to partner with local associations across Ontario to present a conference with extraordinary learning opportunities and time to connect with other families from across the province.

DSAO Conference Committee



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Conference Registration Information October 16th and 17th 2026

Full Conference Registration

- Friday evening dance with pizza
- Saturday breakfast and lunch buffet
- all conference speakers and sessions
- t-shirt (hoodie upgrade option \$25)
- Saturday evening event

Early bird
\$145

After July 1
\$160

Individual with
Down syndrome
\$75

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Friday evening dance: \$10 per person

Extra Saturday breakfast and lunch buffet tickets:

- \$45 Children 10 and under
- \$89 Individuals 11+

Conference apparel (must be pre-ordered):

- t-shirts \$21 (youth)
- t-shirts \$25 (adult)
- hoodies \$50 (adult)

Room booking information will be provided in the confirmation email after registration is complete.

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About the Venue



SANDMAN SIGNATURE HOTEL- MISSISSAUGA

In the centre of the business and shopping districts, the Sandman Hotel is close to everything. Relax in your room with free high-speed Wi-Fi and enjoy access to a fitness centre, heated indoor pool, and hot tub. Choose from two on-site dining spots: Denny's 24-hour restaurant or Lobby The Lounge for relaxed meals and drinks. Nearby, explore Square One, the Rec Room, and Cineplex Cinemas. Everything you need is within easy reach.

ROOM PRICING

Special room pricing is offered with your conference registration. Standard suites are \$159/night for double occupancy and kids stay free. Suites include 1 king or 2 queen beds, plus sofa bed, microwave and fridge. On-site parking is available. A booking code will be provided after registration. Reserve your rooms by September 7th to receive the special rate.



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