



DSCBA THRIVE Co-Facilitator

The Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area is passionate and dedicated to encouraging the unlimited potential in children and adults with Down syndrome. We empower, inspire and support people with Down syndrome, their families and the community that serve them, while fostering awareness and acceptance in all areas of life. We pride ourselves on developing services that are in line with our members' needs and continuously break down barriers to success by providing resources, technology and education through our direct services. Our Programs, THRIVE Classes, Medical Outreach Alliance, public policy outreach, education advocacy, new parent outreach, support groups and more reflect the diverse needs of our members.

THRIVE - Program Overview

Our participants THRIVE when they are **T**ogether, **H**appy, **R**espected, **I**ndependent, **V**alued, and **E**mpowered. THRIVE is a therapeutic program that is educational and developmental, geared specifically to the needs of children born with Down syndrome. The program embodies a unique combination of cognitive skills and social/behavioral interaction. The curriculum encompasses a wide range of activities. THRIVE classes are conducted by age group with a focus on developing strong core strength, gross and fine motor skills, as well as social and friendship-building skills. For the younger aged classes, activities include obstacle courses, sensory based tasks, art and music. For teens and young adults, our three main areas of focus are social/friendship, leisure/recreation, and inter/independent living.

THRIVE Co-Facilitator

We are seeking a proactive, detail-oriented, and compassionate person to co-facilitate THRIVE. Someone who has strong teaching and facilitating skills and experience working with children with special needs in a small group setting of 8-10 students. This is a paid position, currently envisioned as 2-2.5 hours per week on average which includes prep time and class time. Staff meetings and other meetings that are required will be compensated as well.

This position starts at \$20 per hour (in class time), plus \$20 per hour (prep/admin time).

Co-Responsibilities:

- Work with facilitator in implementing weekly class curriculum, reflecting the program's goals, as mentioned above.
- Manage and build a strong classroom community.
- Document each participant's progress and be able to share at the end of each Session.
- Document weekly attendance on a Google document by the end of each week.
- Document class goals and activities to be shared with families at the end of each session.
- Capture photos and or videos of classroom activities (for DSCBA use only).
- Manage THRIVE class volunteers, coordinate with Volunteer Manager.
- Communicate with parents of participants, as needed.
- Attend and participate in DSCBA staff meetings or other required meetings.
- Complete time sheets twice a month and on time.
- Attend DSCBA fundraising events as well as DSCBA community events throughout the year.
- Be available to substitute as a THRIVE facilitator on occasion, if needed.

If you have questions, please contact Laura Gordon at LGordon@dscba.org, (925) 362-8660, ext.108

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