

# Transforming Lives Building Community

*"I have learned more about teaching techniques and my child's academic strengths and educational challenges from the Learning Program than any other resource out there."*

*"The Learning Program has helped my daughter achieve far more academic success that we deemed possible."*

*"The Learning Program is the resource that has most heavily influenced my family hands down."*

*"We feel so grateful that our family has access to this amazing program that is the Learning Program."*

## About

The Learning Program Boston is an educational program committed to improving academic outcomes for children and youth with Down syndrome.

A nationally-recognized model for parent-focused intervention, our program is grounded on evidence-based approaches developed for the cognitive profile of students with Down syndrome.

The Learning Program™ is implemented in the greater Boston area by the 3-21 Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit. The 3-21 Foundation's mission is to advance innovations in education and cognition for people with Down syndrome so they can be empowered to pursue their dreams.

Please contact us to learn more about our programs and services.



## Learning Program Boston

An educational program for families of children and youth with Down syndrome



**Community Partnership Award**  
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Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress

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## We believe in the potential of every child

Students with special needs deserve to be educated in a welcoming environment. They also need to be challenged to grow and thrive, both academically and socially.

We believe in educational programs that meet the individual needs of the child but are based on global best practices for all students. We know that differences among people are natural and enriching; we value all children for their ability to shape the future.

We believe in the power of working together to unlock the potential of every child.

## Support for Families

- We help families develop educational programs that meet individual needs but are grounded on evidence-based best practices for teaching students with Down syndrome.
- We help prioritize areas for advocacy to facilitate inclusion within a range of settings.
- We host information sessions for the community-at-large on best practices for teaching and including students with Down syndrome.
- Our learning community provides a regular forum in which to discuss Down syndrome educational issues.

## Support for Students

Our program serves as a platform for improving educational outcomes for students with Down syndrome. By sharing instructional strategies, resources and activities, we equip families with the knowledge and tools to work effectively at home and at school. We utilize a three-pronged approach to teach, mentor and coach.

- **Teaching:** academic workshops for parents and caregivers feature developmentally appropriate instructional topics that build upon each other sequentially.
- **Mentoring:** wraparound workshops help parents and caregivers create a positive educational environment at home and develop a collaborative working relationship with their school team.
- **Coaching:** hands-on instructional sessions help parents and caregivers work directly with their student.

Additional support can also be arranged through our individual or small group tutoring program

## Program and Services

- **Elementary School Program**  
*For families of students in elementary school*
- **Middle School Program**  
*For families of students in middle school*
- **Tutoring**  
*For all students*
- **Guest Speaker Lunch Series**  
*For all parents*
- **Educational Consulting**  
*For schools*
- **Information Sessions**  
*For the community-at-large*