



**club 21**<sup>TM</sup>  
learning & resource center for individuals with down syndrome

# TOOLS FOR THE JOURNEY

**Saturday  
May 3, 2025  
9:00AM-5:00PM**

**Registration/breakfast begins at 8:30am**

**Location: 539 N. Lake Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101  
(Pasadena Covenant Church)**

- **Check in/breakfast: 8:30AM**
- **Keynote Speaker, Dr. Jen Newton: 9:00AM**

**Cost:**

- **Member (1 day)= \$350**
- **Non-member (1 day)= \$450**

**This conference is  
open to ALL, and is  
NOT disability  
specific.**

Join educators and families at the 2025 Tools for the Journey Conference where attendees will receive education and tools for supporting individuals with Down syndrome and other disabilities following best practice methods for the classroom, community, and beyond. We will host presenters from all over the country and they will share their expertise and innovative, research-based strategies on a variety of topics across all ages and stages.

**Register  
here:**



**This conference  
is VENDORED:  
#PD2655**

*Come enjoy breakfast at 8:30AM before sessions begin.  
Catered by Geschenk Fare (Vegetarian & Gluten Free Option available)*



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**Dr. Jen Newton:** *Inclusion: How Committed Are We?* (9:00-10:00AM)

ALL Ages   

## Session 1: 10:15 - 11:30AM






	ALL Ages	0-3 yrs	4-11 yrs	13-17 yrs	18-Adult
<b>Dr. Khalilah Johnson-</b> <i>A Conversation on Disability Justice</i> <b>(SANCTUARY)</b>  					
<b>Dr. Sarah Pelangka, BCBA-D-</b> <i>“Maladaptive Behavior” and Disability: Why is it Unethical to Write Behavior Plans to Target Skill Deficits</i> <b>(GATHERING PLACE)</b>  					
<b>Pam Tupy, MA-</b> <i>Equity by Design</i> <b>(GYM)</b> 					

## Session 2: 11:45AM - 1:00PM

<b>Hina Mahmood, M.OT-</b> <i>Common Senses: A Deep Dive into Sensory Processing for Individuals with Down syndrome</i> <b>(SANCTUARY)</b> 					
<b>Kelli Rea, AMFT-</b> <i>Caring for the Caregiver</i> <b>(GATHERING PLACE)</b> 					
<b>Pam Tupy, MA-</b> <i>Diving Deeper into UDL: Best Practices for Lesson Design and Instruction</i> <b>(GYM)</b>  					

**LUNCH: 1:00 - 2:00PM**

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## Session 3: 2:00 - 3:15PM






	ALL Ages	0-3 yrs	4-11 yrs	13-17 yrs	18-Adult
<b>Dr. Blaskowitz- College is an Option! Supporting Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to Pursue Inclusive College (SANCTUARY)</b> 					
<b>Dr. Jen Newton- Inclusion and Belonging: Moving from Where to Why (GATHERING PLACE)</b> 					
<b>Danielle McKinney, M.Ed.- Maximizing Impact: Effective Strategies for Teaching Readers with Down Syndrome (GYM)</b> 					

## TEA TIME: 3:15 - 3:45PM

## Session 4: 3:45 - 5:00PM

<b>Diana Pastora Carson, M.Ed.- A Walk with Joaquin: One Family's Journey to Inclusion (SANCTUARY)</b> 					
<b>Christina Nguyen, Sasha Fowler &amp; Lucia Serio- Self-Advocacy Across the Stages (GATHERING PLACE)</b> 					
<b>Jennifer White, CEO- Interactive Workshop: Innovative Person Driven Low/High Tech Accommodation Tools (GYM)</b> 					

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