Patti McVay has a B.S. in Psychology with a focus on students with severe disabilities and a Master of Science in Education, Special Education. Patti has taught high school and served as a principal at both the elementary and post-secondary levels during her career. In each of these positions, Patti provided leadership and direction to create inclusive school communities for all students, including those with intellectual, physical, and other disabilities. Patti has extensive experience working with children with Down syndrome and has provided training in Oregon, California, Kansas, Florida, Massachusetts, Utah and New York. Patti has authored several articles, training materials and books, including Ideas, Samples & Designs, Best Practices for Inclusive Education (2003) and Ideas, Samples & Designs, Helping All Students Learn Successfully in General Education (2001). She currently is a Special Education Director in Santa Rosa, CA.

### Professional Day

**When:** Friday, April 15
9AM-4PM
Registration begins at 8AM

**Where:** Renaissance Denver Hotel
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Denver, CO 80207
For room reservations, call 1-888-228-9290 and ask for the Global Down Syndrome Foundation group rate ($89 per room - double occupancy)

**Cost:** $15 per person / $25 for two
(Includes continental breakfast and lunch)

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Registration begins at 8AM

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