



**19th Annual International Scientific Meeting
of the VCFS Educational Foundation, Inc.
July 19-22
Hilton Toronto Airport
Toronto, Canada**

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IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR EARLY INTERVENTION PROVIDERS AND PARENTS OF INFANTS AND CHILDREN WITH DIAGNOSIS OF

VCFS, 22q11.2 DELETION, DIGEORGE

The Velocardiofacial Syndrome Educational Foundation (VCFSEF) will hold their 19th Annual International Scientific Meeting in Toronto, Canada July 19-22, 2012.

Velocardiofacial Syndrome (VCFS), also sometimes known as 22q11.2 deletion syndrome and DiGeorge syndrome or sequence, is the 2nd most common genetic disorder (after Down Syndrome) causing developmental delays and learning problems, and is one of the most common syndromes associated with cleft palate and congenital heart disease, but the diagnosis of this disorder may be delayed in the absence of these obvious anomalies.

Children with VCFS usually present with early communication disorders, and many times are seen by Early Childhood Intervention specialists including speech pathologists (for feeding and speech/language), developmental interventionists, and physical therapists.

The VCFSEF offers a 2-1/2 day conference with national and international speakers. Speakers address issues frequently found within this population including feeding and growth, communication disorders, behavioral disorders, genetics of this disorder, educational planning and intervention for children transitioning from Early Intervention to Preschool.

Specialists from all fields and parents are invited to this annual meeting that brings together world experts from the fields of speech pathology, psychology, education, genetics, and others. Child care is included at no extra cost for children with VCFS and siblings. Brief private consultations and informal round table conversations with the experts are among the unique opportunities offered.

Please plan on joining VCFSEF for this conference. For more information, please go to www.vcfsef.org. For questions, please contact info@vcfsef.org or call 1.855.800.8237.

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