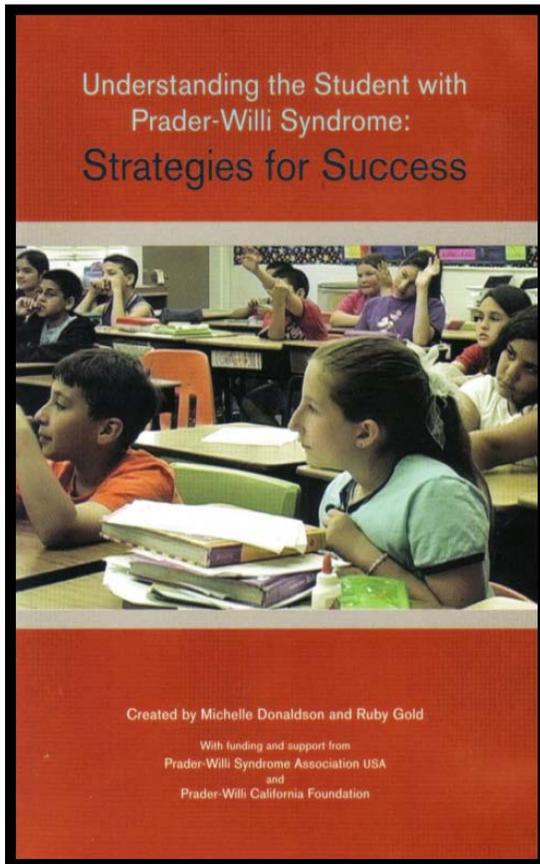


Understanding the Student with Prader-Willi Syndrome: Strategies for Success



Prader-Willi Syndrome Association (USA) (PWSA (USA)) and Prader-Willi California Foundation (PWCF) are proud to introduce a new and wonderfully exciting tool to benefit those with Prader-Willi syndrome (PWS) in school. A DVD entitled, "Understanding the Student with Prader-Willi Syndrome: Strategies for Success," provides teachers and other school personnel with an introduction and overview of the issues associated with PWS and demonstrates and describes pragmatic strategies that school staff can use in supporting the success of a student with PWS in their classroom. Teachers and school staff will appreciate a coherent explanation and demonstration of issues at play with a student with PWS, concise explanation of various strategies to use to support him or her, and user-friendliness of the DVD for busy educators. Parents will value its role in helping their child in school.

The DVD has been over a year in the making and has been a long-time dream of PWSA and parents of children with PWS. A dedicated group of individuals combined efforts and talent to make this project a reality and to give those with PWS and those who work with them in the school setting an opportunity to

achieve the best possible outcomes. In particular, Michelle Donaldson and Ruby Gold worked many hours spearheading the production of the DVD, keeping it on track and to point. Also, Bob Bernstein worked hard to organize a wonderfully successful fundraising event in Boston, First & Goal, to fund the project. The New England chapter and Bob's personal friend, Mike Smith, went above and beyond to assist in the event's success, ensuring the feasibility of the DVD. Teachers, students and PWS expert, Mary K. Ziccardi, participated in the DVD providing a unique view from which to understand the school environment and the student with PWS. Many other volunteers and staff from PWSA (USA) and PWCF worked together and contributed time and skill. Without all these individuals, we might still be wishing for this needed DVD. A BIG THANK YOU goes to every one of them!

The DVD is for all parents who have a child with PWS in school and for all school personnel who have a child with PWS in their school. **To order the DVD for \$20 or the DVD with a Teacher's Handbook for \$28, please contact PWSA (USA) or Prader-Willi California Foundation (PWCF). Available online at www.pwsausa.org.**