

Please read this document in full prior to filling out the attached membership form.

Please note: The criteria for acquiring therapy services has changed. Essentially, the dollar amount has been reduced per family due to a budget restrictions (growing membership). Also, more emphasis is now being put on member involvement with the NLDSS and its events.

Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy Services Policy

The purpose of this document is to outline the details of the service policy of the Newfoundland and Labrador Down Syndrome Society as it applies to families interested in receiving speech therapy and occupation therapy services from the NLDSS.

Recognizing the importance of early intervention and ongoing therapy support to assist individuals with Down syndrome in developing to their fullest potential, and due to the inadequate support from the current health care system, the Newfoundland and Labrador Down Syndrome Society is pleased to offer speech therapy and occupational therapy services to **qualifying member families**. The provision of these services is based upon the financial abilities of the society, as well as the availability of the necessary human resources. The current allotment for these services is a total allowable dollar amount of \$1500.00 per qualified family. *(NOTE: Hours allotted are dependent on financial resources, membership numbers, etc, and are subject to change)*

Criteria:

- ** be actively and reasonably involved in the projects, events, and initiatives of the NLDSS. Involvement includes fundraising
- be a member, in good standing, of the NLDSS for a period of no less than six months (Membership meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month)
- attend a majority of the NLDSS monthly meetings

**** Please note that eligibility for services will now depend on your active involvement. Please indicate below which events you will be actively involved in:**

Some Involvement Options:

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| NLDSS Christmas Party Committee | |
| TIP Newsletter | |
| Family Fun Day Committee | |
| NLDSS Janeway Liaison Committee | |
| Government Lobby / Liaison | |
| Social Events Committee | |
| NLDSS Golf Tournament Committee | |
| Fundraising Initiatives | |
| Awareness Week Committee | |
| Office Grand Opening Committee | |
| Other: | |

Please verify your involvement by signing here: _____

We will be reviewing member involvement regularly in order to determine eligibility for therapy services.



Office Use Only:
Paid: _____

DATE: _____

Membership Form (Full) - NL Down Syndrome Society

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| P.O. Box 21054 St. John's, NL A1A 5B2 Toll Free: 1-877-738-3336 Local Dial: 738-3336 | Web: www.nldss.com Email: nldss@nl.rogers.com Email Jeff Hutchings (Chair): jeff.hutchings@nf.sympatico.ca |
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Joint Membership for Year: 2010

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Child's Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Siblings: Names and Ages (Optional)

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Joint Membership Fee NLDSS and CDSS (\$25.00)

Your Joint Membership now includes:

- Subscription to our regular newsletter – The TIP
- Invitation to attend our monthly meetings, which regularly include guest speakers with topics related to Down syndrome
- Access to the NLDSS Resource Centre
- Access to Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy for eligible families
- Membership to CDSS (Canadian Down Syndrome Society) and access to their contacts and resources. This also includes a subscription to their quarterly newsletter
- An invitation to vote at the Annual General Meeting of the CDSS
- A joint membership also enhances our position as an affiliate of the CDSS, giving us a stronger national voice on DS issues and concerns

Please complete membership form and mail it in along with your cheque (payable to the: NL Down Syndrome Society) to the address above or return it at one of our upcoming monthly meetings. We look forward to meeting you! For more information about the NLDSS please see our website at: www.nldss.com

SERVICES:

The total amount for services must fall beneath the limit of \$1500.00 per eligible family.
(NOTE: Services with a registered SLP or OT are billed at \$65 / hour. Services via Support Therapists are billed at \$35 / hour. It is the joint responsibility of the parent/guardian and the therapist to keep track of the hours used.)

Please indicate which service(s) your child requires:

- Speech Therapy**
 Occupational Therapy

(NOTE: Hours allotted are dependent on financial resources, therapist allotments, membership numbers, etc, and are subject to change

IMPORTANT NOTE: In the event that a family has utilized the hours allotted for speech therapy or occupational therapy, any addition sessions will be at the expense of the family and will not be absorbed by the NLDSS. ***It is the joint responsibility of the parent/guardian and the therapist to keep track of the hours used.***

Correspondence from the society will be conducted primarily through email. If this is not suitable, please inform the office and we will make other arrangements.