

# Support Services for Kids who have Down Syndrome

DSQ FECS (upto 6 years)– (OT, Speech, Psych and Social Worker)  
Physio – Childrens Community Therapy Service (CCTS) – self referral Early Childhood Ed – Vincent School Contact Karen Herbett (now called ECDU)  
Special School – Townsville Community Learning Centre (primary upwards)  
Extra Speech – JCU speech clinic (all ages) – fantastic and free!  
Dental – Community Health at Kirwan (free to QLD health care card holders)  
Mental - Community Health at Kirwan  
Private OT and behavioural specialist - Jillian Ballantyne  
ENT – TTH or private (Dr Lindsay Allen)  
Hearing – TTH or Australian Hearing  
Eyes – Dr Graeme Kelly thru TTH or private  
Cardiologist – Dr Radford via TTH. Women's and Children's clinic  
Paed – Dr William Frischman private or TTH.  
Gastro - Dr William Frischman  
Sleep clinic - Mater Brisbane (publicly funded), travel costs paid by TTH

The extended Medicare program (using GP management plan) can get you some subsidised access to private allied health professionals i.e. physio, speech. The program can also provide access to Psychologist (counselling) for parents/carers etc. Talk to your GP or medical practice manager. If they don't understand it find someone who does. There are ways around almost every hurdle.

If having problems getting appts get your Paed to ring them or for hospital ring surgical clinics reception (ENT, Hearing) and tell them your child has DS and needs to be seen as a higher priority than 3. Follow up on all referrals to the public hospital. Make sure the referrals get there and you have an appt when you expect one. If not harass (in a nice way) until you get what you need.

If you need help with Family Support Packages seek advice from Community Connections or Centrecare.

DSAQ Parent Support – Karen Edwards 4775 5259

Support Group – ‘Down but not Out’ (all ages) – Karen Edwards 4775 5259