

# Down Syndrome Society of SA Inc.

## Tutoring for Children with Down Syndrome and Intellectual Disability



Australian Government  
Department of Education, Employment  
and Workplace Relations



Helping Students Achieve in Literacy and Numeracy

### What is An Even Start?

The Department of Education, Employment and Training has launched An Even Start – National Tuition Program. This is one of a range of strategies to assist students who are not making satisfactory progress in literacy and numeracy. The program will run for a 12 month period in 2008 to assist students who did not meet 2007 national benchmarks in reading, writing or numeracy in years 3, 5 and 7, or students who were formally exempt from the 2007 benchmark tests are eligible to receive assistance under this program. These students may have a variety of special learning needs. The program will be independently evaluated during 2008.

A personalised tuition plan, to be developed for each eligible child, will have the flexibility to cater for the needs of students with disabilities or access difficulties. A decision about the type and appropriateness of tuition for eligible students with special learning needs should be made by parents/caregivers in consultation with their child's school.

### How do I register my child for tutoring?

To receive tuition, parents/caregivers of eligible students must sign and return a consent form. On receipt of the parent/caregiver's signed consent, eligible students will be registered online on the National Tuition Management System. Schools, Program Administrators or the Private Tuition Coordinator will be able to register participating eligible students and match them with a suitable qualified and verified tutor.

Tuition delivery can commence once parents/caregivers of eligible students have provided consent for their child to receive tuition, the student is registered online on the National Tuition Management System, and the student is matched to a suitably qualified and verified tutor. The tutor uses the appropriate pre-tuition Assessment Tool to develop an individual tuition plan for each student.

### Who can deliver tutoring?

Parents and caregivers of eligible students are able to choose if their child receives school-based tuition at their child's school, or private tuition through an approved tuition company or individual private tutor. The student is eligible for 12 hours of tutoring from term 3 to November 30th, 2008.

## The Down Syndrome Society is an approved Tuition Service Provider

The Down Syndrome Society has become an approved Tuition service provider. You can request that the Down Syndrome Society provide tutoring for your child.

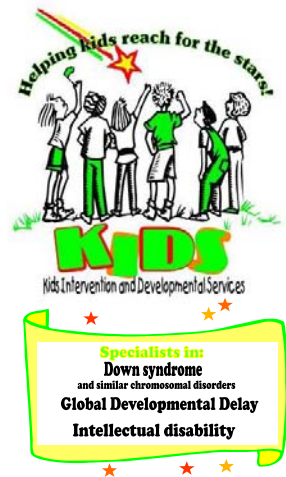
**This is a great opportunity to demonstrate to Government the importance of providing specialised tutoring to students with Down syndrome and intellectual disability. We have the knowledge and experience to make a difference and demonstrate that we can improve the literacy and numeracy skills of this group with appropriate intervention.**

**Contact your school now for further information!**



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## proudly announces the auspicing of **KIDS Tutoring Program!**



### **Our Aim**

*To provide 'cutting edge' tutoring in literacy and numeracy that reflects the latest research and good practice in the field of education and students with Intellectual Disability/Global Developmental Delay.*

### **Eligibility**

Students with Down syndrome/intellectual disability/global developmental delay.

### **KIDS Tutoring Service can provide tutoring to students in:**

- ⇒ All Education Sectors i.e. DECS, Catholic Education, & Independent Schools.
- ⇒ All School settings i.e. mainstream schools, special schools and special classes.

### **Out tutors are expected to have:**

- ☉ Teaching qualifications and experience in teaching students with disabilities
- ☉ A degree or equivalent in Special Education
- ☉ Extensive knowledge about Down syndrome and similar chromosomal disorders, intellectual disability and global developmental delay
- ☉ Extensive training in the provision of specialised numeracy and literacy programs
- ☉ Ability to use principles of behavior support
- ☉ Ability to interact effectively with parents
- ☉ Police checks

If you would like us to arrange a tutor for you, please complete and return the tutoring allocation form. Once this is received we will arrange a tutor to contact you by phone. Tutor allocation is done weekly. The process will take approximately 10 days from receipt of your form.

Tutors will teach your child in school. A specific day and time is agreed upon by you and the tutor to suit. If you have any concerns, once tutoring has commenced, please do not hesitate to discuss these, in the first instance, with your tutor and then with the Society.

### **About Lessons**

Lessons are 30—60 minutes in length and generally held once per week.

Most tutors set homework designed to consolidate the work done during the tutorial session. This usually involved 10 to 15 minutes practice, for example, in reading practice or spelling 3-5 times a week.

### **Liaison**

To be successful ongoing support by all involved with your child's education is vitally important. It is important at for parents to be fully involved and supportive.

### **Reporting and Feedback**

Parents are encourage to discuss their child's progress on a regular basis, either after the lesson, if time and circumstances permit, or by phone.

### **For further information contact:**

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## Tutor Allocation Form



Parent/carer NAME: -----

CHILD'S NAME: -----

SCHOOL: -----

YEAR LEVEL:-----

DATE OF BIRTH:-----

AGE: -----

ADDRESS:-----

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TELEPHONE NOs. :

HOME:-----

WORK:-----

MOBILE:-----

EMAIL:-----

AREA(S) IN WHICH YOUR CHILD NEEDS ASSISTANCE:

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Provide a brief description of your child's current literacy/numeracy skills (you may be able to ask the class teacher to complete this section).

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SIGNATURE:-----

DATE:-----

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date received: .....

Date of response: .....

Tutor allocated: .....

#### Tutoring specifications

Day: .....

Time: .....

Location: .....

Signed:.....

Date: .....

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