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"Bella has been making great progress with her speech and language thanks to UpsideDowns. It's really exciting!"

- Bella's dad



We empower kids with Down syndrome to communicate by funding speech and language therapy

- Option 1: 50% of therapy costs up to \$2,000 a year
- Option 2: 80% of therapy costs up to \$1,000 a year
- Option 3: 100% of therapy costs up to \$2,000 a year for families experiencing financial hardship



upside-downs
education trust

**Giving a voice to
kids with Down syndrome**



ABOUT US

Since 2003, the UpsideDowns Education Trust has been enabling kids with Down syndrome all over New Zealand to receive speech language therapy.

We are a parent-led charity that gives kids the tools to grow their confidence and independence.

Your baby or child can receive funding through UpsideDowns up until the age of 18 to see any NZSTA- registered speech language therapist in any part of Aotearoa.

Get in touch with us by phone or email to learn more, or download the application form on our website. Once you fill it in and send it to us, you will be placed on our wait list.

SPEECH THERAPY

A speech language therapist (SLT) can:

- assist with feeding problems,
- help with talking, reading, writing, and signing,
- work with parents, guardians, caregivers, teachers, and others to develop communication strategies.

DOWN SYNDROME

Children with Down syndrome often face challenges with feeding, speaking, and communicating. Regular speech language therapy is proven to give these kids their best chance to learn to speak, read, write, and/or sign, which in turn leads to greater independence as adults.

1 in 1,000

children in New Zealand are born with Down syndrome

155

children receive support from UpsideDowns

0-18

year-old children can receive funding from us

41

speech language therapists are engaged by our families nationally

