

Dear DSAP Families,

As most of the world continues to adjust with the reality of COVID-19, we at DSAP have heard your feedback about ways that we can provide essential service to our Down Syndrome Community at this trying time. To this end, we are pleased to announce a series of new programs that we will make available to our members immediately thanks to funding that has been provided by the Government of Canada and allocated through the United Way of Greater Toronto:

From August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to March 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 we will be offering the following programs to our families at no cost:

**1. Virtual Speech Therapy Sessions:**

DSAP will provide a maximum of \$1500 per family (for up to 15 families) for virtual Speech Therapy Sessions. Maximum \$100 per session for a total of 15 sessions for your child. The funding will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

**2. Virtual Reading/Oral Communication Tutoring Sessions:**

DSAP will provide a maximum of \$600 per family (for up to 15 families) for virtual Reading or Oral Communication Tutoring Sessions through DSAP. Maximum \$30 per session for 20 sessions for your child. The funding will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

3. DSAP will host a series of Virtual Educational and Networking Sessions over the next several months in order to help keep our vibrant community of families connected. These sessions will cover a variety of topics.

In order to access the funding please do the following:

Please send an e-mail to [peeldownsyndrome@gmail.com](mailto:peeldownsyndrome@gmail.com)

State which program that you wish to have funding for. We will use the time stamp on each e-mail to determine the order of requests made.

If you wish to have your child participate in both the Speech Therapy and the Tutoring, you can indicate so, but the following will apply:

- a) You must indicate in the e-mail which is your primary preferred choice.
- b) We will only allow a family to participate in both programs if the funding is available.
- c) We will follow up within 24 hours of your request with more information for you.

We want all of you to know that we are here for you, please reach out if you need support or information. It is most important during a period of isolation such as this that we remain vigilant and connected.

Please continue to be safe with your families,

Your DSAP Executive Team