

Down Syndrome Tipperary: Speech and Language Therapist Assistant (<https://www.activelink.ie/node/114782>)

Job Opportunity Speech and Language Therapist Assistant

Down Syndrome Ireland (DSI) is dedicated to being the primary source of information and support to people with Down syndrome, their families and the professional community working towards an improved quality of life for our members along with respect and acceptance of people with Down syndrome as valued members of society. Speech and Language Therapists within Down syndrome Ireland provide assessment, management and support to members of DSI. Members across the lifespan access communication supports.

The Speech and Language Therapy Assistant will be a member of the Speech and Language Therapy team. You will work under the supervision and direction of a qualified Speech and Language Therapist to provide a high quality and efficient Speech and Language Therapy service for members. This SLTA post will be based in Tipperary within the Down Syndrome Tipperary team. Down Syndrome Tipperary places a strong emphasis on community based SLT supports and as such the SLTA will be expected to work with other therapists, schools, community projects and groups within Down Syndrome Tipperary.

Responsibilities include:

- To work effectively as a Speech and Language Therapy Assistant incorporating therapy, support and administrative roles
- Facilitate therapy programme under the direction and supervision of the Senior Speech and Language Therapist (SSLT)
- Co-facilitate or lead therapy groups under the direction and supervision of the SSLT
- Prepare and set up treatment areas for individual or group therapy sessions including tidying area and storing away equipment used upon completion of the session.
- Observe the general performance, behaviour and ability of individuals during therapeutic interventions. Record and report these observations to the SSLT.
- Document member contacts/interventions in the relevant member file.
- Develop rapport with members and their families and demonstrate positive attitude, respect and compassion in interactions.
- Liaise and communicate effectively with SSLT and multi-disciplinary team members as appropriate to ensure co-ordinated intervention.
- Record accurate member statistics and other administrative
- Develop therapy resources and materials under the direction of the Speech and Language Therapist
- Maintain professional standards in relation to consent, confidentiality, ethics and legislation.
- Demonstrates the ability to communicate effectively, particularly in listening, giving explanations/directions and reporting back on observations.
- Demonstrates a positive attitude and ability to empathise with members, relatives and colleagues.
- Demonstrates ability and understanding in working with people with complex needs/disabilities and/or behaviour that challenges.
- Demonstrates evidence of enthusiasm and interest in working with children and people to carry out meaningful goals
- Develop and maintain good working relationships with all grades of staff and professions
- Demonstrates flexibility in the role including rotation to different areas within the Speech and Language Therapy service Paediatric/Adult service, and delivering programmes in partnership with other disciplines and facilitators.

Qualifications/experience required:

- Fetac Level 5 qualification (Speech and Language Therapy Assistant) or Relevant Qualification in the field of Health & Social Care such as Health, Social Care or Education
- Minimum 2 years' experience working in a health setting with children and adults with disabilities
- Must have the personal competence and capacity to properly discharge the duties of the role.
- Experience of Lámh and other Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)
- Own transport and full clean driving licence.
- Demonstration of strong IT skills including Microsoft suite and report creation

Benefits:

- 25 days annual leave
- 2 Company/Discretionary Days
- Employee Assistance Programme
- Company Sick Pay Scheme

Location: Meitheal 21, Thurles, Co Tipperary

Closing Date: 14th April 2025

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Region

Thurles, Co Tipperary

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