

# Developing Speech & Language Skills for Children with Down Syndrome

THE NL DOWN SYNDROME SOCIETY PRESENTS SPECIAL SPEAKER—REBECCA BAXTER



**Saturday, March 10th**  
**At St. Mark's Parish Hall,**  
**203 Logy Bay Road**  
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Cost is:

- \$10 per session for students or members of NLDSS;
- \$15 per session or \$25 for the full day for the general public.

## **Morning Session: 8:30am - 12:00pm** **(0-7 years)**

**8:30-10:15 Promoting speech skills and developing vocabulary**

This session will provide an overview of the speech and language development of children with Down syndrome. It will include activities to develop the speech sound system and promote speech clarity and intelligibility. Understanding and use of vocabulary will also be discussed, looking at target setting as well as strategies to develop vocabulary.

10:15-10:30 Break

**10:30-12:00 Extending early language development and supporting grammar**

Developing early language understanding and production will be included in this session as well as promoting the early communication strengths of children with Down syndrome. Visual supports including the use of print to support speech and language skills will be covered with practical examples of activities.

## **Afternoon Session: 1:00 - 4:00pm (7+ years)**

**1:00-2:15 Developing vocabulary and the use of more complex language and grammar**

This session will include an overview of the research on speech, language and communication development in children with Down syndrome. It will focus on extending vocabulary understanding and production to support language and later grammatical skills including the use of print.

2:15-2:30 Break

**2:30-4:00 Promoting clearer speech and building communication strengths**

Common speech difficulties and error patterns will be addressed together with activities to promote speech skills. Extending the early communication strengths seen in children with Down syndrome and targeting later, more complex communication skills, supporting friendships and interactions will also be discussed.