

occupational therapy

As parents we must be concerned with the well-being of our child in all respects. We have so many things to think about and keep track of: medical and dental needs, motor and communication needs, educational needs, advocacy, social and behavioral needs; the list seems to go on and on! We need the help of trained professionals to guide us and to work with our children to help them achieve their potential in life. An occupational therapist is one member of the team that we can rely on to provide professional assistance throughout the growth and development of our children. In Canada, occupational therapy services for children with Down syndrome can be accessed through hospitals, home care programs, infant development programs, specialty nursery schools, public schools, and through private therapy services.

(Editor's note: In the US, OT services can be obtained through Early Childhood Intervention programs, public and private schools, and from private therapists.)

Further information about fine motor development can be found in my book *Fine Motor Skills in Children with Down Syndrome*, published by Woodbine House (800-843-7323) in 1998.

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