



Down Syndrome
Western Australia



Step 1.

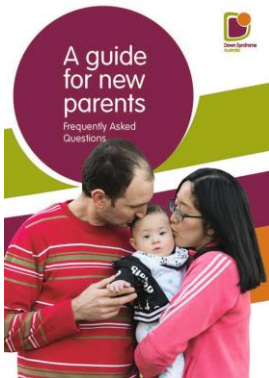
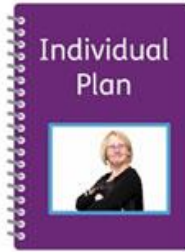
Gathering information



This step is about making sure you have the information you might need to show:

- that you are eligible for an NDIS plan, and
- the supports you will need.

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Eligibility

People with an intellectual disability are automatically **eligible** for an NDIS plan.

This means NDIS says you should have an NDIS plan.

People with Down syndrome usually don't have to provide this kind of information. You don't need to go and have IQ testing done as part of gathering your information.

For new babies, parents may have to show a medical letter confirming the baby has Down syndrome.

If you already get disability services, you should not need to provide any information to show you have an intellectual disability. This could be therapy, respite, recreation or accommodation services, or you have an LAC from Disability Services.

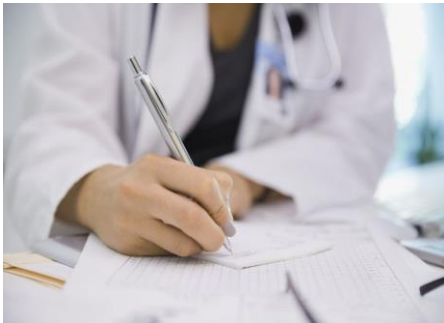
People who work in an ADE are also eligible.

Supports



It's a good idea to get some information ready to show the NDIS what supports you need.

If you have been having therapy, such as physio, OT or speech therapy, have your latest reports and programs ready for the planning meeting.



Some people with Down syndrome might also have other kinds of disabilities. This might mean you need extra support or equipment.

You will need to get medical letters or reports that say what your extra disability is, how it affects you and the extra support you need.



The NDIS will also ask you/your parents to answer some questions to get an idea how much help you will need.

The notes you make in your workbook will be useful for this too.