

# RESOURCES INTO HOMES



## DS ACHIEVE

DS Achieve is a Hertfordshire-based charity working with families and professionals to enable children and young people with Down Syndrome (DS) to reach their potential.

Our focus is on education and training for parents, professionals and children and young people with Down Syndrome.

## WHAT IS 'RESOURCES INTO HOMES'?

DS Achieve's **Resources into Homes** is a service for families of a young child with Down Syndrome at the Early Years stage of their development. With targeted intervention, children can be supported to make good progress with their speech, language and communication, literacy and numeracy skills. Parents are usually the child's first educator and at DS Achieve we aim to give parents the skills and knowledge they need to help their child to maximise their development.

This service offers topic-specific online training for groups of parents on how to use a specific specialist resource with their child, to optimise their child's progress at this early stage. There will be three topics, one per term, in the following order : **1) Speech, 2) Language and Reading, 3) Number and Memory.**

Parents will need to provide the required resource, unless the family is in receipt of certain benefits in which case DS Achieve will purchase the resource for the family.

At present, this service is offered free of charge.

## GOALS & OBJECTIVES

**01** To provide specialist training to parents, to optimise development for Early Years children with DS.

**02** To remove barriers for parents in accessing and using specialist resources to support their child's development at home.

## PROCESS

- Parent completes the Resources into Homes [APPLICATION FORM](#) and submits it to DS Achieve.
- DS Achieve reviews application and contacts parent.
- If successful, DS Achieve will confirm the required resource and the next steps in the process.
- Once there are enough families, DS Achieve will arrange the online training session with our Specialist DS Advisor at a convenient time.
- For families who are in receipt of certain benefits, DS Achieve will purchase the required resource school in advance of the training.
- Specialist Advisor provides online training and supports via follow up call.

