



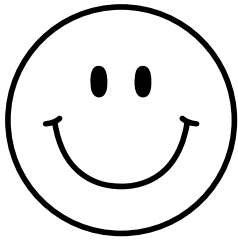
**Down
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Down Syndrome Ireland and the Disability Act

Easy Read



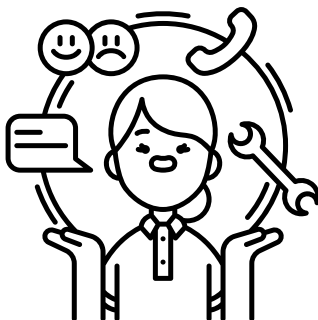
The Disability Act



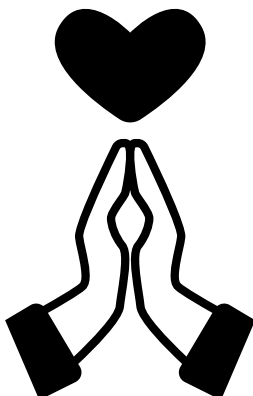
You have the right to a good life.



You have the right to have the services you need.



Services are different types of help you can get when you need support.



Services can help you live a good life.

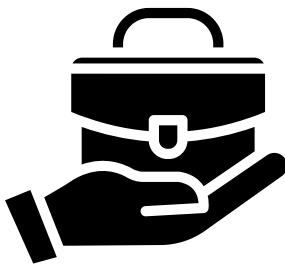
Some things services can help you to do are:



- Be healthy



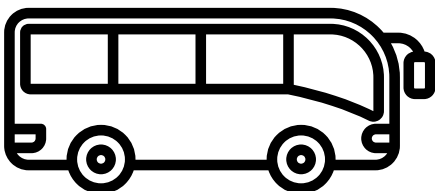
- Go to school or college



- Find a job



- Live independently

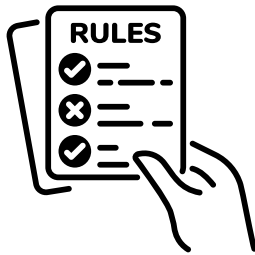


- Get the bus or train

The Disability Act



The Disability Act 2005 is a law.



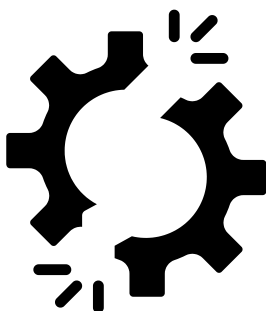
A law is a rule that the Government makes.



The Disability Act tries to make life better for people with Down syndrome and other disabilities.



The Disability Act is very old.



It does not always work well.

The Disability Act



The Government wants to make the Disability Act better.



The Government is the group of people who run Ireland.



The Government is asking people in Ireland how to make the Disability Act better.



You can find out more about the Disability Act here:

[The 2005 Disability Act](#)

The Disability Act



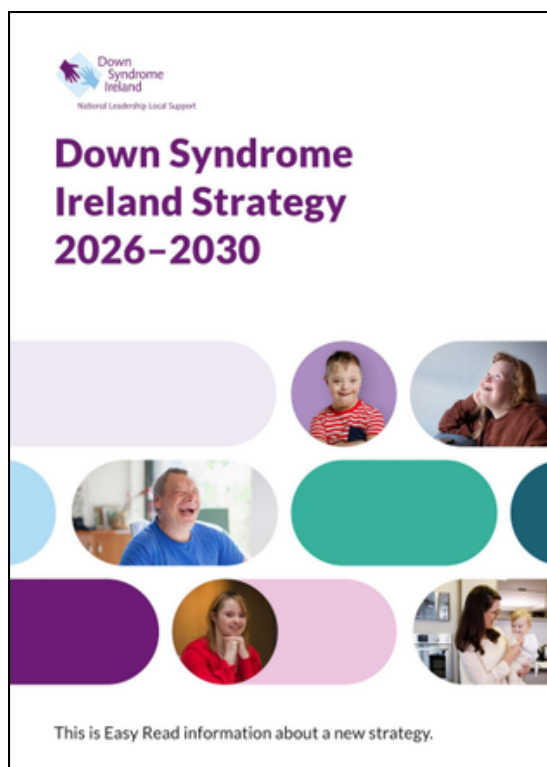
Down Syndrome Ireland can be called DSI.



DSI will tell the Government **7 things** to make the Disability Act better.



The DSI Unity Strategy will help DSI do this.



The DSI strategy is called Unity 2026–2030.

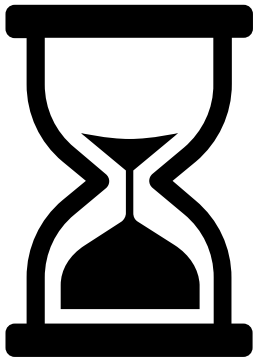
You can find out about the strategy here:

[Unity 2026-2030 Easy Read](#)

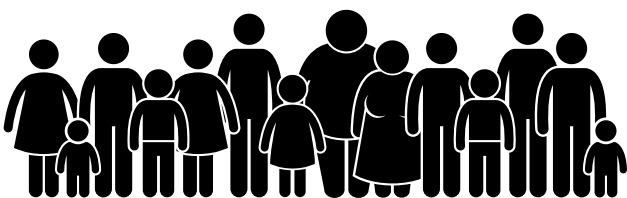
1. SERVICES



People with Down syndrome do not all get the services they need.

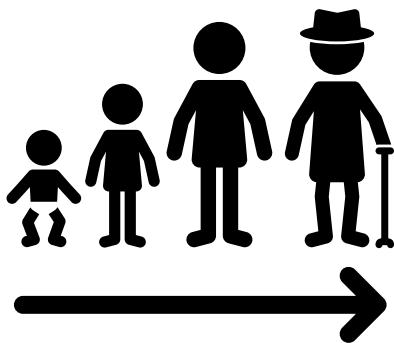


You should not have to wait for services.



DSI is telling the Government that all people with Down syndrome should get the services they need.

2. SUPPORT ALL THROUGH LIFE



Babies, children, teenagers and adults often need different services.



A baby might need services to help them sit or walk.

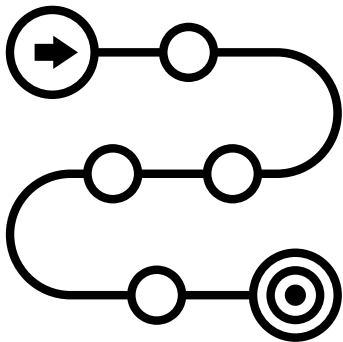


An adult might need services to help them live independently.

2. SUPPORT ALL THROUGH LIFE



DSI is telling the Government that you should get the services you need all your life.

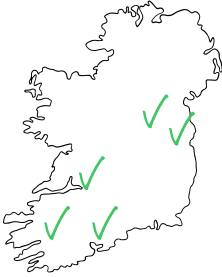


The Government should have a plan for services to work together.

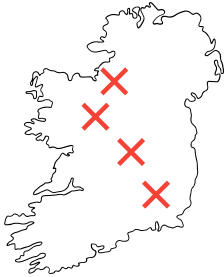


You should only have to share your information once.

3. SERVICES AROUND IRELAND



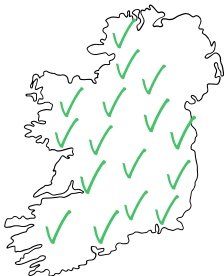
Some places in Ireland have good services.



Some places in Ireland do not have enough services.



In some places in Ireland, people have to wait a long time for services.

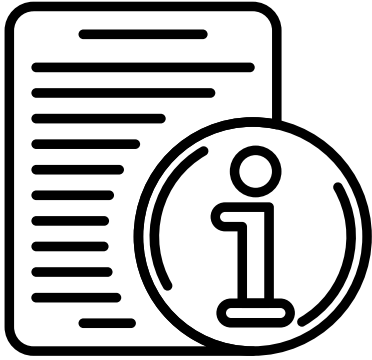


DSI is telling the Government that all places in Ireland should have enough good services.



The Government should tell everyone about services.

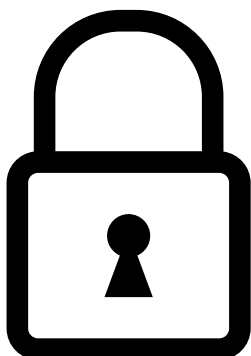
4. INFORMATION ABOUT SUPPORT NEEDS



There is not enough important information about people with Down syndrome in Ireland.

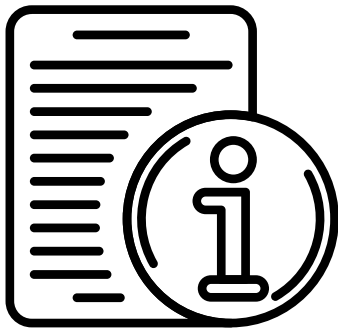


This important information will help services work better.

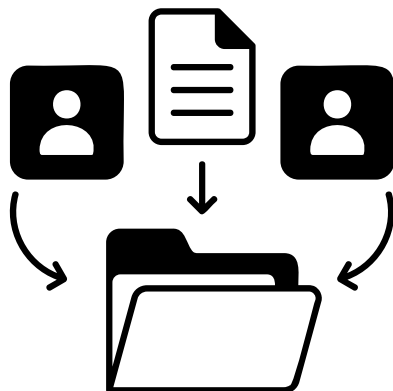


Some personal information should be private.

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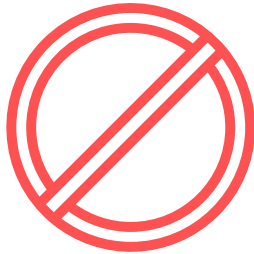


People with Down syndrome should not have to give all their information out every time they need a new service.



DSI is telling the Government to get important information about people with disabilities.

5. ACCESSIBLE SERVICES



Some services are not accessible.

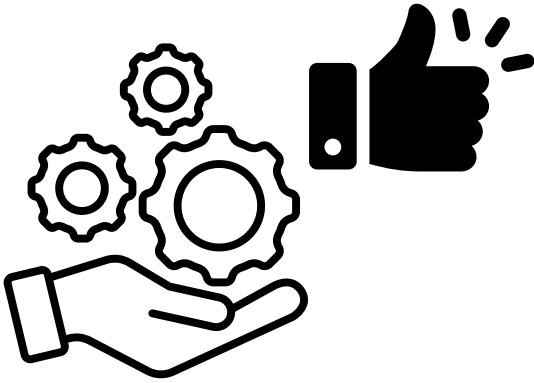


Accessible means that something is easy to understand or use.

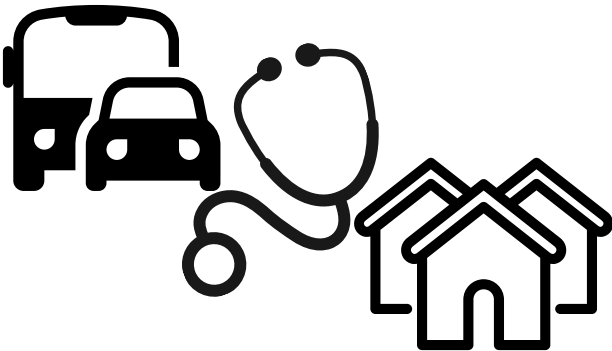


Some information can be difficult for people with Down syndrome to read, hear and understand.

5. ACCESSIBLE SERVICES



DSI is telling the Government that all services and information should be accessible.



This is very important for things like transport, healthcare, housing and public services.

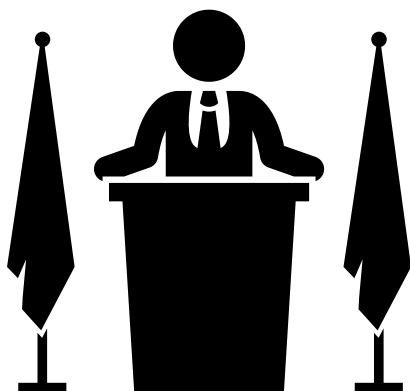
6. WHEN THE SERVICES ARE NOT AVAILABLE



Families often have to ask for services lots of times.

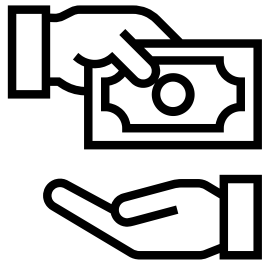


Sometimes, families have to complain about having no services.



DSI is telling the Government that it is the Government's job to fix this problem.

7. FUNDING AND PLANNING



Funding means paying for things.



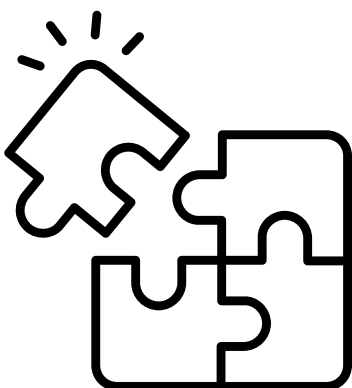
Services need funding so that services can work well.



DSI is telling the Government to give more funding to services.



The Government should make sure there is enough funding for services.



DSI is telling the Government to have a plan to fix the problems in services.