



2008 Membership Survey

Overview

Between September 1 and October 15, 2008 the Down Syndrome Partnership of Tarrant County conducted a comprehensive membership survey and needs assessment. Members were offered a chance to win one of two \$50 Target gift cards for completing the survey. Survey responses were anonymous. The survey was advertised on the DSPTC website, the Yahoo! Group, in the newsletter and via e-mail blasts. In all, 144 DSPTC members completed the survey – 142 online and two via mail. Typewritten responses are not included in this summary, but available with the full summary at www.dsptc.org.

Summary of Selected Responses

When you think of the Down Syndrome Partnership of Tarrant County, what type of organization FIRST comes to mind?

Support	73%
Social	13%
Educational	11%
Service	1%
Other	2%

How long have you been a member of the Down Syndrome Partnership of Tarrant County (DSPTC)?

< 1 year	13%
1-3 years	25%
3-5 years	19%
5+ years	42%

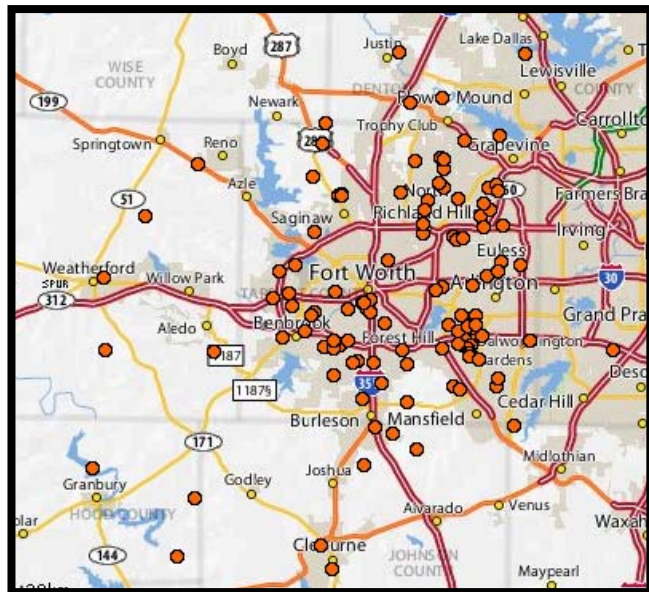
If you have a child with Down syndrome, what is his or her age?

0-3	19%
3-5	17%
5-12	41%
13-18	12%
18-25	9%
25 or older	1%
N/A	1%

Do you believe DSPTC helps meet the needs of those with Down syndrome?

Yes	97%
No	3%

Distribution of respondents throughout North Texas



How did you initially hear about the DSPTC?

Hospital	18%
Pediatrician	5%
Primary Care Dr.	1%
Other Provider	12%
Found it online	13%
Someone gave me a card	6%
Friend/Relative	23%
Other	22%

How do you usually access information about the DSPTC or its upcoming events or activities?

Website	10%
Yahoo! Group	36%
Newsletter	52%
Other	1%

Please rate the QUALITY of the DSPTC services you use or access:					
	Very High	High	Low	Very Low	N/A
Website	36%	39%	6%	2%	17%
Yahoo! Group	36%	27%	2%	1%	34%
Newsletter	59%	34%	4%	1%	1%
Library	4%	10%	6%	4%	76%
New Parent Packets	25%	18%	4%	1%	52%
Educational Activities	28%	40%	5%	1%	26%
Mom's Night Out	18%	22%	5%	1%	55%
Playgroups	8%	13%	7%	5%	68%
Teen Activities	5%	5%	3%	2%	84%
Dad's Activities	2%	6%	7%	3%	81%
Annual Swim Party	39%	15%	0%	2%	44%
Annual Holiday Party	38%	19%	3%	1%	39%
Annual Spring Dance	17%	12%	2%	2%	68%

Please rate your interest in attending one or more of these educational workshops on the following topics if planned or co-sponsored by DSPTC: (Note: topics followed by an asterisk had 70% or greater "Very High" or "High" interest)					
	Very High	High	Low	Very Low	
School related issues: PPCD	24%	23%	16%	37%	
School related issues: LRE	28%	29%	19%	24%	
School related issues: IEP/ARD	37%	32%	13%	18%	
School related issues: Transition	40%	27%	15%	19%	
School related issues: Placement	36%	33%	13%	18%	
School related issues: TAKS/alt TAKS	28%	26%	21%	25%	
Academics: Reading*	55%	29%	8%	8%	
Academics: Math*	53%	28%	10%	9%	
Academics: Writing*	53%	29%	9%	9%	
Therapeutic: Speech*	65%	21%	9%	5%	
Therapeutic: Oral Motor*	56%	23%	11%	10%	
Therapeutic: Physical Therapy	38%	31%	17%	15%	
Therapeutic: Occupational Therapy*	46%	30%	12%	12%	
Medical: Vision	27%	32%	20%	20%	
Medical: Hearing	27%	33%	21%	20%	
Medical: Digestive or liver/GI	20%	23%	30%	26%	
Medical: Nutrition	40%	28%	17%	14%	
Medical: Cardiac/Heart	21%	27%	31%	21%	
Medical: Bones, joints, muscles	30%	26%	25%	19%	
Medical: Respiratory/Breathing	25%	21%	33%	21%	
Medical: Allergies/Sinuses	34%	31%	20%	15%	
Medical: Cancer/Oncology	14%	19%	40%	27%	
Medical: Neurology	22%	23%	33%	23%	
Other: Social skills*	54%	37%	7%	1%	
Other: Behavioral issues*	51%	31%	12%	7%	
Other: Potty training	41%	19%	14%	26%	
Other: Financial Planning*	52%	29%	10%	8%	

How would you rate the knowledge about the special needs associated with DS held by the average:

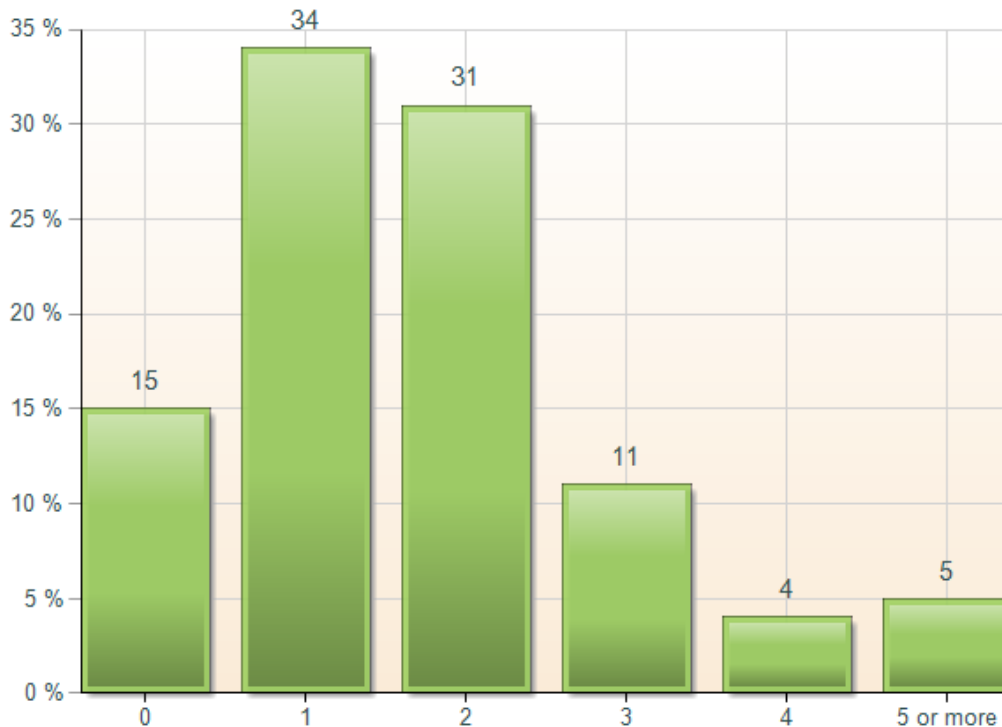
	Very High	Average	Below Average	Very Low	I Don't Know
Pediatrician	28%	45%	18%	6%	4%
Family Medicine Physician	9%	29%	28%	12%	22%
Nurse	12%	38%	31%	11%	8%
Dentist	17%	38%	22%	9%	13%
Pharmacist	4%	23%	28%	16%	30%
School Teacher	20%	26%	21%	16%	17%

Tell us what you would like DSPTC to focus more or less on in the future.

	Focus Much More	Focus A Little More	Fine Right Now	Focus A Little Less	Focus Much Less
Social Activities	12%	26%	57%	2%	1%
Professional Educational Activities	23%	34%	42%	1%	0%
Parent Educational Activities	28%	42%	30%	0%	0%
Advocacy/Awareness	36%	37%	26%	2%	0%
Product or Service Review/Recommendation	12%	44%	36%	3%	4%






Interesting Fact:

How many siblings does your child with DS have?





The full survey report, including typewritten responses, is available at <http://www.dsptc.org>.





1. When you think of the Down Syndrome Partnership of Tarrant County, what type of organization FIRST comes to mind?

Support		105	73%
Social		19	13%
Educational		16	11%
Service		1	1%
Other, please specify		3	2%
Total		144	100%








2. Where do you live?

Within Tarrant County, Texas		112	79%
Outside of Tarrant County, Texas		30	21%
Total		142	100%



4. How long have you been a member of the Down Syndrome Partnership of Tarrant County (DSPTC)?

Less than a year		19	13%
1-3 years		36	25%
3-5 years		28	19%
5+ years		61	42%
Total		144	100%

5. If you have a child with Down syndrome, what is his or her age?

0-3		28	19%
3-5		24	17%
5-12		59	41%
13-18		17	12%
18-25		13	9%
25 or older		2	1%
Not Applicable		1	1%
Total		144	100%

6. Do you believe DSPTC helps meet the needs of those with Down syndrome?



Yes		138	97%
No		4	3%
Total		142	100%

7. If your child with DS attends public school in Tarrant County, please tell us which school district:

Aledo ISD		0	0%
Arlington ISD		17	13%
Azle ISD		0	0%
Birdville ISD		4	3%
Burleson ISD		6	5%
Carroll ISD		4	3%
Castleberry ISD		0	0%
Crowley ISD		3	2%
Eagle Saginaw ISD		3	2%
Everman ISD		1	1%
Fort Worth ISD		13	10%
Godley ISD		0	0%
Grapevine-Colleyville ISD		5	4%
Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD		4	3%
Keller ISD		2	2%
Kennedale ISD		0	0%
Lake Worth ISD		0	0%
Mansfield ISD		4	3%
Northwest ISD		5	4%
White Settlement ISD		1	1%
Not Applicable		38	29%
Other, please specify		19	15%
	Total	129	100%

8. How did you initially hear about the DSPTC?

Hospital		26	18%
Pediatrician		7	5%
Primary Care Physician		1	1%
Other Healthcare provider		17	12%
Found it on the Internet		19	13%
Someone gave me an information card		9	6%
A Friend or Relative		32	23%

told me			
Other, please specify		31	22%
Total		142	100%





9. How do you usually access information about the DSPTC or its upcoming events or activities?

Website		15	10%
Yahoo! Group		51	36%
Newsletter		75	52%
Other, please specify		2	1%
Total		143	100%

10. Please rate the QUALITY of the DSPTC services you use or access:

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Very High	High	Low	Very Low	N/A
Website	49 36%	52 39%	8 6%	3 2%	23 17%
Yahoo! Group	47 36%	36 27%	3 2%	1 1%	44 34%
Newsletter	83 59%	48 34%	6 4%	2 1%	2 1%
Library	5 4%	13 10%	8 6%	5 4%	98 76%
New Parent Packets	33 25%	24 18%	5 4%	1 1%	68 52%
Educational Activities	37 28%	52 40%	7 5%	1 1%	34 26%
Mom's Night Out	24 18%	29 22%	6 5%	1 1%	73 55%
Playgroups	11 8%	17 13%	9 7%	6 5%	90 68%
Teen Activities	7 5%	7 5%	4 3%	3 2%	108 84%
Dad's Activities	3 2%	8 6%	9 7%	4 3%	105 81%
Annual Swim Party	53 39%	20 15%	0 0%	3 2%	60 44%
Annual Holiday Party	51 38%	25 19%	4 3%	2 1%	53 39%
Annual Spring Dance	22 17%	16 12%	2 2%	2 2%	89 68%

11 | How do you receive/access the DSPTC Newsletter?

Mail		46	32%
E-mail		92	64%
Website		5	3%
I Don't		1	1%
Total		144	100%

14.

Please rate your interest in attending one or more of these educational workshops on the following topics if planned or co-sponsored by DSPTC:

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School related issues: PPCD	29 24%	28 23%	20 16%	46 37%
School related issues: LRE	34 28%	36 29%	23 19%	30 24%
School related issues: IEP/ARD	48 37%	41 32%	17 13%	24 18%
School related issues: Transition	51 40%	34 27%	19 15%	24 19%
School related issues: Placement	46 36%	42 33%	16 13%	23 18%
School related issues: TAKS/alt TAKS	34 28%	32 26%	25 21%	30 25%
Academics: Reading	72 55%	38 29%	11 8%	11 8%
Academics: Math	69 53%	37 28%	13 10%	12 9%
Academics: Writing	69 53%	37 29%	11 9%	12 9%
Therapeutic: Speech	86 65%	28 21%	12 9%	7 5%
Therapeutic: Oral Motor	74 56%	31 23%	14 11%	13 10%
Therapeutic: Physical Therapy	47 38%	38 31%	21 17%	18 15%
Therapeutic: Occupational Therapy	60 46%	39 30%	15 12%	16 12%
Medical: Vision	33 27%	39 32%	25 20%	25 20%
Medical: Hearing	33 27%	40 33%	26 21%	24 20%
Medical: Digestive or liver/GI	25 20%	28 23%	37 30%	32 26%
Medical: Nutrition	51 40%	36 28%	22 17%	18 14%

Medical: Cardiac/Heart	26 21%	33 27%	39 31%	26 21%
Medical: Musculoskeletal/Bones, joints, muscles	37 30%	33 26%	31 25%	24 19%
Medical: Respiratory/Breathing	31 25%	26 21%	41 33%	26 21%
Medical: Allergies/Sinuses	43 34%	39 31%	25 20%	19 15%
Medical: Cancer/Oncology	17 14%	24 19%	49 40%	34 27%
Medical: Neurology	27 22%	28 23%	41 33%	28 23%
Other: Social skills	73 54%	49 37%	10 7%	2 1%
Other: Behavioral issues	66 51%	40 31%	15 12%	9 7%
Other: Potty training	51 41%	24 19%	18 14%	32 26%
Other: Financial Planning	68 52%	38 29%	13 10%	11 8%

16. If you did not attend any of the family socials in the last year, what were the main reasons (check all that apply)?

Not particularly our cup of tea		12	11%
Location was inconvenient		20	19%
Scheduling conflicts		63	59%
Bad experience at previous social		1	1%
Don't feel they relate to our child's age group		12	11%
Other, please specify		26	25%

17. The DSPTC's first Family Dance was held in March 2008. If you attended the Family Dance, please answer the following questions. If you DID NOT attend, please skip to the next page:

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Very Good	Good	OK	Poor
Date	10 48%	10 48%	1 5%	0 0%
Time of day	11 52%	10 48%	0 0%	0 0%
Length of dance	10 48%	8 38%	3 14%	0 0%

Location in Tarrant County	10 50%	7 35%	3 15%	0 0%
Venue	10 48%	8 38%	3 14%	0 0%
Food provided	11 52%	4 19%	5 24%	1 5%
Activities	9 43%	8 38%	4 19%	0 0%
Advertising/Notices	11 55%	8 40%	1 5%	0 0%
Music Variety	10 48%	7 33%	3 14%	1 5%
Decorations	10 48%	7 33%	4 19%	0 0%

24. How would you rate the knowledge about the special needs associated with DS held by the average:

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Pediatrician	39 28%	63 45%	25 18%	8 6%	5 4%
Family Medicine Physician	13 9%	41 29%	39 28%	17 12%	31 22%
Nurse	17 12%	54 38%	44 31%	16 11%	11 8%
Dentist	25 17%	54 38%	32 22%	13 9%	19 13%
Pharmacist	5 4%	32 23%	40 28%	22 16%	42 30%
School Teacher	28 20%	37 26%	30 21%	22 16%	24 17%

28. Earlier you told us the type of organization you thought DSPTC was currently. Now, using the scale below, tell us what you would like DSPTC to focus more or less on in the future.

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Focus Much More	Focus A Little More	Fine Right Now	Focus A Little Less	Focus Much Less
Social Activities	17 12%	36 26%	78 57%	3 2%	2 1%
Professional Educational Activities	31 23%	45 34%	55 42%	1 1%	0 0%
Parent Educational Activities	39 28%	57 42%	41 30%	0 0%	0 0%
Advocacy/Awareness	47 36%	49 37%	34 26%	2 2%	0 0%