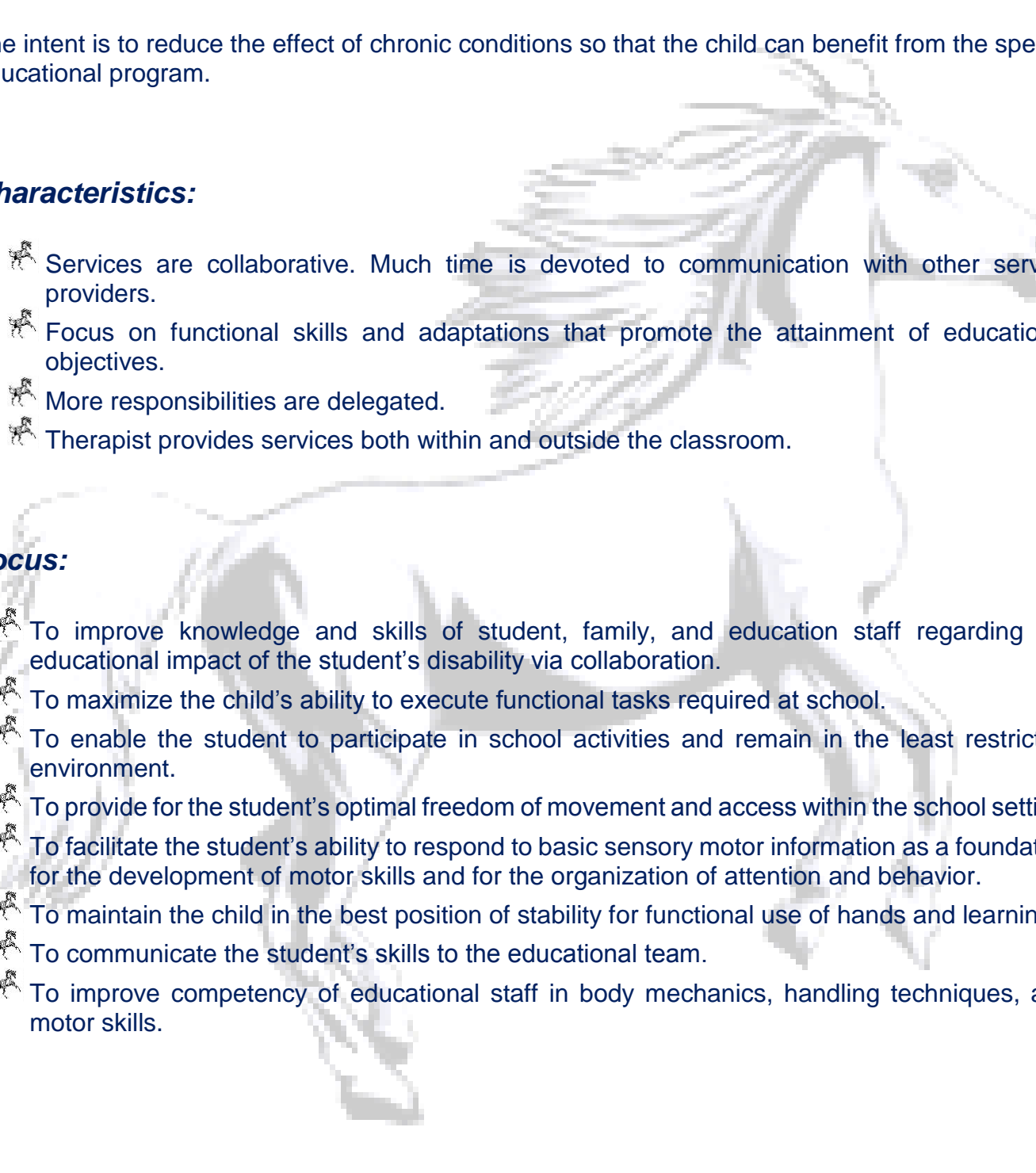






What is the Intent of Educational Occupational & Physical Therapy?









Educational goals are primary.

The intent is to reduce the effect of chronic conditions so that the child can benefit from the special educational program.

Characteristics:

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-  Services are collaborative. Much time is devoted to communication with other service providers.
 -  Focus on functional skills and adaptations that promote the attainment of educational objectives.
 -  More responsibilities are delegated.
 -  Therapist provides services both within and outside the classroom.

Focus:

-  To improve knowledge and skills of student, family, and education staff regarding the educational impact of the student's disability via collaboration.
-  To maximize the child's ability to execute functional tasks required at school.
-  To enable the student to participate in school activities and remain in the least restrictive environment.
-  To provide for the student's optimal freedom of movement and access within the school setting.
-  To facilitate the student's ability to respond to basic sensory motor information as a foundation for the development of motor skills and for the organization of attention and behavior.
-  To maintain the child in the best position of stability for functional use of hands and learning.
-  To communicate the student's skills to the educational team.
-  To improve competency of educational staff in body mechanics, handling techniques, and motor skills.