



ON-SITE PRE-SCHOOL REHABILITATION SERVICES (OPRS) School Success for all Children



Introduction

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched a two-year Pilot Scheme on On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (Pilot Scheme) through the Lotteries Fund in the fourth quarter of 2015, to enable children with special needs to access the necessary training early in the prime training period. Under the Pilot Scheme, multi-disciplinary service teams from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) offer on-site services to participating kindergartens (KGs)/ kindergarten-cum-child care centres (KG-cum-CCCs):

- To provide early intervention to children who are on the waiting list for SWD subvented pre-school rehabilitation services;
- To provide professional advice for kindergarten teachers to assist them in working with children with special needs; and
- To render support to the parents/carers on fostering positive attitude and providing effective skills in raising their children with special needs.

As of October, 2018, the Government has decided to regularize the Pilot Scheme as a subvented preschool rehabilitation service, due to notable preliminary results. Watchdog, as one of the NGOs participating in the Pilot Scheme, continues to receive funding from the SWD to provide OPRS to our participating

kindergartens upon its regularization in October, 2018.



Target Service Users

- Children attending the participating KGs who are on the waiting list for SWD-subvented pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS Service); and
- Teachers/ child care workers and parents/carers of the children.



Eligibility

Children on the waitlist for SWD-subvented pre-school rehabilitation services (CRSRehab). A maximum 10% of the total number of children served can be on the waitlist for CAC assessment.



Our Team

Our project team provides outreaching services to the participating KGs/KG-cum-CCCs that the child is currently attending. Our multidisciplinary team includes Speech Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Clinical/ Educational Psychologists, Special Needs Teachers and Social Worker.



How to Apply

Parents/carers can apply through Integrated Family Service Centre (IFSC)/Child Assessment Centre (CAC)/ private practitioners' clinics. Referrals are made to the CRSRehab system under the SWD.

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About Watchdog:

Founded in 1983, Watchdog is an early education centre providing intensive and well-rounded early intervention and therapy programmes for English and Cantonese speaking children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) aged from new born to six years, helping them to achieve their full potential as early as possible. The children supported have a wide spectrum of challenges including speech delay, Autistic Spectrum Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, Down syndrome, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Watchdog offers psychological assessment, specialist teaching both on an individual basis or small group setting, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, and Music Therapy. It now operates three centers, one in Central and the other two in Jordan and Lai Chi Kok serving over 550 children annually.



Service Fee

Free of charge
(Fees covered by the SWD)



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Lai Chi Kok Centre

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Scope of Service

For children with special needs:

Onsite Individual/ group training which may include the followings:

- Speech therapy
- Special Needs Teacher training
- Occupational therapy
- Physiotherapy

Onsite classroom observations; and
Centre-based training within Watchdog centers equipped with specialist facilities.

For kindergarten teachers:

On-site and telephone professional consultation, strategies demonstration, talks/ workshops/ seminars

For parents/carers:

Talks/ workshops/ seminars on knowledge and skills in raising children with special education needs.



Termination of Service

- Voluntary withdrawal from service
- Age of 6 and above on the 1st of September
- Admission to the primary school
- No longer attending connected KGs/ KG-cum-CCCs
- Admission to other CRSRehab services
- No service needs as assessed by OPRS team



Enquiry

Please contact the SENCO/teacher within the kindergarten

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