



ASHRAY-AKRUTI

Break the Walls of Silence

(A voluntary Organisation working for Ear, Hearing Care and Persons with Disabilities since 1996)

Proposal Seeking Support to provide Early Intervention Program & Mid-day Meal for young Children with Hearing Loss

2020-21



Executive Summary

Ashray Akruti started Early Intervention program in the year 2015, at present providing Intervention service to 45 children with hearing impairment. The project main aim is to provide Early intervention services to children aged between 0 - 5 years, who are diagnosed with hearing loss mainly focussing on development of their Auditory, Speech, language skills and communication skills for inclusion in mainstream setup. This project helps to the reach of early intervention services among a large group of poor and lower middle class sections of society. The process involves individually planned intervention program and regular evaluation, adaptive materials, accessible settings to help students achieve a higher level of self-sufficiency and success.

Research on brain development indicates that the critical time for learning language is from birth to three years of age. Early Intervention program aims to provide access to a learning environment by supporting and training both the child with hearing impairment and parents thereby equipping the child with receptive and expressive language. Without early identification of hearing loss and subsequent intervention, children are at risk of missing the opportunity for communication and socialization development during early life.

It is estimated that two in every 1,000 children born in India are deaf. In the states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, the estimated figures are six out of every 1,000 children are born with profound deafness which means it is three times the national average and six times the global average. India has one of the highest deaf populations in the world with approximately 6% of the population suffering some kind of hearing loss.

Through the states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh have a large number of children with hearing loss; facilities for these children are really scarce. Responding to the needs for early intervention services for children with hearing loss in the community,

The centre provides early intervention services for children from the age of six months to 5 years. Our special educators and speech therapists provide individual intervention services to the children below 3 years and above 3 years has made homogenous group of 3 to 4 students in each group. Parents who are partaker are encouraged to participate and observe their child's sessions with the therapist and the special educators. This enables the parents to observe strategies, gain information about the language objectives, and reinforce the same at home.

Early Intervention program focus on

- Activity based language Stimulation to develop Speech and language.
- Individual and Group therapy sessions.
- Development of Auditory Skills
- Development of Receptive and Expressive language.
- Development Reading and writing skills
- Cognitive Development
- Social Development

Early intervention services include

- family training, counseling
- special instruction
- speech-language pathology services
- Audiology services
- early identification, screening, and assessment services;
- assistive technology

Project Area:

Hyderabad, Telangana

Number of Beneficiaries

20 Children with Hearing Loss

Goal of the Project

To develop speech and language among children with hearing loss and mainstream them into formal schools

Project Objectives

- To provide suitable amplification
- To develop Auditory skills among hearing impaired babies
- To develop Speech-language skills among hearing impaired babies
- To provide family support and education
- To identify and refer children for Cochlear Implant
- To mainstream children with hearing impairment into formal schools

Scope of the Project

The facility is available to children identified with hearing loss from underprivileged sections of the society. A detailed understanding of the child and family is done prior to any therapy being initiated. An individualized early intervention plan is identified and developed keeping in view of the child and the family.

Services at the centre Include

Provide appropriate hearing devices



The first step towards intervention program is to provide suitable hearing aid for child who is diagnosed with hearing loss. Ashray Akruti's early intervention service provides quality hearing aids after a detailed evaluation by our qualified Audiologists. Ashray Akruti has a full-fledged hearing clinic facilitate services such as OAE, BERA, Pure Tone Audiometry are available.

Families has counselled regarding the need for audiologist follow-up to monitor the function, use, and appropriateness of amplification.

Auditory Skills Development



Young children who are deaf or hard of hearing need to learn to use their amplified residual hearing with the help of a hearing aid to gain meaning from the world of sound. The auditory program focuses on the development of the hierarchy of listening skills among children.

Our qualified Audiologists work with the children to develop listening skills among them.

Speech and Language Development



Hearing loss affects child's development of speech and language skills. When a child has difficulty hearing, the areas of the brain used for communication may not develop appropriately. This makes understanding and talking very difficult. When hearing loss is identified early and managed appropriately, the child can become an effective communicator. This process involves caregivers and professionals working together.

Our qualified speech and language therapists help children to develop speech and language. The training is imparted through different activities, storytelling and guided play. The professionals work along with parents to improve children's receptive and expressive language. Every child is provided one on one session to develop speech and language.

"Healthy Mind in Healthy Body" - Mid Day Meal:



Majority of the children who avail the facilities at the Early Intervention centre come from underprivileged backgrounds providing them a Midday meal along with a snack during the interval shall help the children to progress better providing nutrition's hot meal for the children will help children in the physical and mental growth.

Family Support and Counselling Services

Group meetings are held for parents on a regular basis on variety of subjects. The sessions for the parents include

- Management of hearing aids and other assistive devices
- Management of children with Disability
- Awareness on Cochlear Implantation
- How to access government schemes and benefits for persons with disability

Project Team

- Audiologist
- Speech Therapist
- Special Educator
- Project Coordinator
- Support Staff

Consultant Specialist:

- ENT Doctor
- Pediatrician

Measurable Outcomes:

- 20 children with hearing loss fitted with amplification
- 20 children with hearing loss with improved listening skills
- 20 children with hearing loss with improved speech and language skills
- 20 children with hearing loss will have mid-day meal
- 20 children's parents were counseled and educated.

Success Storie:

K. Hasini



K. Hasini is the daughter of Mr. Sudhakar Reddy and Ms. Madhupriya. Her father works as a farmer in Anaparthi, East Godavari, and mother is a homemaker. Parents were disappointed

when she was diagnosed with hearing loss at the age of 2 years. They have shifted to the Hyderabad from their village but were unable to go further because their poor financial condition which did not allow them to afford the expensive medical treatment. After desperately looking for low cost alternatives, one of their relatives suggested Ashray Akruti. At that point of time the child was neither unable speak nor hear anything., In the year 2018, parents approached Ashray Akruti, the organization provided appropriate hearing aids for free of cost and the child was joined in child Early Intervention Centre (EIC) at SR Nagar center. She has undergone Early childhood special education and therapy from trained faculty. Now she is able to comprehend and express simple sentences so the child is ready to be intergraded in normal school.

Support Sought towards Early Intervention Center

We urge "Asha Danbury" to be kindly consider the need for the children this year along with the previous support.

Ashray Akruti-Early Intervention Centre Hyderabad Budget- Financial Year-2020-2021

S.No	Particulars	Cost per month(in INR)	Months	Total amount(in INR)
1	Special Educators (Part Salary for 3 Teachers)	12000*3	12	3,60,000
2	Care taker 2	5000*2	12	1,20,000
3	Rent for the building	8000	12	90,000
	Total Cost			5,76,000

Awards:

Bagged State Award for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities 2017



Ashray Akruti as the Best NGO in Hyderabad



Ashray Akruti was awarded the 'Best NGO in Hyderabad' by Government of Telangana on the occasion of Telangana Formation Day Celebration on June 1st 2016. Mr. D.P.K Babu, Director, Ashray Akruti received certificate of recognition from Sri. Naini Narasimha Reddy, Minister for Home, Government of Telangana and Mr. Rahul Bojja IAS Collector and District Magistrate, Hyderabad.



Ashray Akruti is Member of the world-hearing forum, which is recognized by World Health Organization (WHO) for the period 2019-2021

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