

Proposal for Early Intervention Services for Children with Hearing Impairments

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1. Executive Summary:

Ashray Akruti proposes to implement an **Early Intervention Project** at its **SR Nagar Centre, Hyderabad**, to support children aged **0–3 years** with hearing loss from economically disadvantaged and marginalized families across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The first three years of life are critical for brain, speech, and language development, making early identification and timely intervention essential for achieving optimal communication and developmental outcomes. The project will provide comprehensive services, including hearing screening and assessment, provision of hearing aids (where required), Auditory Verbal Therapy, speech and language therapy, parent counselling and regular developmental monitoring through a family-centred approach.

Children with hearing loss from low-income communities often face delayed diagnosis, limited access to specialized rehabilitation services, and financial barriers that affect their communication, education, and social inclusion. This project aims to bridge these gaps by ensuring that children receive individualized intervention from a multidisciplinary team while empowering parents with the knowledge and skills to continue therapy at home. Through regular therapy sessions, caregiver training, and continuous follow-up, the project seeks to improve listening, speech, language, cognitive, and social development during the most crucial years of a child's life.

With a total project budget of **INR. 11,25,000**, the project aims to directly benefit young children with hearing loss and their families over a 12-month period. The expected outcomes include improved auditory and speech-language skills, increased parent participation in the rehabilitation process, and enhanced school readiness for children transitioning into preschool and mainstream education. By investing in early intervention, donors will help transform the lives of vulnerable children, enabling them to communicate confidently, learn effectively, and participate fully in society while promoting long-term inclusion and equal opportunities.

2. Need of the Project:

Present Hearing Impairment Status in India:

Hearing impairment remains a major public health concern in India, affecting over 63 million people, or approximately 6.3% of the population, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). Among children, an estimated 2–3 out of every 1,000 newborns are born with congenital hearing loss, while the prevalence in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh is nearly 6 per 1,000 live births, significantly higher than the national average. Many children, particularly those from economically disadvantaged and rural communities, face delayed diagnosis due to limited awareness, inadequate newborn hearing screening, financial constraints and poor access to specialized rehabilitation services. As a result, they miss the opportunity to receive timely intervention during the most crucial stage of development.

The first three years of a child's life are critical for brain development, listening, speech, language, and communication skills. Without early identification and appropriate intervention, children with hearing loss are at risk of delayed language acquisition, poor academic performance and reduced social participation. Ashray Akruti's Early Intervention Project addresses this need by providing comprehensive, family-centred services, including early hearing assessment, Auditory Verbal Therapy, speech and language therapy, parent counselling, and developmental monitoring. Through timely intervention and active family involvement, the project aims to help children achieve age

appropriate communication skills, improve school readiness and successfully integrate into mainstream education and society.

3. Current Situation

Despite the high prevalence of hearing loss in Telangana access to quality early intervention services remains limited, particularly for children from economically disadvantaged families. Delayed diagnosis, lack of awareness, financial constraints, and limited availability of specialized rehabilitation services often result in missed opportunities during the critical early years of development. To address this gap, **Ashray Akruti** established its **Early Intervention Centre at SR Nagar, Hyderabad**, in **2015** to provide comprehensive, family centred services for children with hearing loss aged **6 months to 3 years**. The centre offers individualized



Auditory Verbal Therapy, speech and language therapy, developmental assessments, parent counselling, and regular progress monitoring, delivered by a multidisciplinary team. Through evidence based intervention and active family participation, the project helps children develop listening, speech and language skills, enabling them to achieve developmental milestones and prepare for successful inclusion in mainstream education.

Innovative Approach:

- **Individualized Family Centered Intervention:** Every child receives a personalized intervention plan based on comprehensive developmental and audiological assessments. A multidisciplinary team provides Auditory Verbal Therapy, speech and language therapy, developmental monitoring and individualized home programmes tailored to the child's unique needs and progress.
- **Parent Empowerment and Capacity Building:** Parents are active partners in the rehabilitation process. They participate in therapy sessions, receive regular counselling and hands on training and are equipped with practical strategies to reinforce listening, speech and language development in the children everyday environment.
- **Comprehensive Early Intervention Model:** The project integrates early identification, audiological support, developmental assessments, hearing technology guidance, regular progress monitoring and family counselling into a single continuum of care. This holistic approach ensures timely intervention and maximizes developmental outcomes during the critical first three years of life.
- **Accessible Services for Vulnerable Families:** The project prioritizes children from economically disadvantaged and underserved communities by providing affordable, high-quality rehabilitation services, reducing barriers related to cost, distance and limited awareness and promoting equitable access to early intervention.
- **Evidence Based Therapy and Continuous Monitoring:** Therapy sessions incorporate age-

appropriate, play-based and evidence based learning activities that strengthen listening, speech, language, cognitive and social skills. Children's progress is regularly monitored using standardized assessments and intervention plans are updated to ensure measurable developmental outcomes and successful transition to mainstream education.

Asha for Education made a difference in the community:

Since **2017**, **Asha for Education** has been a valued partner in supporting Ashray Akruti's **Early Intervention Programme**, enabling children with hearing loss from economically disadvantaged families to receive timely rehabilitation during their most critical years of development. With your generous support, **35 children** benefited from comprehensive services, including **Auditory Verbal Therapy, speech and language therapy, developmental assessments, and parent counselling**, resulting in improved listening, communication, and school readiness skills. On behalf of the children, their families and the Ashray Akruti team, we sincerely thank **Asha for Education** for its continued commitment to transforming young lives. We respectfully request your support once again to provide quality early intervention services to **35 children** during the upcoming project year, helping them build a strong foundation for lifelong learning, inclusion, and independence.

S. No.	Year	Support Received from Asha for Edu. (INR)
1	2017-2018	8,00,000
2	2018-2019	8,11,000
3	2019-2020	6,00,000
4	2020-2021	5,76,000
5	2021-2022	7,08,000
6	2022-2023	10,00,000
7	2023-2024	10,68,000
8	2024-2025	8,30,000
9	2025-2026	8,50,000



4. Project Area: Hyderabad, Telangana

5. Number of Beneficiaries: 35 Children with Hearing Impairments

6. Goal of the Project: To improve the listening, speech, language, communication, and overall developmental outcomes of children aged 0–3 years with hearing impairments through early identification, family centered intervention and evidence based rehabilitation, enabling them to achieve age appropriate milestones and successfully transition into mainstream education and society.

7. Project Objectives:

- **To identify and enroll** children aged **0–3 years** with hearing impairments at the earliest stage and provide timely early intervention services.
- **To improve listening, speech, language, and communication skills** through individualized **Auditory Verbal Therapy**, speech and language therapy, and evidence-based rehabilitation.

- **To empower parents and caregivers** through counselling, training, and home-based intervention strategies, enabling them to actively support their child's development.
- **To monitor each child's developmental progress** through regular assessments and individualized intervention plans, ensuring achievement of age-appropriate developmental milestones.
- **To prepare children for successful transition** into preschool and mainstream education by enhancing school readiness, communication abilities, and social participation.

8. Scope of the Project

The **Early Intervention Project** will provide comprehensive rehabilitation services to **35 children aged 0-3 years** with hearing impairments from economically disadvantaged families in **Hyderabad, Telangana, and nearby regions**. The project includes **early identification, hearing assessment, Auditory Verbal Therapy, speech and language therapy, parent counselling, developmental monitoring, and home based intervention**, delivered through a multidisciplinary team at the **Ashray Akruti SR Nagar Centre**. By actively involving parents and providing individualized, the project aims to improve children **listening, speech, language and communication skills**, preparing them for successful inclusion in preschool, mainstream education and society.

Services Offered:

The Early Intervention Project at Ashray Akruti SR Nagar Centre offers the following services for children with hearing impairments:

A. Provision of Hearing Devices

Ashray Akruti ensures that every child diagnosed with hearing loss receives an appropriate hearing device based on comprehensive audiological assessments. The centre provides hearing aid guidance, hearing aid fitting support, and referral services, along with advanced diagnostic evaluations such as **OAE, BERA, Impedance Audiometry, and Pure Tone Audiometry (PTA)**. Parents are counselled on the importance of consistent device usage, maintenance, and regular follow-up assessments to maximize the child's listening potential.

B. Auditory Skills Development

The project provides **Auditory Verbal Therapy** to help children develop listening skills through the effective use of hearing aids or cochlear implants. Individualized, evidence-based therapy enables children to progress from sound detection and discrimination to speech understanding, building a strong foundation for spoken language, communication, and learning.



C. Speech and Language Development

Personalized speech and language therapy sessions are conducted to improve children's receptive and expressive language, speech clarity, vocabulary, and communication skills. Age-appropriate, play-based activities are used to encourage language development, while parents are trained to reinforce communication strategies at home.

D. Family Support and Counselling

Families play a vital role in the child's rehabilitation journey. Ashray Akruti provides regular parent counselling, caregiver training, and support sessions on hearing technology, communication strategies, cochlear implants, disability rights, and government welfare schemes. This family-centred approach empowers parents to actively participate in their child's development and ensures better long-term outcomes.

9. Project Team:

- Center Head
- Audiologist
- ENT Doctor-Consultant
- Psychologist
- Speech Therapist
- Special Educator
- Support Staff



10. Measurable Outcomes:

- ❖ 35 children with hearing impairments will receive regular early intervention services during the project period.
- ❖ At least 80% of children will demonstrate measurable improvement in listening, speech, language, and communication skills based on standardized developmental assessments.
- ❖ 100% of parents will receive counselling and training, with at least 80% actively implementing home-based intervention strategies.
- ❖ Improved therapy attendance and hearing device usage, with children attending regular therapy sessions and consistently using hearing aids or cochlear implants as recommended.
- ❖ At least 70% of children will achieve age-appropriate developmental milestones and improved school readiness, enabling successful transition into preschool or mainstream education.

11. Donor Deliverables

Ashray Akruti will ensure timely reporting and transparent communication with Asha for Education throughout the project period. The following deliverables will be shared with the donor:

- ❖ Beneficiary Data and Case Studies, including developmental progress, therapy outcomes, and impact stories with photographs
- ❖ Financial Utilization Reports with detailed expenditure statements and supporting documents as per donor requirements.
- ❖ Final Narrative and Financial Report summarizing the overall project achievements, impact, lessons learned, and audited utilization (if required by the donor).

12. Budget:

Ashray Akruti-Early Intervention Centre Hyd., Budget- April 2026-March 2027					
S. No	Particulars	Cost per month - INR	Units	Months	Total amount INR
1	Special Educators Salary	25,000	3	12	9,00,000
2	Care taker	13,500	1	12	1,62,000
Monitoring / Administrative Cost (6 %)					63,000
Total Cost					11,25,000

13. Conclusion:

The Early Intervention Project provides timely, family-centred rehabilitation services to young children with hearing impairments during the most critical years of their development. Through early identification, Auditory Verbal Therapy, speech and language therapy, parent counselling and regular developmental monitoring, the project helps children develop age-appropriate listening, communication and language skills, laying a strong foundation for lifelong learning.

With the continued support of Asha for Education, Ashray Akruti aims to provide quality early intervention services to 35 children from economically disadvantaged families. This partnership will empower children to achieve their full potential, successfully transition into mainstream education, and lead independent, confident and inclusive lives.

14. About Ashray Akruti:

Ashray Akruti is a registered non-profit, non-religious organization; working since 1996, to improve the lives of people with disability and marginalized sections of society. The organization strongly believes in the potential of persons with disability and envisions a society where people with disability lead a life of dignity as equal citizens with equitable access to opportunities and services.

Responding to the need in the community for quality facilities for hearing impaired children, Ashray Akruti started its first special school in Hyderabad in the year 1996 with just five children. Today, the organization implements projects across health, education and skill development in the area of disability with a focus on hearing impairment.

Ashray Akruti has in-house expertise comprising of Development professionals, Special Educators Speech Therapist, Audiologist and dedicated Volunteers who can implement the projects with defined goals and measurable outcomes.

Ashray Akruti is an accredited organization certified by "Credibility Alliance" and GuideStar India and Crisil following norms of accountability, transparency and good governance. The organization is empanelled with the National CSR hub of Tata Institute of Social Sciences. The organization is also associated with Give India, CAF India, CAF America, Benevity and Goodera.

Vision

Empower people with disabilities and the underprivileged, through quality education, health care and sustainable livelihood.

Mission

To create institutional, non-institutional, and community-based interventions for people to become independent and self-reliant citizens of the country.

Core Values

- Empowerment
- Innovation
- Accountability and Transparency

Overview and various projects of the Organization

Ashray Akruti currently implements programs, across health, education, skill development, and relief services with a focus on hearing impairment.

15. Our projects at a Glance.



16. Legal & Statutory Compliance:

- 80G Registration
- 12A Registration
- CSR-1 Registration
- FCRA Registration
- Professional Tax
- ESI
- EPF

17. Affiliation:

- A.Y.J.N.I.H.H (SRC)
- Indian Institute of Public Health, Hyderabad
- Government Hospital, ENT Koti
- SVKM's NMIMS, Mumbai
- S. P. Jain Institute of Management and Research, Mumbai
- Symbiosis Institute of Business Management, Bengaluru
- Andhra Mahila Sabha
- ESI Hospital
- Helen Keller Institute
- University of Hyderabad

18. Accreditations & Awards

- ✚ The Best Institution' State award for its services in the disability sector. The award was presented by the Honorable Minister for Women Development, Disabled welfare and the Deputy Chief Minister, Govt. of Telangana on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 3rd December, 2017.
- ✚ Best NGO in the State Government of Telangana in December 2016
- ✚ Best NGO in the District of Hyderabad by Government of Telangana in June 2016
- ✚ Transparency award from GuideStar
- ✚ World Health Organization (WHO) Membership Certificate
- ✚ Member of the world Hearing forum from the period-2022-2024.
- ✚ The organization is also associated with Give India, CAF India, CAF America, Benevity, and Goodera.
- ✚ Awarded the Best NGO/Best Institution award by the Disabled Welfare Department, Government of Telangana, on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.
- ✚ Felicitated by the Honorable Governor of Telangana, **Shri Jishnu Dev Varma**, at Raj Bhavan in recognition of her services.

Awards and recognitions:



India Elite Education & Institutional Excellence Award 2025



Received Validated Organization certificate by CAF International (Charities Aid Foundation)



World Telugu Federation Jan 2025



Best NGO in the State Government of Telangana in December 2024



Member of the World Hearing Forum, recognized by World Health Organization (WHO) for the period 2022-2024



Received T-SIG COVID19 Warriors recognition Certificate from Telangana State Government



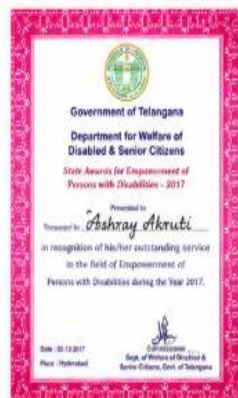
Telangana Best NGO CSR Leadership Award 2024



Best NGO in the State Government of Telangana in December 2024



Best NGO in the State Government of Telangana in December 2017



Best NGO in the State Government of Telangana in December 2016



19. FCRA Account Details:

Beneficiary Name: Ashray Akruti

Beneficiary Address: : H. No 8-3-1028/2, Lane, Srinagar Colony Main Rd, opp. Indian Bank, Hyderabad, Telangana 500073

Pin code: - 500073

Bank Name: STATE BANK OF INDIA

Account Number: 40070204775

IFSC: SBIN0000691

Swift Code: SBININBB104

Bank Branch: New Delhi Main Branch, FCRA Cell, 4th Floor, State Bank of India, New Delhi Main Branch 11, Parliament Street, Sansad Marg, New Delhi - 110001 (Branch Code-00691).

20. Fact Sheet

Name of the Chief Executive: D.P.K. BABU, Secretary and Director

Address: 8-3-1027/A2, Srinagar Colony, Lane opposite Indian Bank

City: Hyderabad 500 073

State: Telangana

Country: India

Telephone: +91 40 40042250 (Office)

Mobile: +91-9391021278

Website: www.ashrayakruti.org

21. Registration Information:

Type of registration: Society

Registration number: 5489/96

Income Tax: 80G

Date of registration: October 24th, 1996

FCRA No.: 010230590