



## Proposal on Early Intervention for Children with Special Needs in Association with Asha for Education – June 2023- May 2024



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## 1. Executive Summary

The project aims to provide early intervention services to children aged 0 - 3 years, diagnosed with hearing loss mainly focusing on developing their communication and language skills and mainstreaming them. The project aims to improve the reach of early intervention services among a large group of poor and lower middle class sections of society.

Research on brain development indicates that the critical time for learning language is from birth to three years of age. 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.

Though 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, Ashray Akruti started the facility in the year 2015.

The center provides early intervention services for children from the age of six months. Our special educators and speech therapists provide individual attention to every child to develop speech and language among them. Parents form an integral part of their children's development process. The children participate in specially planned activities, which aim to develop attention, listening and speech skills among them.

Parents are encouraged to participate and observe their child's sessions with the therapist and the educators. This enables the parents to observe strategies, gain information about the language objectives, and reinforce the same at home.

The center also supports parents with information sessions, which cover topics such as audiograms and hearing loss, management of hearing aids, listening and language development.

### **Asha for Education made a difference in the community**

Asha for Education came forward to support the Early Intervention program from 2017 onwards and has been propelling Ashray Akruti team in moving forward, thereby impacting the lives of the Children with Special needs from marginalized community. Your backing has enabled us serve these children to get mainstreamed in the schools across.

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

## 2. Project Area

Hyderabad, Telangana

## 3. Number of Beneficiaries

35 Children with Hearing Loss

## 4. Goal of the Project

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

## 5. Project Objectives

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

## 6. 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 center Include

- **Provide appropriate hearing devices**

The first step towards intervention program is to provide suitable hearing aid for child 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 with state of the art facilities where services such as OAE, BERA, Impedance and Pure Tone Audiometry are available.

Families are counselled about the need for audiological evaluation, periodic 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 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 a child's development of speech and language skills. When a child has difficulty hearing, the areas of the brain used for communication doesn't develop

appropriately. This makes understanding and talking very difficult for a child with hearing disability.

Ashray Akruti's team of speech and language therapists help children develop speech and language. The training is imparted through 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 session to develop speech and language.

- **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
- Cochlear Implant
- How to access government schemes and benefits for persons with disability

## 7. Project Team

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

### Consultant Specialist:

- ENT Doctor
- Pediatrician

### Measurable Outcomes:

- 35 children with hearing loss fitted with amplification
- 35 children with hearing loss with improved listening skills
- 35 children with hearing loss with improved speech and language skills
- 35 Families counseled and educated

## Support Sought towards Early Intervention Center

## 8. Budget

Ashray Akruti-Early Intervention Centre Hyd., Budget- June 2023- May 2024					
S. No	Particulars	Cost per month - INR	Units	Months	Total amount INR
1	Special educators Salary	16,000	4	12	7,68,000
2	Care taker	10,000	2	12	2,40,000
3	(Monitoring / Administrative Cost 6 %)				60,480
<b>Total Cost</b>					<b>10,68,480</b>



# ASHRAY-AKRUTI

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## 9. About Ashray Akruti

Ashray Akruti is a registered non-profit, non-religious organization founded in the year 1996, with an objective to improve the lives of people with disabilities, especially among the marginalized sections of society. The organization strongly believes that people with disabilities could also lead a life of dignity, thereby having similar access to opportunities and services like regular citizens. The foundation of Ashray Akruti is strongly built on the principles of participation, empowerment, accountability, and transparency.

Ashray Akruti is an accredited organization certified by Guidestar India following norms of accountability, transparency, and good governance. The organization is a member of the World Hearing Forum recognized by the World Health Organization (WHO).

### 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.

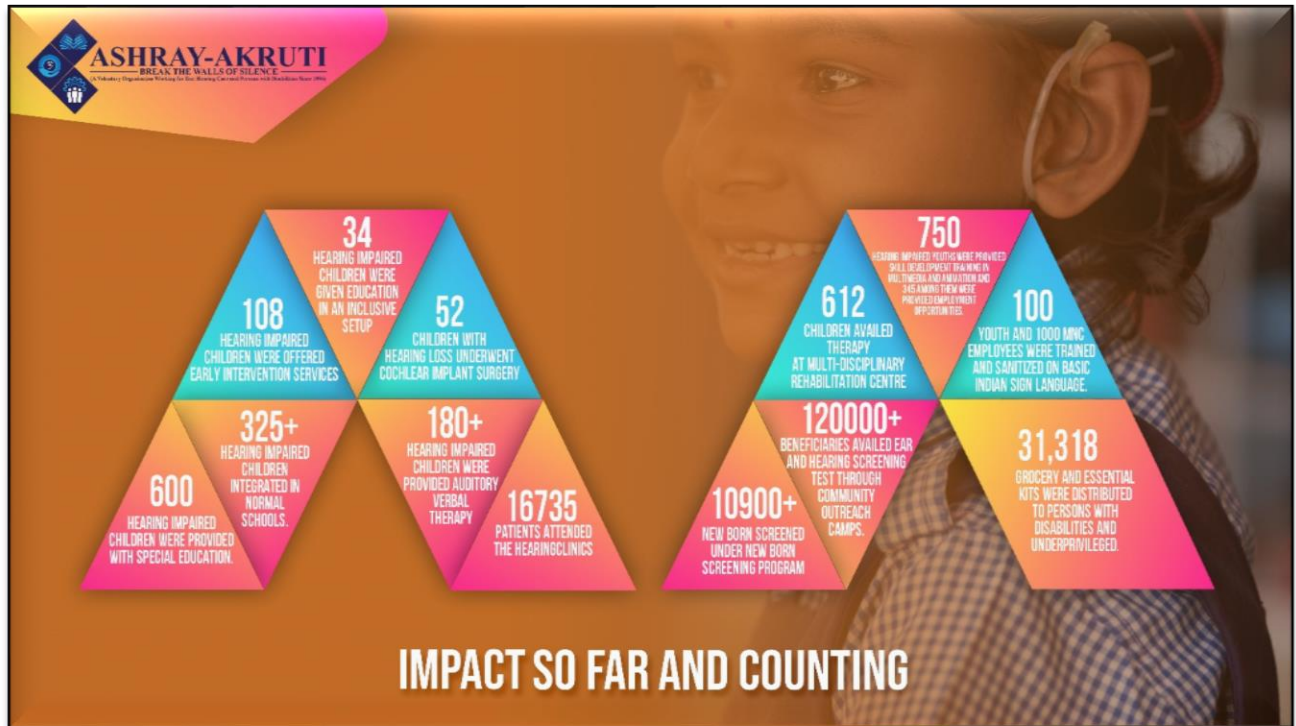
### Overview and various projects of the Organization

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

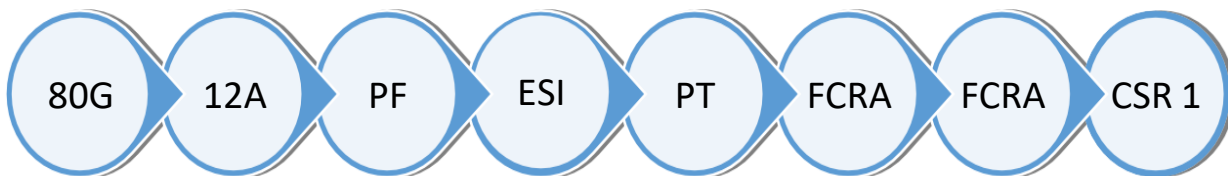
## 10. Our projects at a Glance



## 11. Impact So Far and Counting



## 12. Legal & Statutory Compliance



## 13. Affiliation:

- A.Y.J.N.I.H.H (SRC)
- Indian Institute of Public Health, Hyderabad
- Government Hospital, ENT Koti

## 14. Recognitions:

- Bagged '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



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## Bagged State Award for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities 2017



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### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Boja IAS Collector and District Magistrate, Hyderabad.

Website: <http://www.ashrayakruti.org> Ph: 9502321112 / 040-40042250 <http://facebook.com/ashrayakruti>

## 15. FCRA Details – New Account

<b>FCRA Account Details</b>	
Name of Bank Account	<b>ASHRAY AKRUTI</b>
Address	8-3-1027/A2, Srinagar Colony, Hyderabad-500073
Telephone No.	91-40-40042250
Account No.	<b>40070204775</b>
Beneficiary's Bank	<b>STATE BANK OF INDIA</b>
Branch	New Delhi Main Branch
Branch Code	691
Branch Address	FCRA Cell, 4th Floor, State Bank of India, New Delhi Main Branch 11, Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110001
IFSC Code	SBIN0000691
SWIFT CODE	SBININBB104
Branch Phone No.	011-23374374390/4392/4143



## 16. 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](http://www.ashrayakruti.org)

## 17. Registration Information:

Type of registration: Society  
Registration number: 5489/96  
Income Tax: 80G  
Date of registration: October 24<sup>th</sup> 1996  
FCRA No.: 010230590