

How is a referral made

A referral can be made by telephone, fax or email to the contact details you can find below.

Communication is made directly with the Officer and there is no waiting list.

Who may refer

- Paediatricians in the private/public sector
- Child Neurologists, Child Psychiatrists, Developmental Paediatricians
- The Archbishop Makarios III Nicosia Hospital, The Child Neurology and Genetics Clinic
- Nursing personnel, Mental Health Officers, Health Visitor Services
- Professionals from the public and private sector (Physiotherapists, Speech Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Educational Therapists, Special Teachers, Therapy Centers)
- Non - Governmental Organizations, voluntary organizations
- Social Welfare Services
- Schools, Nurseries (public, community, private), Educational Officers, Educational Psychologists
- Private nurseries and daycare centers
- Parents, Parent Associations

Contact Details

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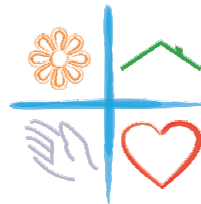
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Co – Ordinating Early Childhood Intervention Service

for young children
with developmental disorders



Why are early childhood intervention services important

Early childhood intervention services are important for children under the age of 6 years as they aim at the prevention of the degree of dependence that children with developmental disorders may develop during their life.

The early provision of the appropriate services such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, special education, speech therapy, music therapy has subsequent positive effects on increasing independence in individuals as well as improving the quality of life as an adult.

In general, early childhood intervention contributes to the autonomy of the child and helping towards less dependence on future services and on the family in adulthood.



The Coordinating Early Childhood Intervention Service

The Coordinating Early Childhood Intervention Service was established following the decision of the Council of Ministers on 31/10/2001 with decision number 54.482. The aim of the Service is to support and facilitate the family to find and coordinate the appropriate services for their child. The Service employs three Officers trained in Psychology. These are based in Nicosia, Limassol/Paphos and Larnaca/Ammochostos.

The Coordinating Early Childhood Intervention Service is offered by the Committee for the Protection of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities under the auspices of the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance.

The Early Childhood Intervention program collaborates with all the relevant Ministries, various services, Foundations, Non - Governmental Organizations, Cyprus Youth Organization, the Cyprus Paediatric Association, Academic Institutions, local authorities etc.

The Service is available for further cooperation/collaboration with other municipalities as well as other organizations all over Cyprus.

The Early Childhood Intervention Officer

The Early Childhood Intervention Officer is the link between the family/user of services and the provider of services. When an Officer is informed about a child with developmental disorders, she/he communicates directly with the family.

There is no charge for the service.

Responsibilities of Early Childhood Intervention Officer

- Exploring the needs of the family and the child
- Providing information to the parents regarding available services in both the public and private sector and from voluntary organizations
- Organizing and following up all interventions offered to the child/family
- Promoting financial help and other rights
- Coordinating the involved services for the benefit of the child
- Coordinating meetings between service providers/specialists regarding child evaluations or appropriateness of therapies
- Psychological support and counselling to parents and other members of the family. Organizing parents' supporting groups
- Empowerment of parents so that they are able to play a central role in making decisions for the benefit of their child
- Promoting the importance of early childhood intervention through educational programs, conferences, research or other activities.

The service is supported by a clinical psychologist in a supervisory capacity, as an external partner.

The Early Childhood Intervention Officer does not provide therapies to the child but co-ordinates and facilitates the provision of services.

Services are confidential and offered with discretion.