

## How to enrol

Parents who are interested in enrolling their children can make direct enquiries at the childcare centres on application procedures. Parents are required to bring the child for a medical assessment at any polyclinic to obtain a referral to the relevant hospital. The hospital will assess if the child stands a good chance to benefit from the childcare programme.



## The Fees

The fees for the Programme vary from centre to centre.

Parents who enrol their children for this programme can apply for:-

- (a) The government childcare subsidy (ranges from \$25 to \$150 a month, depending on the type of programme, eg. half day, full day or a flexible childcare programme)
- (b) The Centre-Based Financial Assistance Scheme for Childcare (CFAC). This is for low income families to help them pay the monthly childcare fees. Under this scheme, eligible families will receive a monthly fee subsidy (ranging from \$110-\$265) in addition to government's childcare subsidy.

For more information, contact the selected integrated childcare centres listed in this brochure or at those found on the MCDS website at:

[www.mcds.gov.sg](http://www.mcds.gov.sg)



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# THE INTEGRATED CHILDCARE PROGRAMME



for Young Children (2-6 years old)  
with Special Needs



## What is the Integrated Childcare Programme?

The Integrated Childcare Programme aims to provide an appropriate learning environment for young children with special needs (aged 2-6 years old). It caters to the developmental needs of these children as well as provides opportunities for them to learn and interact with other children in a natural setting. This way, the child will be better able to adjust when he or she subsequently goes into primary school.

The programme is available in selected childcare centres. These centres have teachers who are specially trained to address the learning and social needs of the child. The physical classroom environment is also designed to cater to children with special needs, and specially designed teaching materials may be used.



## What does the Programme offer?

The programme offers the following:-

- **Engage the children with special needs in the same group activities as other children in the centre**
- **Cater to their learning needs through modifications of the curriculum**
- **Develop an individual education plan for each child, working together with the parents and the healthcare professionals.**
- **Monitor the progress of each child on a regular basis**
- **Conduct regular parent-teacher feedback sessions.**

The children are placed in classes appropriate to their age and functional level. They will join in all or most of the activities of their classes, with trained teachers at hand to provide them the extra guidance or help.



## Who is Suitable For the Programme?

The Programme is targeted at children aged 2 to 6 years with mild to moderate levels of disability in the following areas:-

- **Visual impairment (eg. use of visual aids)**
- **Physical disabilities (eg. use of wheelchair)**
- **Hearing impairment (eg. use of hearing aid or have undergone cochlear implant)**
- **Speech delay**
- **Developmental delay (eg. Autism, Dyslexia, Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD))**

