

SPECIALIZED UNIT FOR THE TREATMENT OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISM AND PERVASIVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS

RANGE OF SERVICES

1.

- DIAGNOSIS
- ASSESSMENT
- THERAPY PLANNING
- MONITORING
- INSTRUCTION - PARENT COUNSELING

FOR:

CHILDREN NOT CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN THE DAY CARE PROGRAM OR THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE PROGRAM AND ARE NOW IN SCHOOL.

2.

- TREATMENT THROUGH THE DAY CARE PROGRAM
- FAMILY SUPPORT
- INCORPORATION IN THE EDUCATION SYSTEM
- INSTRUCTION AND MONITORING OF SPECIAL EDUCATORS

FOR:

PRESCHOOLERS 2 - 6 YEARS OLD (30 IN TOTAL).

3.

- RESEARCH ON AUTISM
- EDUCATION OF THERAPISTS AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

FOR:

HEALTH AND/OR EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS.

In detail:

1.

- Diagnosis
- Individual assessment
- Evaluation of family background
- Planning and monitoring of individual treatment programs
- Family support through counseling and guidance
- Cohesional cooperation with other departments specializing in the rehabilitation of children or adolescents falling into the range of the autistic spectrum disorders and the PDDs.

2.

- Psychologically and educationally based treatment on an individual and / or group basis. This program takes place at the Day Care Centre for Early Intervention, aimed to preschoolers aged 2 - 6. It consists of a variety of parallel therapeutical and educational intervention activities like Speech therapy, Occupational therapy, Motor skills development, Music therapy e.t.c. The ultimate goal is to place or re-place children in day care units, kindergartens or primary schools. In this aspect parents are also assisted in locating the exact educational frame suitable for their child. The program also includes pre- placement instruction for the teachers as well as after placement counseling to both parents and teachers.
- The Day Care centre is the field on which the educational methodology for any individual case study before or after his/ her placement in the suitable educational level is tested.
- This centre is the actual point of initial practice for therapists about to deal with autistic children in home based intervention programs or similar activities.

3.

- This program also serves as a Research Centre for professionals like pediatricians, providing them with theoretical as well as practical guidance and relevant material.
- It also serves as a "Methodology Centre" which undertakes the task of developing the diagnostic and evaluation methods used in Autism. Also, working in cooperation with the special Department of the Ministry of Education it develops educational material and teaching methods for autistic children and adolescents.