

**Proposal for Funding**  
**CENTRE FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

Initiated in the year 1993, Centre for Children with Special Needs(CCSN), is one of the very few centers in Delhi that provides services to children with a range of multiple disabilities

The main aims of the center :

- To provide quality services to children with multiple disabilities
- To focus on children with moderate to severe disabilities and their families
- To work towards inclusion of children in the mainstream school

The center is located in Giri Nagar in premises leased by Municipal Corporation of Delhi. The Centre has a capacity for 25 children. The children are divided into four different grades, on the basis of their age.

Most of the children coming to the Centre are affected by Cerebral Palsy with associated sensory and intellectual difficulties.

80% of our children are from low to lower middle socio-economic strata of the society and unable to pay any fee. However, as a policy every parent is expected to pay any amount within their means. This ranges from Rs. 30 to Rs.1000 per month

Each class is headed by a Special Educator supported by Developmental Therapists and assistant teachers. The programme head is a Project Coordinator (Program Manager)

Each class follows a broad curriculum. Children in each class are unique in terms of their challenges, their abilities, learning styles and their special needs. Every child within each class has an age appropriate individual program which is framed after a detailed assessment in all the developmental areas by the team of special educators, the therapist and their parents.

The children are taught both individually and in groups. Learning also include funfilled activities, like music, dance, movement work, games and other creative art activities. Exposure visits to historical places, nature walks, museums, enable them to develop various life skills and enrich their lives.

It is our belief, that however severe their disabilities all children have a right to equal opportunities. Keeping this in mind, we provide opportunities for our children to participate in events that showcases their abilities in general set up. These activities also help children in general schools to be sensitized to the issues of disability.

Our children have been regularly participating in the Special Olympics held annually and this year our boys have won the gold medal in 'bocce' and will be representing Delhi at the National Level.

Over the 13 years of working with children with special needs, we have learnt, without doubt, that **every child has the potential to learn.**

ASTHA also strongly believes that parent's effort contributes to the success of each child. Recognising this need, empowering parents with needful informations have also been ASTHA's core belief. To strengthen this partnership regular interactive seminars, on various disability issues like guardianship, PWD Act, Govt Schemes are conducted.

Over the period of 13 years, we have also seen ourselves growing as trainers for trainees coming from other leading rehab. Institutes such as Amar Jyoti Rehabilitation and Resource Centre, Action for Ability Development and Inclusion (AADI), National Institute for Mental Handicap etc. for practical training in working with children with Cerebral Palsy.

Students from Delhi School of Social Work and management institute like Indian Institute of Foreign Trade have also been regularly doing their internship in ASTHA for exposure to disability issues and to gain experience of working of NGOs.

To keep pace with change and evolution in the field of disability, at ASTHA, we make it a point to constantly upgrade ourselves through training programmes, workshops and exposure visits.

Centre is part funded by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. Working with children with severe difficulties require professional and specialized training. All our staff members are professionally qualified and are registered with RCI (Rehabilitation Council of India) As our requirement of funds are only partly met by the government we require your support.

**Budget**

Speech Therapist (1 No)	-	Rs. 8,000.00 x 12	- 96,000.00
Physio Therapist (1 No)	-	Rs. 8,000.00 x 12	- 96,000.00
Assistant Teacher (1 No)	-	Rs. 3,500.00 x 12	- 42,000.00
Speech and Hearing Therapist (1 No)	-	Rs. 8,000.00 x 12	- 96,000.00
Helper (1 No)	-	Rs. 2,600.00 x 12	- 31,200.00
Accountant (1 No) (Part-time)	-	Rs. 2,000.00 x 12	- 24,000.00
Total	-	Rs.32,100.00	- 3,85,200.00

**Programme**

Teaching Learning material	-	Rs. 6,000.00	
Aids and Equipments	-	Rs.10,000.00	
Exposure for children (8 @ Rs. 600)	-	Rs. 4,800.00	
Awareness and Sensitization (2 @ Rs. 2000)	-	Rs. 4,000.00	
Staff training	-	Rs. 8,000.00	
Parents training (6 @ Rs.500)	-	Rs. 3,000.00	
Maintenance	-	Rs. 8,000.00	
Events (4 @ Rs.1500)	-	Rs. 8,000.00	
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