

DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION CENTRE

Activity Report [2013-2014]

DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION CENTRE [DEC] has its aims this year to create more skill activities to the students and to involve them in inclusion. The major thrust is to work for the integral development of the most deprived individuals.

The working team includes Special educators, Physio therapists, Speech therapists and counselors. The working team consists of a group of dynamic personalities with a very strong desire to develop the community.

Mission of the Organization

- ❖ To decrease the occurrence of disability and mental retardation.
- ❖ To enable and empower the disabled & deprived children and women in the society.
- ❖ To motivate them to get self respect and to achieve inclusion in all the aspects of life.
- ❖ To strengthen the supportive groups.

Key Activities

PRESENT ACTIVITIES IN THE ORGANISATION

- Special school for intellectually challenged children – AnbalayaA.
- Vocational Unit for adolescent intellectually challenged – WHEEL.
- Community Rehabilitation Centre @ Melnallathur, Tiruvallur - Anbalaya RehabCentre.
- Out Reach Program – Vazhi Kattum Thittam for all the differently abled and other marginalized groups.

Special School

A special school in the name of 'AnbalayA' which is recognized by the Government of Tamil Nadu is to train and provide welfare to the differently abled and intellectually challenged. "AnbalayA" meaning is "**Home of Love**". Its extend hands to welcome all the Intellectually Challenged children in North Chennai & Thiruvallur District. The unique head of "AnbalayA" is that it offers updated techniques with a variety of services in oneroof. So far it has trained more than 300 students to settle down through main stream education & for the job opportunity. This year all the students attended the school regularly. Those who absented many times are visited by teachers at their home and counsel their parent to come to school regularly.

Assembly

Every day the students started the day with the assembly and with news reading. Each day different morals and quotation are explained to the students. Thus they are educated on general information.

Yoga

All the classes do yoga as per the mobility comforts. This helps in the concentration and physical fitness to the children.

Therapy Unit

Children as young as six months come to this department for physiotherapy, occupational, speech and sensory therapy. Necessary aids and appliances are used in the unit to support movement to strengthen their muscles to maximum level. Children those who are Spastic, Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder, Autistic with speech problem are attending this unit and get improvement as per their ability level.

The other therapies like Play Therapy, Art & Craft, Creative Movement Therapy, Music/Dance Therapy, Yoga and Brain Gym are also followed to improve the student physical ability and to be socially improved. Speech therapy is to produce sound and to get clear speech or to get communication skill to express their desires and needs.

Vocational Unit

The qualified Intellectually Challenged from Pre-Vocational level are selected for the vocational unit called Wheel Vocational Unit. The WVU is to make every adolescent intellectually challenged make them independent to support their family. It is preparing the trainees for gainful employment. This Unit provides variety of opportunities to make use of their skills and talents to produce Life Style Products, Stationeries, Fashion Jewelry, Cleaning Materials, House Hold articles etc., The products are displayed in exhibitions & sales through corporate sectors, IT concern, nearby schools, hospitals & local shops. More than 25 successful skilled workers from WVU are placed in jobs as per their ability.

Anbalaya Rural Special School

This is a rural based centre which is constructed with state government support and it is inaugurated on November 13, 2013 by our District. At present 20 intellectually challenged children are studying in the centre from remote villages. The centre also serves as community centre to create awareness and organize trainings to the people and parents.

Training for Parent

Training program for the parents are conducted by experts and doctors in the related field come and share their suggestion and viewpoints periodically once in quarter. The parent association also a self-help group supports school in all its planning.

Skill Development Training

Short term trainings are conducted for women and disabled to make them economically empowered. Not only women, also orthopedically handicapped are given three months cell phone training through **Providers' Skill Academy**. 32 persons got benefitted through this training.

VIVAS Sports Academy

This year students had an opportunity to participate in National events held at different places Special coaching program for Sports & Games are planned to the Intellectually Challenged to make them to participate everywhere and to prove themselves to the society.

State and National events:

Date	Events	Place	No of Participants	Prize
12.8.13	Table Tennis	Trichy	2	First
17.8.13 to 22.8.13	Table tennis	Rajasthan	1	Third
9.9.13	State level foot ball	Karakudi	3	First
29.9.13 to 4.10.13	Athlete	Hariyana	3	-
3.12.13	District level Athlete	J.J Stadium, Kalpakkam	7	Second & Third
4.2.14 to 16.2.14	District level	Madurai	6	-
17 th to 22.03.14	N.C.C. Cricket	Kolapur	3	First
13 th to 16 th 03.14	N.C.C Athlete	Delhi	6	Second & Third

Out Reach Project:

Referral services for Government ID cards, aids and appliances and government pension are usual work of AnbalayA. More than 25 are helped to get ID cards and splints and calipers through Adinath trust.

Tuition Service

Evening classes are taken for slow learners and main stream students. This helped one student to write 10th exam.

To Conclude:

The school accepts inclusion and two are sent for main stream education. In the centre we also adopt regular curriculum for those who are able from 2nd to 6th level. Thus, the organization continues to include disabled in the society through education and employment.

Thank you,
For Development Education Centre

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