



A Brief Note on Setting up of Early Intervention Centres by DEPwD

- Early childhood (0-6 yrs) is a time of remarkable brain development. It is the critical period that determines a person's ability to reach her/his lifelong health, social and economic potential. Providing quality early childhood intervention early in a child's life supports them to develop the skills needed to enable him to lead an independent and dignified life.
- Early Intervention provides specialized support and services for infants and young children at- risk or with disability and/or development delay and their families to help their development, well-being and participation in family and community life.
- The DEPwD is in the process of setting up single-window Early Intervention Centres in 7 National Institutes and 7 Composite Regional Centres on pilot basis to provide the following services:
 - **Screening and Identification**
 - Facilities for Identification of risk cases
 - Referring for appropriate rehabilitative services
 - **Therapeutic Services**
 - Speech Therapy
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Physiotherapy
 - **Counseling**
 - Parental Counseling
 - Peer Counseling
 - **School Readiness**
 - Communication & Language Development
 - Physical Development
 - Personal, social and emotional development

These centres will be operational within a period of 6 months. Subsequently, such centres will be set up in remaining 13 CRCs by July, 2022.