

Central Psychological Support Service (Pre-school Service)

## INTRODUCTION

Central Psychological Support Service, Pre-school Service (CPSS(PS)) aims at promoting the psychological well-being of pre-school children with special education needs (SEN) and their parents/major caregivers. It provides consultation and support services which aim at facilitating children's adjustment in school and enhancing the parents and caregivers' skills in working with them. Since 1 st August 2019, the service has been extended to provide in-depth psychological treatment for these children and their families in need.



#### **OBJECTIVES**

- (a) To help parents deal with the challenges of taking care of children with SEN by strengthening their parenting skills and stress management;
- (b) To work on emotional, marital and/or other family problems of the parents;
- (c) To facilitate the adjustment of children with SEN in rehabilitation units;
- (d) To enrich the perspectives and strengthen the skills of rehabilitation units' staff in working with children with SEN and their families;
- (e) To give advice on improvement of service for children with SEN.

#### TARGET GROUPS

- (a) Pre-school children with special education needs under Integrated Programmes (IP) in Kindergartencum-Child Care Centres (ICCC), Early Education & Training Centres (EETC) and Special Child Care Centres (SCCC) operated by the subvented sectors not allocated with agency-based clinical psychological service.
- (b) Parents and major caregivers of (a)
- (c) Special Child Care Workers/ kindergarten teachers of (a).



Clinical psychologists of CPSS(PS) pay visits to rehabilitation units upon request. Services include:

- (a) To provide consultation and training to caregivers of pre-school children with SEN;
- (b) To provide in- depth psychological treatment for children with SEN and their parents or major caregivers who assessed to be in need.
- (c) To provide consultation and training for Special Child Care Workers/teachers who work directly with service users.

## **ACCESS TO SERVICES**

Service is arranged by referral from the aforementioned pre-school rehabilitation units. Parents of children with SEN may contact the concerned pre-school service units for further information and service arrangement.

## SERVICES WITHDRAWAL

In general, service users will withdraw from this service when the children leave the pre-school rehabilitation services.

# SERVICE CHARGE

Free of charge.

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