



Training Subsidy Programme for Children on the Waiting List of Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services

Application Procedures

SWD will issue letters to parent(s)/guardian(s) of children on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services to invite their application for TSP. Applicants should submit the completed application forms together with a copy of relevant documents by post or by hand to Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services Branch of SWD.

Enquiries

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Social Welfare Department

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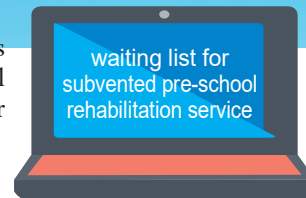
Background and Objective

The assistance programme of the 'Training Subsidy for Children who were on the Waiting List of Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services' (TSP) was launched by the Community Care Fund in December 2011 with a view to enabling children from low-income families in need of rehabilitation services to acquire self-financing services run by Recognised Service Providers (RSPs) to facilitate their learning and development while waiting for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services. In view of the positive evaluation outcome, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has regularised the TSP from October 2014 so that children with special needs could continue to benefit from the programme. To further enhance the support for children on the waiting list of Special Child Care Centres (SCCC) [including Residential Special Child Care Centres (RSCCC)] service, these children can receive non-means-tested training subsidy with effect from 1 October 2017.

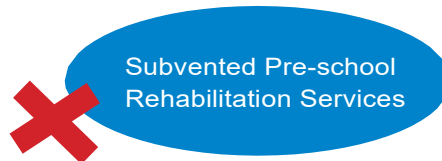
Target Beneficiaries

A beneficiary shall meet ALL of the following criteria:

- a) The applicant child must be under the age of six years and is on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation service under Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services (CRSRehab);



- b) The applicant child is not attending any subvented pre-school rehabilitation services, including On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (OPRS) transitional service or Early Education and Training Centre (EETC) transitional service; and



- c) The monthly household income does not exceed 75% of the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income (MMDHI) applicable to the applicant's household size at the time of application. **(not applicable to children on the waiting list for SCCC).**



Levels of Subsidy and Services

- a) Maximum subsidy level of \$3,549 per month for each beneficiary applying for EETC OPRS or Integrated Programme in Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centre service. The subsidy has covered the following service components:

- four sessions of individual or group training/therapy services in three hours per month provided by special child care worker(s), clinical/educational psychologist(s), *occupational therapist(s), *physiotherapist(s) or *speech therapist(s) (including parallel groups with participation of parent(s)/guardian(s)/carer(s) at the same time); and
- six hours of individual assessment and/or family support services provided by special child care worker(s), clinical/educational psychologist(s), occupational therapist(s), physiotherapist(s), speech therapist(s) or registered social worker(s) in a year.

**The training would be mainly delivered by special child care worker. Therapist session may be arranged in accordance with the manpower condition of RSP and the training needs of the beneficiary.*

- b) Maximum subsidy level of \$6,904 per month for each beneficiary applying for SCCC (including RSCCC) service. The subsidy has covered the following service components:

- six sessions of individual or group training/therapy services in six hours per month provided by special child care worker(s), clinical/educational psychologist(s), occupational therapist(s), physiotherapist(s) or speech therapist(s) (including parallel groups with participation of parent(s)/guardian(s)/carer(s) at the same time) with at least 18 hours of therapeutic/ training sessions from occupational therapist(s), physiotherapist(s) or speech therapist(s) every six months; and
- six hours of individual assessment and/or family support services provided by special child care worker(s), clinical/educational psychologist(s), occupational therapist(s), physiotherapist(s), speech therapist(s) or registered social worker(s) in a year.

The type of services an eligible child receives will be arranged according to the assessment proposed by the RSP with the consent of his/her parent/guardian.

