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Background on OPRS and Tier 1 Support Services

2018 Oct

The Government has regularised On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (OPRS) since October 2018. Currently, OPRS is operated by 21 Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) at about 900 Kindergartens/ Kindergartens-cum-Child Care Centres (KGs/KG-cum-CCCs).

2020 Aug

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched a project namely "the Pilot Project on Tier 1 Support Services in Kindergartens/ Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres" (the Tier 1 Support Services) for 37 months to provide early intervention services to children with signs of special needs, children awaiting assessment by Child Assessment Centres (CACs) under the Department of Health (DH), or assessed by CACs to have borderline developmental problems.

2023 Sept

The Government has regularised the Tier 1 Support Services since September 2023 and the services integrated with OPRS to offer comprehensive and timely assistance to pre-school children with different levels of special needs through inter-disciplinary service teams under a school-based and integrated approach.



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OPRS and Tier 1 Support Services

Scope of Service

**For Children
(under OPRS/OPRS Waitee &
Tier 1 services):**

OPRS	well rounded onsite Individual or group training by our multidisciplinary team
OPRS	onsite classroom observations; and centre-based training within Watchdog centers equipped with specialist facilities
OPRS Waitee Services	some training of either Individual or group/programme or class-based training or centre-based training
Tier 1 Support Services	onsite or centre based individual/group training on short term basis for children with borderline developmental delays depending on the needs

Our Team

Our multidisciplinary team includes:
Speech Therapists, Occupational Therapists,
Physiotherapists, Educational Psychologist,
Special Needs Teachers and Social Workers.

Scope of Service

**For Parents
(under OPRS/OPRS Waitee &
Tier 1 services):**

support/consultation/training/talks/workshops
/seminar on knowledge and skills in raising
children with special needs

**For Kindergarten Teachers
(under OPRS/OPRS Waitee &
Tier 1 services):**

OPRS/ OPRS Waitee Services	on-site and telephone professional consultation, strategies demonstration, talks/ workshops/ seminars and case review
Tier 1 Support Services	advice on curriculum differentiation, consultation and training for teacher to conduct initial screening for children with early signs of SEN

Termination of Service

The services under the OPRS will only be provided up to:

- 1st September after the child has attained the age of 6;
- the date when the child is admitted to primary school;
- the date when the child has no more service needs as assessed by the operating NGOs; or
- one day before the child's departure from the participating KG; whichever is earlier.

Targets Group

**Children under the age of 6 and studying
in our partnering KGS and who:**

OPRS	having gone through a diagnostic assessment and on the waitlist for SWD-subvented pre-school rehabilitation services (CRSRehab)
OPRS Waitee Services	children on the waiting list for OPRS under CRSRehab-PS
Tier 1 Support Services	awaiting assessment by CACs; or having been assessed by CACs to have borderline developmental challenges; or assessed by our team together with teachers as having special needs with referenced to the "child Observation Checklist" (COC)

Application/ Referral

OPRS	upon receiving assessment by pediatricians, psychologists as recognized by SWD, referrals can be made by social workers of integrated family service centres
OPRS Waitee Services	no application is required as CRSRehab-PS will pass the child's information to OPRS
Tier 1 Support Services	school referral: Teachers may make referral of children with red flags for special needs to our team for services self application: parents can approach teachers or OPRS service team for enquiry and application

