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INTRODUCTION

This guide will provide information on early childhood intervention services that are available to families for children with development delays or disabilities in Abu Dhabi

If you are the parent or caregiver of a child with a diagnosed or suspected developmental delay or disability, then this guide will help you find the information you need to act on their behalf. A real difference can be made if we act early to support a child's developmental progress. Research tells us that the earlier we access professional support, the greater the positive impact on children's learning and development and indeed, their future.

This guide will help direct you to the right supports and services when you have concerns about your child's development or if your child has a disability. It explains why early childhood intervention can have positive long-term outcomes for your child and for those who love and care for them.

The information will enable you to make decisions about the services that best suit your family and child's needs and will help you to make sense of the various options that can sometimes be confusing.

This guide can also assist early childhood practitioners looking to provide advice to you and your family on early childhood intervention.

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WHAT IS EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Early childhood intervention gives children the support they need to grow, thrive, and reach their full potential. Connecting with these services as early as possible can lead to improved outcomes for your child's development.

Early intervention services aim to support the health and wellbeing of your child with a developmental delay or disability and your family. Importantly, these services work with you and your family to provide your child with experiences and opportunities that improve their skills, abilities and development.¹

During assessment and diagnosis, it may have been recommended that early intervention services are appropriate for your child. Every child and their family are unique, have different needs and require varying levels of support which may change as the child grows and develops. So understanding your child's specific strengths and challenges, their needs and wants and the needs of your family will help you to determine what, if any, services should be accessed.

Early childhood intervention includes the services and supports that children with a developmental delay or disability and their family receive.

Interventions should start as early as possible in order to promote positive development experiences, healthy wellbeing and effective community participation. Early intervention practitioners will work with you and your family and with the child who has a developmental challenge. They will help build your own knowledge, skills and confidence to actively support your child's development and provide appropriate and timely interventions that are based on evidence and research.

The most critical time for your child's development and learning is in their first five years of life. The first one thousand days are especially important as they undergo rapid growth in all aspects of their development during this period.

At this critical time in your child's life accessing early childhood intervention services can improve their quality of life, by supporting their development and minimizing the impact of additional developmental delays and/or disabilities.

What are developmental delays and disabilities?

Developmental delay refers to a child whose development is significantly behind the expected milestones for their age.

A child who experiences **developmental delay** displays slower progress towards developmental milestones than other children of their age.

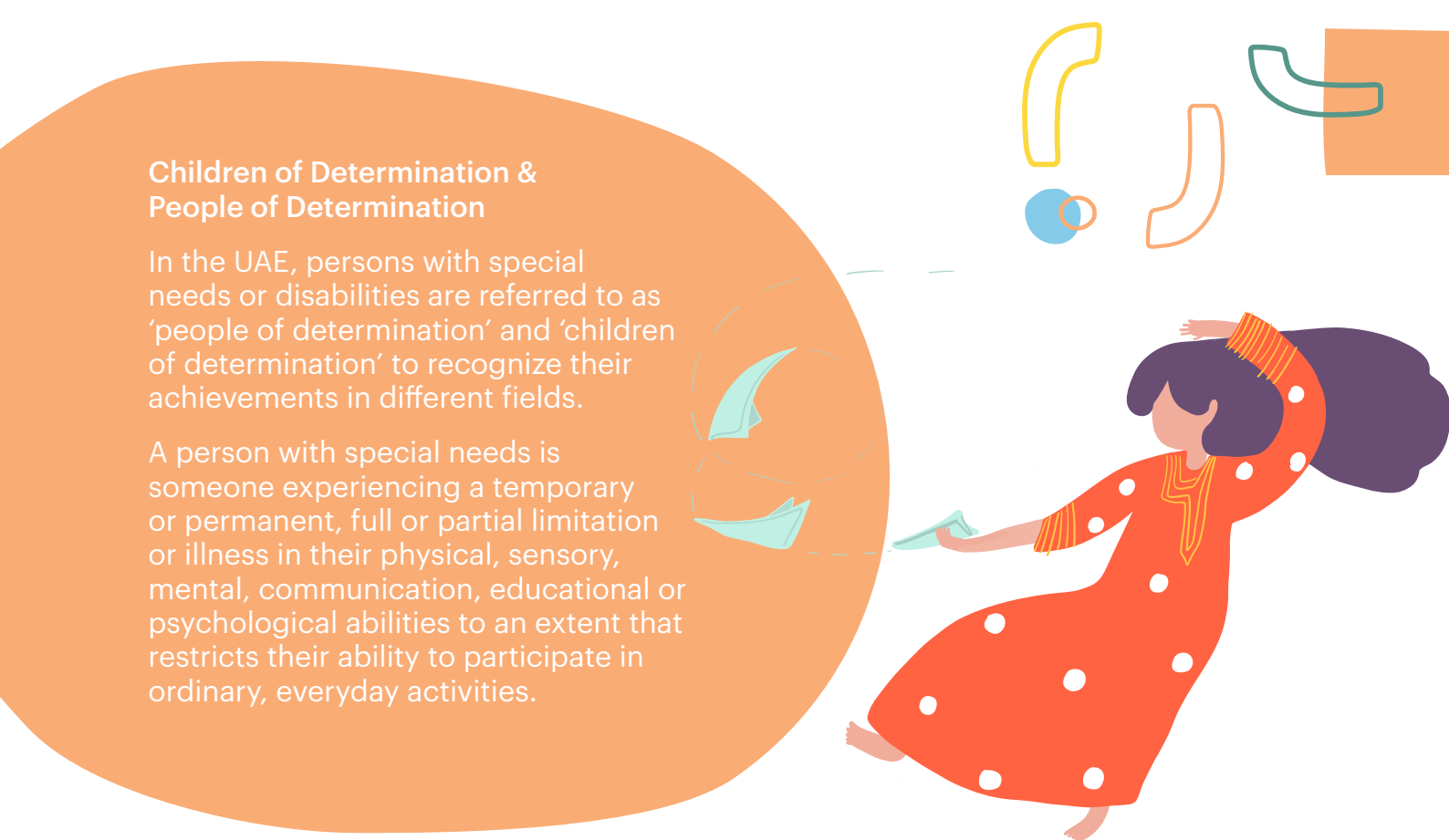
Developmental delays are measured using standard assessment methods and may be classified as mild, moderate, or severe. Developmental delays are not always permanent but can be early indicators that a child may experience a disability.

A disability is any condition of the body or mind that makes it more difficult for the person with the condition to do certain activities.² Examples of disabilities that can affect young children include cerebral palsy, intellectual disability, and vision and hearing impairments. The impact of a disability on a child's life varies greatly between children. Some disabilities may be difficult for others to recognize while some may be more obvious.

What are Early Childhood Intervention Services?

Early childhood intervention services include the support and therapies that professionals and organizations offer to your child and help you, the parent or caregiver, achieve the best outcomes possible for your child. These organizations might

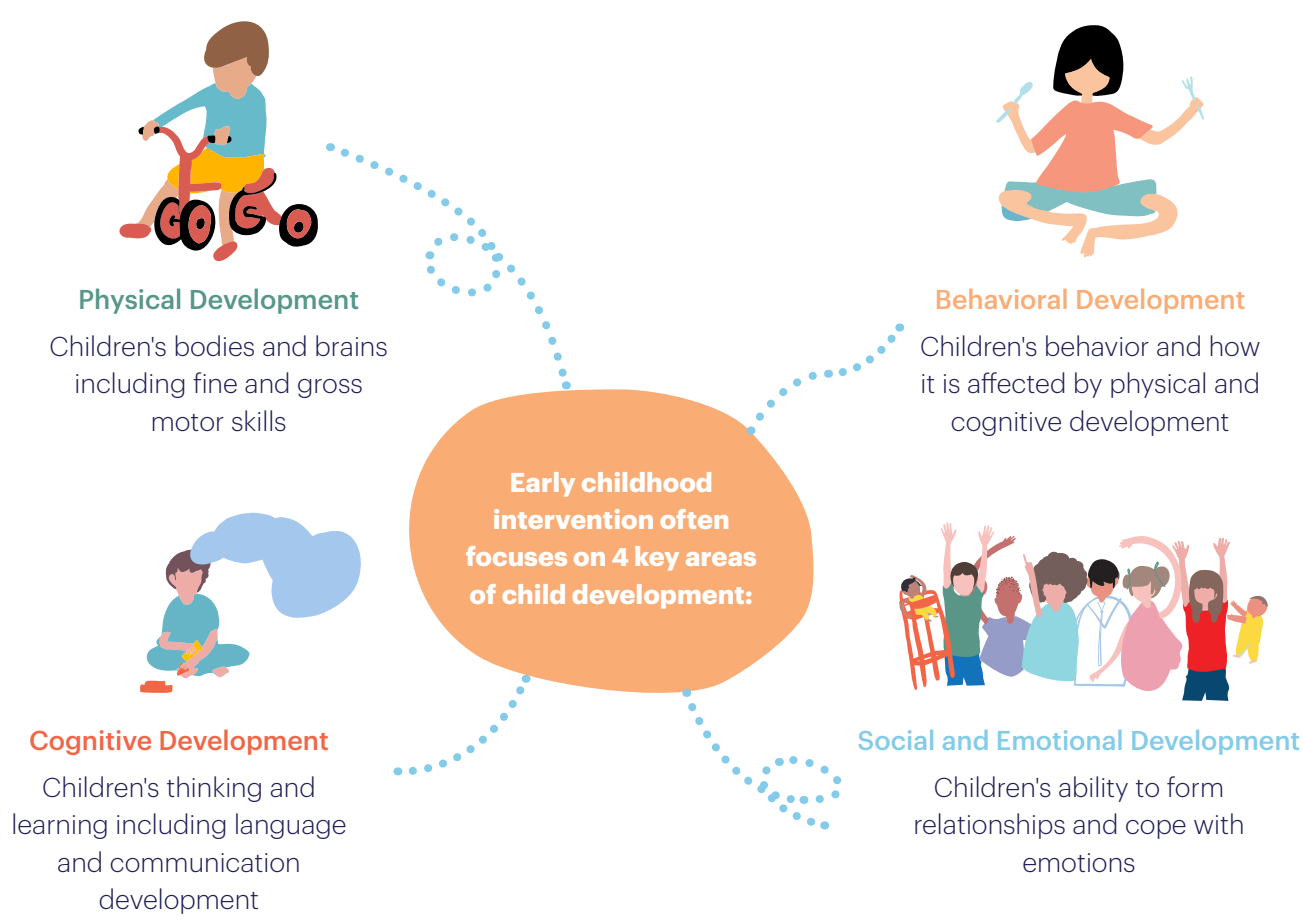
offer one specific service in a single location or multiple services across several locations. Where possible, these services are provided in the child's natural (e.g., home) environment.



Children of Determination & People of Determination

In the UAE, persons with special needs or disabilities are referred to as 'people of determination' and 'children of determination' to recognize their achievements in different fields.

A person with special needs is someone experiencing a temporary or permanent, full or partial limitation or illness in their physical, sensory, mental, communication, educational or psychological abilities to an extent that restricts their ability to participate in ordinary, everyday activities.



Examples of services can include

- Therapy-based intervention and rehabilitation
 - Applied behavior analysis
 - Occupational therapy
 - Physiotherapy
 - Speech and language pathology
 - Social work
- Family focused coaching and counselling support
- Social and psychological counselling and support

- Inclusive and special education
 - Assistance and support to access mainstream services
 - Community activities
- These services can be delivered through a variety of settings including health-care clinics, hospitals, early intervention centers, therapy centers, community centers, early childhood programs, homes, and schools.³



Who is available in my local area to help me?

Your local doctor or pediatrician is an important first step in accessing the specialist support and/or service that you require for your child. They can help you with assessments, provide specialist referrals, co-ordinate service provision and be a trusted advisor and advocate for you, your family and your child. In this document we refer to all of the professionals and paraprofessionals as practitioners.

Early interventionists are health or social care practitioners (professionals and paraprofessionals) who work in partnership with you and your family, caregivers, nursery workers and educators to support the development of your child's skills and enable them to participate in everyday activities. They provide strategies, activities and opportunities that will promote your child's learning, development, and support their full involvement in the community.⁴

One or more of the below practitioners may be recommended for your child throughout their early childhood intervention journey. The most common ones include:

Certified Applied Behavior Analysts

Applied behavior analysts support children and their families to understand and change behavior through a range of different strategies and techniques which can be used to teach children new skills. Applied behavior analysts are frequently used to support children diagnosed with autism and behavioral issues.⁵ In considering an Applied Behavior Analyst the following acronyms are commonly used:

- **BCBA or Board-Certified Behavior Analyst** is a graduate-level professional in behavior analysis who is able to practice independently and provide supervision for BCaBAs and RBTs.
- **BCaBA or Board-Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst** is an undergraduate-level professional in behavior analysis who practices under the supervision of a BCBA.
- **RBT or Registered Behavior Technician** is a paraprofessional in behavior analysis who practices under the close ongoing supervision of a BCBA or BCaBA.

Occupational Therapists

Occupational Therapists support children to build skills and develop independence in everyday activities such as getting dressed, learning, mealtimes, and play. This may involve providing a child with specialist equipment to support their activities, such as specialized bathing equipment or wheelchairs. Their aim is to support children to gain the highest possible level of participation in daily life.

Physiotherapists

Physiotherapists support skill development in the areas of movement, posture, and balance. They aid caregivers through providing strategies for positioning, carrying, and encouraging overall motor development, and can also strengthen the fitness and skills required for activities such as sports. Physiotherapists can recommend and provide specialized equipment to assist a child's development or mobility including orthotics, walking frames, and wheelchairs.⁶

Psychologist

Psychologists specialize in the treatment of a wide range of social, behavioral, emotional, or educational issues and disorders that affect children. Psychologists who work primarily with children conduct assessments and engage in therapy sessions with individuals, families and groups.

Speech and language pathologists/therapists

Speech pathologists support children to develop their communication and language skills, in addition to everyday tasks such as chewing and swallowing. This can include helping families to build an effective environment for children to communicate and interact in; and helping children to develop their social skills or use alternative methods of communicating when required, which may include a communication board or specialized devices.

Social workers

Social workers provide information, advocacy and counselling for individuals, couples, and families. They assess the needs of families and

can refer them to the required services in addition to providing support to families adjusting to a diagnosis of developmental delay or disability.⁷

My child has been assessed, what do I do next?

After assessment or diagnosis, it is key to explore the best pathway for your child, yourself and your family through discussion with your local doctor or pediatrician, a social worker, or other experts. The more you are aware of options and opportunities, the more you can make informed decisions in collaboration with specialists.

Early intervention can provide a great foundation to establish skill-building routines in everyday life. Generally, all children will spend more time with their family, friends or caregivers in their natural environment than working with a practitioner. Therefore, it is important to get to know your

child's support team and help them understand your specific wants and needs. The more they know you, your child, and your family, the better they can work with you to develop strategies that best address your child's wants and needs.⁸

Embed activities in daily life

Provide your child with a supportive environment to grow the skills that support their ongoing development. It is best when teachers, other family members and childcare workers are informed of any strategies and follow these activities as well.



All families are unique and different. It is important that families and practitioners work together as active and equal partners, where planning and interventions for the child are based on a family's life, priorities and choices.¹

Work as a partner with early intervention practitioners

Work collaboratively and productively with practitioners to understand the best path forward for your child. Ensure that you are comfortable with your selected service provider and continue to work with them to understand you and your child's needs and goals for outcomes from therapy. The practitioner should prioritize working with you to find solutions that work for your child and your family situation.

Remember that you are an equal partner in the working relationship with a practitioner, you know your child best, and you have the parenting role.

Understand the goals of the interventions

It is important to understand why you are undertaking a particular strategy for your child. You should feel empowered to ask questions of the practitioners to ensure that you understand everything clearly as this will give you increased confidence in implementing any strategies. It is also helpful to discuss your home environment with your practitioner to make sure any modifications can be made to suit you and your child's specific needs.

Advocate for your child

Children may be too young to speak up for their rights, needs or interests and in your role as parent or caregiver you can support them by advocating on their behalf, and developing their confidence to do so themselves. Understand and listen to what your child needs are and ensure you are informed of their rights within the system. You know and understand your child better than anyone else. If people are making decisions for and about your child, you can help to make sure these decisions are in your child's best interests.

Involve your family and friends

The involvement of family and friends in your child's early childhood intervention services can support you to meet their goals and aid you as a parent or caregiver. Family members and friends can play an important role in supporting children's early intervention journey through emotional support and guidance.

You as the parent or caregiver are interacting with your child the most. To support positive outcomes from any activities that may be suggested for your child you can:

1. Embed activities in daily life
2. Work as a partner with practitioners
3. Understand the goals of the interventions
4. Advocate for your child
5. Involve your family and friends

What parents can do to support children's development

Your health or education professional may provide advice about what you can do at home to help your child's development. It is important to follow their advice. In some instances, a parent may notice that their child is not developing like other children or is unresponsive. While waiting for a professional assessment and advice, it is really very important to do everything you can to support your child's development. Just like food nourishes the body, stimulation nourishes the baby's growing and developing brain.

The more you talk to your child, the more they learn that sounds make words and that words have meaning. It helps them learn language and to talk for themselves.

Some things that help all children develop are to:¹⁰

- Talk with your baby from birth. Look into their eyes, smile and use simple words. Take every opportunity to talk as you do things for them. Tell them what you are doing and what will happen next.
- Listen to their little noises and imitate them. This is how interpersonal communication is supported and how children learn to talk.
- Play little mimicking games, e.g. when they poke their tongue out, you could do it back.
- Share books with babies, toddlers and children for a few minutes each day – it is never too soon to start reading to your child. Introduce your child to characters in picture books through pointing and using different tones of voice. This is a time for closeness, hearing your voice, and learning that books are enjoyable. Children also enjoy songs and rhymes with actions and they love repetition.

Children's development is a journey, not a race. Most children will be happy with who they are if they get messages from you that you love them and are proud of them.

Some babies don't ask for much attention and don't cry very much. Even so, spend lots of time holding, stroking and responding to their little signals. The relationship you have with your child is one of the most important building blocks for development.

Children learn from playing, exploring and trying things out. You could:

- Give your baby a variety of things to look at, touch, shake or hold. Take them outside for a walk. Let them see, feel and hear a variety of different things. Encourage them to run, hop and climb when they can.
- Make sure your child has a variety of things to play with and places to explore - this can be done without expensive toys. Notice what they are interested in and follow their lead.
- Give your child time to try things for themselves, but help them before they become too frustrated.
- Give lots of opportunities to succeed. Even small successes can make your child feel they have some control over their lives and this builds self-esteem.
- Give lots of encouragement for small successes or getting things partly right. Don't wait until they can do the whole task properly.
- Don't always make your child practice what they can't do well. Break tasks into tiny achievable steps and encourage them to practice for a few minutes at a time with plenty of encouragement.
- Let your child be involved in helping you, even if they don't do things well. Everyone needs to feel needed.
- And remember, all children thrive when they are surrounded by an abundance of love.

Questions to ask my service providers and what I should look for

In searching for a service provider that is the best fit for you and your child, ask a range of questions, how it involves you, your family and your goals. This is an important part of the selection process. Some of the questions you may consider asking are:

Have you worked with children of determination before?

When choosing a service provider, you want to make sure you are working with someone who has experience with your child's condition and age group. There are a range of different services that come under early childhood intervention and practitioners can work with many different ages and developmental challenges. As practitioners tend to specialize in specific areas it is important to understand whether they have the relevant experience.

Do you work as part of a team or collaborate with others?

Collaboration and working together is key for successful early intervention. If your child is receiving services from multiple practitioners, you want someone who is willing to work and collaborate with others. If there is no collaboration, you might see your child learn skills in one setting or domain of development, but unable to transfer them to other settings.

Am I allowed to watch and participate in sessions?

Parents play a huge role in their child's development and should always be encouraged to actively participate in intervention sessions. As a parent, you should look for a service provider who is willing to listen to you, coach you and teach you different strategies to use so that you can carry on working on your child's skills outside of sessions. If a practitioner tells you that you can't observe or participate, that should be a red flag.

What strengths does my child have?

When receiving an assessment, it is easy to only focus on what a child can't do. In reality though what they can do and what their strengths are, are equally as important. Make sure that you and the practitioner can identify things that your child is doing well and how know how to build on them. Knowing your child's strengths is important for identifying appropriate goals and intervention strategies to use with your child.

What areas should you focus on?

Practitioners will help your child develop many different skills that promote independence. The practitioner you interview should give you a variety of ideas in the area in which they specialize, tailored to your child's needs. If they do not do so, they are probably not an experienced professional.

What can I do at home to help our child?

When your child is receiving early childhood intervention services, the work doesn't stop once they leave the session with the practitioner. For your child to make the most progress and for you to see a change in their development, it's important to continue to address their goals at home. Your practitioner should be able to provide you with a program, suggestions and activities that you can do at home during your regular daily routines.

How will we set goals for the child?

After your service provider assesses your child, they should work with you on setting goals for your child. You should look for a practitioner who considers your child's unique strengths, their individual preferences and asks about your goals for your child as a parent. They should use all that information to guide them in selecting targets that are functional and meaningful for your child and can help identify any areas of need.

How will my child's progress be monitored? How will this information be communicated to me?

When setting goals for your child it is important for you to know when and if your child meets these goals. Your practitioner should regularly monitor how your child is doing and should collect data on how they are progressing towards their goals. This information should also be regularly shared with you. Collecting data and monitoring progress allows you to see how your child is learning and identify if the approach being taken is working. This can then help you decide if you should continue what you are doing or if you need to change something.

Is there evidence that this approach is effective for children of determination who have the support requirements as my child?

Since early childhood intervention is such a broad field, that means there are many different approaches to supporting children's development. Not every approach works in every situation, for every age range, or for every child. It is important that you know your practitioner is selecting approaches that have been shown to be effective with other child that have similar needs to yours. This helps to ensure they are making the most of their time with the practitioner. Your practitioner should be able to give you an idea or summary of what the research and evidence-based practices on their particular approach shows.



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HOW DO I FIND THE RIGHT SERVICES FOR MY CHILD IN ABU DHABI?

What does the journey look like for my child?

Understanding and navigating assessment diagnosis, therapy and intervention services can be complex. However through receiving the appropriate service your child can benefit significantly. The experience of your family will differ from many others depending on your child's diagnosis and support needs. The typical early childhood intervention journey includes assessment, diagnosis, and early intervention. The information below can help you to understand the journey:

Assessment & Diagnosis

Structure evaluation of a child's development, usually done by a trained specialist



If your child is not meeting expected developmental milestones your primary health care practitioner or pediatrician will refer you to an appropriate specialist

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Detailed assessment is conducted, diagnosis and intervention plans are formulated and communicated to you and your family.

Early Intervention

Services and supports that are available to Children of Determination and their families

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Your primary health care practitioner will support you by providing guiding information, resources and available services

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A care plan is developed in consultation with your service provider and tailored based on desired outcomes and needs

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Your family is provided with educational resources and recommended to attend counselling sessions and support groups as required

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The ongoing support of your child can be regularly reviewed and updated based on development needs. Any changes to be made are to be done through discussion and agreement with your service provider

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You and your family are continuously supported and receive guidance on inclusive education systems and other applicable services

How do I find the right services for my child?

With the variety of services offered within Abu Dhabi the services identified have been grouped into available service offerings. Explore these groups further to understand the specific services they can offer to you and your family.

Category	Explanation	Page
Specialist centers for assessment and diagnosis	An organization that conducts validated assessment and diagnosis for people of determination/children of determination.	27
Early Intervention Services and Practitioners	Services providing therapy, case management, and support for your child. Practitioners can outline strategies and guidance for treatment, establish development goals and monitor ongoing progress.	29
Parent and Community Support Offers (Public & Not-for-Profit entities)	Organizations that assist families in many aspects of everyday life and offer a social and emotional support network, and guidance in navigating the system.	37
Specific Developmental Delay or Disability Organization	Advocacy, awareness, therapy, and support organizations related to serving people of determination with a specific developmental delay or disability.	39
Support Services	Early intervention practitioners play a key role in connecting children and their families with other social service providers. Several other general services related to the system are also typically offered, this can include education support, home based care and transport support.	40
Al Ain Services	Services located in Al Ain	45
Al Dhafra Services	Services located in Al Dhafra	46
Relevant Administrative and Government Agencies	Administrative and government agencies that support access and navigation of the system. Agencies that manage financial, legal, and administrative aspects of the system.	47

What do I need to know about insurance coverage in Abu Dhabi?

Many families have questions about insurance coverage, reimbursements and managing the costs of early intervention programs and therapies. The processes for each of these can vary significantly.

As an immediate step you could directly contact your health insurance provider for further information.

Speaking with your health insurance provider can help you to understand what services are covered under your current plan and the extent of benefits available to your child.

In addition, some service providers may also be able to extend support on how to best engage with your insurance provider if they have past experiences with insurance claims.

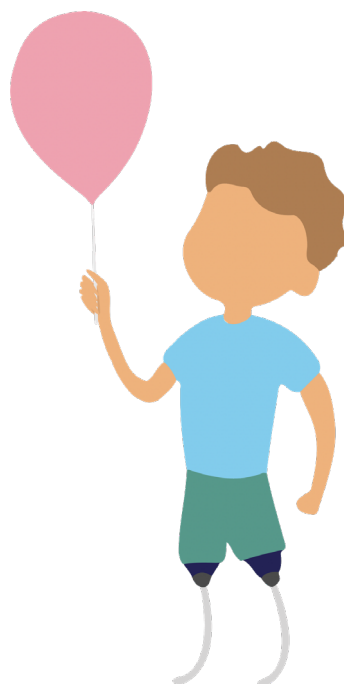
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Some of the key questions you may be interested to learn more about are:

1. How does my insurance coverage for Early Intervention related therapies and treatments work in general?
2. What are the eligibility requirements to receive treatments covered by my insurance?
3. Are there any age limits or requirements that need to be fulfilled?
4. What is the process for claiming reimbursements (if applicable)?
5. Where can you seek further assistance and technical advice on insurance coverage related questions?



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HOW DO I GET ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND ADVICE?

Where can I find additional support and help?

There are many ways to get support when you are raising a child with a developmental delay or disability. This can be confusing but focus on your child's and your family's specific needs and on making the choices that you feel are best suited to your situation. Asking questions of your service providers, support networks and other parents can help you filter information to help you make your choices.



Accessing assistance from services such as community support partners, and mental health and wellbeing support can act as key sources of information and help you navigate the caregiving journey effectively. Several of these services are offered within Abu Dhabi and are detailed below:

Zayed Authority for People of Determination Support Offers

02 305 6666

info@zho.gov.ae

Sheikh Maktoum Bin Rashed Rd - Shakhbout City - Al Mafraq - Abu Dhabi

With centers and clubs for People of Determination across Abu Dhabi, ZA provides a range of integrated services that aim at rehabilitating disabled people for inclusion into the community. These services include training and education, vocational and therapeutic rehabilitation (assessment, early intervention, physiotherapy, functional therapy, speech therapy, and vocational training workshops), psychological care, family counseling, as well as supporting educational and sport activities.

Language support: Arabic, English



Abu Dhabi Public Health Support hotline

800 1717 or 080 01717

The Istijaba call center, which is associated with DoH's Medical Operations Command Center, provides its services 24/7 in Arabic and English through the toll-free number 800 1717 or +971 800 1717 when calling from outside the UAE. The call center responds to inquiries related to all mental health support services.

Language support: Arabic, English



Special Olympics UAE

02 810 7914

info@specialolympics.ae

Khalifa City - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

The Special Olympics World Games 2019 was hosted in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates in March 2019 for the first time in the Middle East North Africa region since the movement's founding over 50 years ago. Special Olympics is the world's largest humanitarian sporting event and a global movement which focuses on the empowerment of People of Determination with intellectual disabilities through the power of sport.

Language support: Arabic, English



SEDRA Foundation

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Khalifa City A - P.O. Box 147107, Abu Dhabi, UAE

SEDRA Foundation is an independent partner for People of Determination and the community. They support families and professionals at each step of their journey and in all areas of life. For all age groups, they offer guidance, support groups, a broad variety of workshops, courses and programs. The work of their multi-disciplinary team is person-centered, culturally competent, community-based, and inclusive.

Language support: Arabic, English, Hindi, Urdu



Caregiver support

Being a caregiver can at times be stressful and emotionally taxing, but there are several support resources that can help you and your family along this journey. There are many aspects to caregiving for your child including understanding your child's condition, seeking services and planning for their care. Importantly, caregiving also extends to providing care to yourself. The better you care for yourself, the better you can care for your child. Using a mixture of formal and informal assistance can help make things a little easier.

Family and friends

Your family and friends are important sources of mental and emotional support. They are the people joining you on this journey. By accessing help and input from your family and friends you may not feel isolated in raising your child.

Caregiver network

Developing a network of other caregivers can help you to gain insights into others' experiences and knowledge. This can be done through tapping into existing networks or parent support groups. Through talking to other caregivers, you can receive personal and tried and tested advice on some of the challenges and concerns faced by caregivers.

Service Providers

Access help and guidance through your service provider or primary healthcare practitioner as they are an indispensable partner in your care journey. Discussing with them your concerns and any support you personally may require can also act to aid your psychological health and wellbeing.

Several of the service providers outlined in this guide do offer parent and caregiver education and support programs, please reach out to them or your relevant service provider for more details.



Parents' platform of the Early Childhood Authority

Parents' Platform presents curated content and resources that promote a supportive environment for the development and well-being of young children, while offering parents and caregivers opportunities to engage, interact and contribute within their communities and through this platform.



Language support: Arabic, English

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Mental Health Support Line



800 4673

Aiming to elevate mental health in the community, the support line is there to provide mental support to individuals by a group of trained volunteers, including leading psychologists and mental health professionals.

The Mental Support Line is a dedicated service to provide basic mental support and is an initiative by the National Program for Health and Wellbeing.



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Early Intervention, Developmental Delay and Disability – Further Information

For further information on specific developmental delays or disabilities, or general guidance on the early intervention system view the resources below:



UAE Genetic Diseases Association (UAE GDA)

UAE GDA aims to reduce the genetic disease burden on the UAE population through effective prevention programs, and all its return over and above operating expenses is devoted purely to scientific activities and research.

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Emirates Autism Center



info@emiratesautism.ae

Emirates Autism Center is a private center specialized in the field of autism, based in the capital of UAE, Abu Dhabi. The center is specialized in autism spectrum disorders and its doors are open throughout the entire year with state-of-the-art classrooms specifically designed to meet the sensory and environmental needs of its students.

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Emirates Down Syndrome Association



edsa@edsa.ae

Emirates Down Syndrome Association is a Humanitarian Public Benefit Association accredited by the Ministry of Community Development in 2006 to serve people with Down Syndrome from birth, and for all ages and nationalities.

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Emirates Speech Language Pathology Society



general-secretary@eslps.org

The Emirates Speech Language Pathology Society's vision is to advance and represent the interest of the SLP & their clients, in addition to increase awareness about the SLP profession and improve the quality of SLP services in UAE. ESLPS purpose is to perform important functions for the community, including research, education and advocacy, and to set standards for excellence in the speech language pathology profession.

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Center for Disease Control – Learn the Signs. Act Early.

CDC's "Learn the Signs. Act Early." program aims to improve early identification of children with autism and other developmental disabilities so children and families can get the services and support they need.

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Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI)

MCRI is the largest child health research institute in Australia with a key focus across five areas: Infection and Immunity, Cell Biology, Clinical Sciences, Genetics, and Population Health. Research from MCRI supports their commitment to achieving the best possible health, development and wellbeing outcomes for children, families, and communities, through an agenda that focuses on promotion and prevention.

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Frank Porter Graham (FPG) Child Development Institute

The FPG is one of the US's oldest and largest multidisciplinary centers devoted to the study of children and families. Their work and research span many disciplines from education and psychology to social work and public health. FPG has specific information on Child Health and Development and Early Intervention and special education among a number of other topics relevant to the system.

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How do I apply for a Person of Determination (PoD) Card?

The Person of Determination (PoD) Card is issued by the Ministry of Community Development. For holders of the PoD Card, a package of services and privileges is provided by multiple parties, with the aim of improving the future quality of life and enhancing the well-being of individuals.

The PoD Card is an official document indicating that the holder is a person of determination and is entitled to the rights and services established in the Federal Persons with Disabilities Law No. 29 of 2006 and the regulations and decisions issued in its implementation.

Benefits of the card include support for insurance from the Ministry of Health, priority housing support for UAE nationals, exemption from fees related to identification, discounts across certain public services and a parking card for children with specific impairments.

For full list of benefits of a PoD card see [here](#)

Apply for the PoD card through the following process:

1. Submit the application via website here with the required documentation, including -

- Passport copy (EM ID and Family Book for UAE Nationals)
- Copy of ID and valid residency for residents of 6 months and over
- Medical and psychological report from an official accredited authority
- Personal photo with white background

2. The department will process the request and validate the information provided and a diagnostic committee will verify any medical reports

3. Receive notification regarding the approval or rejection of the application

4. If your application is rejected, consult with an established Community Support Partner.

For full list of benefits
of a PoD card
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To submit the
application via
website Click or
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Service conditions and requirements are as follows:

- Must be a UAE citizen or resident of the UAE.
- Diagnosed by an official medical or psychological authority and approved by the Department of Care and Rehabilitation of People of Determination.
- The existence of medical or psychological reports proving the existence of the disability in terms of its type and severity, and the tools or assistive devices to be used.
- The applicant's disability should be of the following categories: mental, auditory, visual, physical, autistic, multiple.

More information about the Aounak Card

The Aounak insurance is a health insurance card for non-nationals or their children of determination living in Abu Dhabi. The service is provided in government hospitals and clinics (SEHA – Abu Dhabi health services company) in Abu Dhabi only. Holders of the Aounak card are eligible for treatment and care, without incurring any additional fees. The cards cover in-patient and out-patient care in hospitals, clinics and emergency centers.

Coverage also includes the cost of equipment and medical devices, nutritional therapy, physiotherapy, medication, psychological treatment in outpatient clinics, as well as screening for early detection of disease.

Through this service, non-nationals who are people of determination and are residents of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi can request an assessment of eligibility to obtain the AOUNAK Health Card and they can appeal the decision of the Medical Committee, which is done by submitting a petition via the electronic system.

Apply for the Aounak Card through the following process:

1. Access online application through the TAMM website here.
2. Submit the application along with the required documentation, including:
 - i. Emirates ID of sponsor and Person of Determination
 - ii. Residents Visa of sponsor and of Person of Determination
 - iii. Passport page of sponsor and Person of Determination
 - iv. Person of Determination card- issued by Ministry of Community Development
3. Receive notification regarding the approval or denial of application
4. Submit appeal requests (if required) through the online portal

Click or
Scan the QR code
to visit the TAMM
website



How do I plan my child's nursery or school transition?

Your child's education takes careful planning and consideration, particularly for a child of determination. Starting school is an important step for all children and ensuring that the nursery or school you select offers the appropriate support that best suits your child is key.

Determining your child's needs and in what settings they would learn best is central to helping you decide which educational pathway would suit your family. Best practice shows that, if possible, having your child enrolled in an inclusive classroom can be the best learning environment for them.

To support your decision-making process you may consider:

- Contacting any current service provider to gain advice, asking for a professional's input into what schooling options they recommend for your child as they understand your specific situation
- Reaching out to peer and community groups to offer insight and perspectives into the lived

experience of accessing certain education options

- Visiting schooling options and seeing for yourself the environment in which your child would be learning. Ask teachers and principals about how they can support your child and if they have examples of how they have previously supported students that may have similar experiences or needs to your child. Visiting a few schools that have been recommended can help support your decision-making process.

Once your child has entered the selected education pathway, continue to assess whether their needs are being met and your comfort with the support provided. Remember your child's educational placement is not set in stone and can be changed. More information and guidance is available on the Abu Dhabi Early Childhood Authority **Parents' platform**.

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**DIRECTORY
FOR EARLY
CHILDHOOD
INTERVENTION
SERVICES**

Please note that the organizations and service providers listed here are for informational purposes only, the list does not contain any recommendations or endorsements of specific service providers.

Inclusive Education:

Inclusive education means a child of determination is educated in regular education classrooms with peers in their age range, with necessary support. The aim of inclusion is to achieve the principle of equal educational opportunities for all students.

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This directory covers a broad range of organizations and service providers with various levels of service availability

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Specialist centers for assessment and diagnosis

Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City (SKMC)	- Assessment and diagnosis - Pediatric Oncology and Hematology - Pediatric Nephrology - Pediatric Metabolic Disorders - Pediatric Minimally Invasive Procedures	SKMC Website 	02 819 0000	skmccontact@seha.ae/skmc-marketing@seha.ae	Karama Street, Al Tibbiya, Abu Dhabi City - P.O. Box 51900
Corniche Hospital – SEHA	- Diagnostic tools to assess the function of the developing nervous system in premature and full-term babies starting from 26 weeks of gestation till one year - Use of non-invasive and noninvasive tools suitable for babies - Neonatal Neurodevelopmental Physiotherapy services for preterm babies (less than 32 weeks) and high-risk term babies during their inpatient stay, and as outpatient - Individualized and tailored program for each baby according to his/her needs - Hands on training to the parents and caregivers to apply the program at home after discharge	https://corniche.seha.ae 	02 811 7777 800 50	CornicheContact@seha.ae	Corniche Road East, Salam Street, Near Sheraton Hotels & Resort Abu Dhabi
Danat Al Emarat	Assessment and diagnosis	Danat Al Emarat Hospital 	02 614 9999 80096626	info@danatalema-rat.ae appointments@danatalemarat.ae	Al Khaleej Al Arabi Street (30th street) Al Tabbiyah, Plot No. 24, Villa 1 Area W 18-03 - Abu Dhabi

Specialist centers for assessment and diagnosis

Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City	- Comprehensive health assessments - Vaccination programs - Specialist consultations - Family-centered care approach	https://ssmc.ae/ 	02 314 4444/ 971 55 526 8899 / +971 800 7762	ssmcmarketingand- communications@ ssmc.ae	Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City, PO Box 11001, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Aspris Wellbeing Centre Abu Dhabi	- Pediatric psychiatry - Psychological therapy - Education & learning support - Speech and language therapy - Occupational therapy - Diagnostic assesment - Multidisciplinary support for children with special needs	Aspris Wellbeing Centre 	02 651 8111 04 385 4493	abudhabienquiries@ aspris.ae dubaienquiries@ aspris.ae	King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Street Al Bateen Abu Dhabi/ Aspris Wellbeing Centre, Building 19, Al Nuzha Street, City Walk Dubai/ Dubai Healthcare City Ground Floor, Building 64 - Block F Oud Metha Rd - Umm Hurair 2
Sakina for Children - Al Ittihad Clinic, Abu Dhabi	- Diagnostics - Neurodevelopmental pediatrics - Child psychiatry - Child psychology - Speech and language therapy - Applied Behavior Analysis - Counselling - Occupational speech and therapy - Early intervention program	https://clinics.seha.ae/ 	80050		Ettihad Street - Al Nahyan - Zone 1 - Abu Dhabi

Specialist centers for assessment and diagnosis

Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Sakina for Children- Sheikh Tahnoon bin Mohamed Medical City, Al Ain	Al Ain Centre - Diagnostics - Neurodevelopmental pediatrics - Child psychiatry - Child psychology - Speech and language therapy - Applied Behavior Analysis - Counselling - Occupational speech and therapy - Early intervention program	https://clinics.seha.ae/ 	80050		Al Baladiyah St, Al Mutarid, Al Ain, Abu Dhabi
Al Maqtaa Healthcare Center, AHS, Abu Dhabi	- Child psychiatry - Child psychology	https://clinics.seha.ae/ 	80050		Hamad Mohamed Thani al Rumaithi St corner Al Itihad St., Al Maqtaa, Abu Dhabi
Al Mushrif Children's Specialty Center, AHS, Abu Dhabi	- Child psychiatry - Child psychology - Speech and language therapy - Physiotherapy	https://clinics.seha.ae/ 	80050		Sheikh Rashid Bin Saeed Street (next to Kazakhstan Embassy), Al Mushrif, Abu Dhabi

Specialist centers for assessment and diagnosis

Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Madinat Mohamed Bin Zayed Healthcare Center	- Child psychiatry - Child psychology	https://clinics.seha.ae/ 	80050		59 Al Qa-Id St, Mohamed Bin Zayed City, Z15, Abu Dhabi
Behavioral Sciences Pavillion - SKMC	- Child psychiatry - Child psychology - Speech therapist - Occupational therapist - Behavioral therapy - Parent / caregiver training Program	https://clinics.seha.ae/ 	80050		Sheikh Rashid Bin Saaed Street, Al Manhal, Abu Dhabi

Early Intervention Services and Practitioners

Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Zayed Authority for People of Determination	- Psychological and social counseling - Vocational training - Healthcare services	ZA Official Website 	02 305 6666	info@zho.gov.ae	Sheikh Maktoum Bin Rashed Rd - Shakhbout City - Al Mafrq - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates
M42 (Formerly Mubadala Health)	- Pediatric nursery and school services - Occupational therapy - Speech and language therapy - Therapy school holiday programs - Parent/caregiver training	www.m42.ae 	8002626242 02 311 1111	info@m42.ae/ schooltherapy@amanahealthcare.com	Abu Dhabi City and Surrounding areas
Amana Home Healthcare Therapy Services	- Home based intervention - Speech and language therapy - Occupational therapy - Parent/ caregiver training	https://amanahealthcare.com 	800 2626242/ Therapy Office 054 308 3867	hhccasemanagement@amana-healthcare.com	Abu Dhabi & Al Ain
Sharifa Yateem Center for Rehabilitation	- Applied Behaviour Analysis - Early intervention program - School readiness program - Parent/caregiver training	https://sycr.ae/ 	02 621 8222 054 3099810 056 4011070	administration@sycr.ae reception@sycr.ae	P.O. Box 929, SW16, 29TH St. Khalifa City A, Airport Road, Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.

Early Intervention Services and Practitioners



Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Abu Dhabi Center for Care and Rehabilitation	- Specialized care and rehabilitation for senior Citizens including: - Diagnosis - Consultation - Physical therapy - Speech therapy - Psychotherapy and integration - Family counseling - Therapy including exercise and water therapy. - Occupational therapy - Psychiatry - Vocational training - Social and educational care	https://za.gov.ae/ 	02 305 6116	abudhabi.center@zho.gov.ae	91, Al Ri'ayah St, Shakhbout City, Abu Dhabi 23647
Danat Al Emarat Hospital for Women and Children	- Dietitians - Ophthalmology - Mental health - Child development - Physiotherapy - Occupational therapy - Comprehensive paediatric physicians - Physiotherapy - Speech and language pathology - Applied Behavior Analysis	Danat Al Emarat Hospital 	02 614 9999/ 80096626	info@danatalema-rat.ae	Al Khaleej Al Arabi Street (30th street) Al Tabbiyah, Plot No. 24, Villa 1 Area W 18-03 - Abu Dhabi
Amana Healthcare	- Home based intervention - Speech and language therapy - Occupational therapy - Parent/caregiver training - Physiotherapists - Rehabilitation	Amana Healthcare 	800 262 6242/ +971 2 610 5999	info@amanahealthcare.com	Plot No. 11-12, SE 44 Khalifa City A - Abu Dhabi

Early Intervention Services and Practitioners



Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Applied Behaviour Training Institute	- Parent training courses - Intensive Applied Behavior Analysis - Adaptive skill intensive - Applied Behavior Analysis - Discrete trial training - Pivotal response training - Adaptive skills training - Play-based intervention - Social skills training - Psychotherapy - Psycho-educational assessments - Functional behavior assessments - Behavioralrespite services	https://abtinstitute.org 	04 424 9301	info@abtinstitute.org	309, Pinnacle Building, Al Barsha 1, Dubai - UAE
Ability Center	- Special education - Speech and language therapy - Occupational therapy - Vocational training - Rehabilitation services - Early intervention therapy - Parent support	Ability Center 	+971 2 558 4341 / +971 52 735 5503	abilitycenter_1@yahoo.com/ aabilitycenter@gmail.com	Hazza ' Bin Zayed The First St - Zone 1 - E18-01 - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Early Intervention Services and Practitioners



Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Future Centre	• Special education • Speech and language therapy • Occupational therapy • Physical therapy • Individualized treatment plan • Sensory integration program • Group activities • Light sensory room • Psychology/counseling • Multidisciplinary assessment • Awareness campaigns	Future Rehabilitation Centre 	02 553 3506	frc@futurecn.ae	Building No. 142, Plot 16, Zone 9, Behind Civil Defense, Near to Mazyad Mall, Mohammed Bin Zayed City, Abu Dhabi
Mohammed bin Rashid center for special education	• Applied Behavior Analysis • Center based preschool and day school • School integration programs • Early years program for children with autism (Ages 24 – 48 months- enrollment slots available) • MRC-NECC Vocational program • MRC-NECC School integration programs and classrooms	MRC-NECC 	02 691 8888	info@neccuae.org	Zone 23, Building 31, PO Box 112923 Mohamed Bin Zayed City, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Early Intervention Services and Practitioners



Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Al Ain Center for Care and Rehabilitation	• Assessment and diagnosis program • Early intervention program • Special education program and academic education • Medical care program • Paramedical rehabilitation program • Vocational rehabilitation program • Integration program • Human resources development program	Al Ain Center for Care & Rehabilitation 	03 783 2222 0552488195	info@alain-center.com	Al Ain Center Al Foah, near Al Foah Garden, Al-Ain Abu Dhabi United Arab Emirates
Maudsley Health	• Autism spectrum disorders • Learning difficulties • Pediatricians • Schools and school counsellors • Social workers • Psychologists • Clinicians from allied health professions such as speech and language therapists and occupational therapists • Counselling and support for ADHD, mood disorders, anxiety and stress related disorders, eating disorders, conduct disorders, personality disorders	Maudsley Health 	02 610 7777	enquiries@maudsleyhealth.com	201-205, Al Montazah Tower, 2nd Floor - Zayed The First St - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Early Intervention Services and Practitioners



Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
NMC Royal	• Cardiology • Neurology • Emergency services • Critical care • Maternity • Advanced surgical care • Physiotherapy • Psychology • Pediatric • Child guidance • Family medicine	NMC Royal Hospital 	+971 2 203 5000 / 800 1122	nmcroyal@nmc.ae	16th St - Khalifa City - SE-4 - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates
American Center for Psychiatry and Neurology	• Psychiatry • Neurology • Rehabilitation • Psychology • Children's neuroscience services • Pharmacy • Telehealth • Specialized treatment programs • Training and awarness program • Smoking cessation program • Patient referral	American Center for Psychiatry and Neurology 	+971 2 492 6000 / 800 2276 (ACPN) / 26979999	info@americancenteruae.com	Villa No. 533 Intersection Hazza Bin Zayed (11th) Street and Mubarak Bin Mohammed (26th St after Moroccan and Japanese Embassies - Abu Dhabi
Mediclinic Al Ain	• Family medicine and GP services • Opthamology • Orthopedics • Pediatrics • Physiotherapy • Psychiatry	Mediclinic Al Ain Hospital 	800 2000 / +971 3 764 7479	alainhospital@mediclinic.ae	Khalifa Street, next to Choitram Supermarket, Al Ain, UAE

Early Intervention Services and Practitioners



Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Stars for Special Abilities	• Psychology • Occupational therapy assessment • Applied Behavior Analysis • Speech and language • Special education • Focused therapy programs • School visits and support	Stars for Special Abilities 	02 446 2048 050 4040152	admin@starzuae.com	PO Box : 127322, Villa # 25, Al Sadha Street Muroor Road, Abu Dhabi
Specialized Rehabilitation Hospital	• Post-acute rehab • Long term care • LTVU and ICU • Pediatric rehab • Pain management • Clinical supportive services • Out-patient services	Specialized Rehabilitation Hospital 	+971 2 698 5555	info.srh@capital-health.ae marketing@capital-health.ae	Old Airport Road, Opposite DOH, Abu Dhabi, UAE.
Al Hanan Rehabilitation Center	• Sensory integration room • Occupational therapy • Speech and language unit • Learning unit	Al Hanan Rehabilitation Center 	02 583 2138 055 912 9110	info@hanandcad.com alhanan_dc@yahoo.com	Abu Dhabi, Shakhbout City (formerly Khalifa B), opposite Virginia Schools
Bedaya Rehabilitation and Training Center	• Phycological assessment • Speech and language therapy • Occupational therapy • Special education • Behaviour modification	No website	037510337 0569507172	info@bedayarerehabilitation.com	Al Ain, Al Jimi Khrais , Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Awwal St , 11 th street , Villa 40.

Early Intervention Services and Practitioners



Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Jadara Center for Rehabilitation People of Determination	• Special education • Rehabilitation • Speech therapy • Behavior therapy • Physical therapy • Diagnosis and assessment • Equapation therapy	No website found	03 754 8333	jadaracenter@hotmail.com	48 Al Rawdah Al Sharqiyah St - Al Rawdah Al Sharqiyah - Al Ain - United Arab Emirates
Al Shrooq Rehabilitation Center	• Medical care services in your home • Child care • Ventilator care • Palliative care • Pediatric care • Senior citizen care • Wound care • Post-operative care • Infusion at home • Physiotherapy at home • Diabetes management	Al Shrooq Health Services 	800 747 667 (Toll Free) / +971 3 780 8815	care@alshrooq.ae	Standard Chartered Bank Building - Flat No. 103, 137 th Street - Zayed Bin Sultan St - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates
The Modern International Center for Speech	• Speech and language therapy services • Offering assessments and therapy for various speech and communication disorders.	No Website found	06 536 5397	mics-97@hotmail.com	Branch 1: Al Diwan Building, 10, Jamal Abdul Naser Street, 1 Floor, Office 103 Al Majaz 2, Al Majaz Sharjah, Sharjah United Arab Emirates Branch 2:Al Ain Al Takhteet St. VIP Building Mizzane Floor - Al Ain United Arab Emirates

Early Intervention Services and Practitioners



Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Challenge Training & Rehabilitation Center	• Special education sessions • Behavior modification sessions • Evaluation of autism disorders • Intellectual disability disorders • Hyperactivity and distraction • Speech disorders	https://www.alttahadi.com/ 	+971 2 643 8616 054 44405857	info@alttahadi.com	Al Mujaljal Street, Al Jimi, Al Ain, Abu Dhabi
Dots and Links For Skills Development Center	• Early intervention therapy • Brain and cognitive development training	Dots and Links 	+971 2 666 0948 / +971 50 202 1679	info@dotsandlinks.ae	Al Saada Tower - 801 Al Mamoura street- Al Nahyan, E25, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Wonderful minds rehabilitation and training center	• Assessment and diagnosis • Cognitive assesment (IQ) • Developmental assesment • Psycho-educational assesment • Social-emotional assesment • Behavioural modification • Multidisciplinary assesment • Occupational therapy • Special education consultation • Speech and language therapy • Parents involvement therapy • Workshops and trainings	Wonderful Minds 	02/4463372 054/4475510	info@wonderfulminds.ae	Villa 82, Al Mujaljal Street, Karama Area, Abu Dhabi Near Embassy of Nepal - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Early Intervention Services and Practitioners

Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Al Najah Rehabilitation Center	• Performance tests • Special education program • Behavior modification program • Early intervention program • Psychological rehabilitation program for people with special needs • Integration program • Scouting and public service program for people with special needs • Sports rehabilitation program • Vocational rehabilitation program • Transportation services • Health services	https://nprcuae.com/ 	03 7511181 055 7299985 052 729 9982	info@nprcuae.com	Villa No:123 Al Burj St. Hazaa Village Al Ain Next to Sunflower Nursery - UAE
Irtiqaa Human Development Center	• Education and training services • Early intervention services • Assessment and diagnosis • Entertainment	https://irtiqaa.ae/ 	025534344 - Abu Dhabi 03 7662 384 - Al Ain 06 5680 441 - Sharjah	Accountant@irtiqaa.ae	Villa 153, Mohamed bin Zayed Z24, Abu Dhabi.

Early Intervention Services and Practitioners

Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Sakina for Children - Al Ittihad Clinic, Abu Dhabi	• Diagnostics • Neurodevelopmental pediatrics • Child psychiatry • Child psychology • Speech and language therapy • Applied behavior analysis • Counselling • Occupational speech and therapy • Early intervention program	https://clinics.seha.ae/ 	80050		Ettihad Street - Al Nahyan - Zone 1 - Abu Dhabi
Sakina for Children- Sheikh Tahnoon bin Mohamed Medical City, AL Ain	• Al Ain Center • Diagnostics • Neurodevelopmental pediatrics • Child psychiatry • Child psychology • Speech and language therapy • Applied behavior analysis • Counselling • Occupational speech and therapy • Early intervention program	https://clinics.seha.ae/ 	80050		Al Baladiyah St, Al Mutarid, Al Ain, Abu Dhabi
Behavioral Sciences Pavillion - SKMC	• Child psychiatry • Child psychology • Speech therapist • Occupational therapist • Behavioral therapy • Parent /caregiver training program	https://clinics.seha.ae/ 	80050		Sheikh Rashid Bin Saaed Street, Al Manhal, Abu Dhabi

Parent and Community Support Offers (Public & Not-for-Profit entities)

Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Abu Dhabi Early Childhood Authority	- Family support - Health and nutrition - Early care and education - Child protection	Abu Dhabi Early Childhood Authority 	02 499 9499	info@eca.gov.ae	B Building - Office #4, Al Mamoura - 45 Ahl Al 'Azm St - Al Nahyan - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates
Abu Dhabi Sports club for People of Determination	- Sports club supporting physical, social and cultural skills - Sporting events	https://zho.gov.ae 	02 305 6687 02 305 6683	abudhabi.club@zho.gov.ae	91, Al Ri'ayah St, Shakhbout City, Abu Dhabi 23647
SEDRA Foundation	- General guidance - Social Activities - Inclusive volunteering - Vocational training and employment programs - Family workshops and support groups	SEDRA Foundation 	02 666 0522	info@sedra.org	Khalifa City A - P.O. Box 147107, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Zayed Authority for People of Determination	- ZA has training programs for families (Taaluf and Jousour al Amal) – please refer to Iman altamimi for all the information - ZA and FDF launched a counseling service called Hemam	ZA Official Website 	02 305 6666	info@zho.gov.ae	Sheikh Maktoum Bin Rashed Rd - Shakhbout City - Al Mafrag - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Parent and Community Support Offers (Public & Not-for-Profit entities)

Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Department of Culture and Tourism	- Ask a librarian - Get library membership - Library tour - Library branches	DCT Abu Dhabi 	02 444 444	info@dctabudhabi.ae	Nation Towers Corniche, Building B PO Box 94000
Special Olympics Abu Dhabi	- Sports training and athletic competitions for children and - Adults with intellectual disabilities - Physical fitness - Advocacy and awareness	Special Olympics UAE 	02 810 7914	info@specialolympics.ae	Khalifa City - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates
Family Development Foundation	- Integrated care for active aging - Effective parenting skills - Integrated social care for the family - Building Women's skills - Child and youth development - Supporting family stability - Enhancing the quality of family life - Family awareness and education - Social welfare application - Apply for a therapy play consultation	Family Development foundation 	800 33322 02 4476900	info@fdf.gov.ae	Family Development Foundation, Al Mushrif - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Specific Developmental Delay or Disability Organization

Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Abu Dhabi Autism Center	• Early intervention • Speech therapy • Occupational therapy • Individualized education programs	ZA - Abu Dhabi Autism Center 	02 305 6400	abudhabi.center@zho.gov.ae	8, Al Ra-i' St, Al Sa'adah, Abu Dhabi 22403
Emirates Autism society	• Assesment & diagnosis • Speech therapy • Occupational therapy • Computer skills • Sensory integration services • Adaptive physical education • Outdoor activities • Art & vocational rehabilitation • Music education • Auditory integration rehabilitation • Family counseling & support	https://emiratesautism.ae/ 	056 654 0592	info@uaeautism.ae	Villa 27, Emirates Autism Center, Al Falah St, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Zahret Al Lotus Autism Center	• External activities and community integration programs • Sports and physical education • Occupational therapy and sensory room • Language and speech disorders • Behavior modification and social skills development programmes • Individual sessions	https://zahretalotus.com 	02 557 801	zalotus2017@gmail.com	3 Al Basmi St, Khalifa City - SE-41 - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Support Services

Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge	• School & nursery finder • Family support and welfare • Mawhibaty talent development program • Child protection against abuse or neglect	www.adek.gov.ae 	02 615 000/800555	contact@tamm.abudhabi	B2B Commercial Building, Al Khor Street, Rabdan – Al Maqta, Abu Dhabi
Department of Health	• Authorizes insurance providers • Find a doctor • Find a health facility • Request for eligibility or assessment for aounak health card • Request for medical reports from hospitals outside the country • Birth notification management	www.doh.gov.ae 	800 555 (Toll-free in UAE)/024493333	https://www.doh.gov.ae/en/contact-us	Building 35 Kanadel Street, Al Rawda – Abu Dhabi - Postal code 20224
Zayed Authority for People of Determination	• Appoint meeting for full assessment and diagnosis • Request psychological and social counselling • Request a visit to the ZA for people of determination • Request sports club membership for people of determination • ZA centers providing healthcare and early intervention therapies	ZA Official Website 	02 305 6666	info@zho.gov.ae	Sheikh Maktoum Bin Rashed Rd - Shakhbout City - Al Mafrq - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates
TAMM (Abu Dhabi Digital Authority)	• Healthcare services • Social care	https://www.tamm.abudhabi/ 	800 555	https://www.tamm.abudhabi/en/contact	International Tower - Al Karamah St - Al Rawdah - Capital Centre - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Support Services



Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Abu Dhabi Center for Care and Rehabilitation	- Physical therapy - Occupational therapy - Speech therapy - Psychiatry - Social and educational care - Vocational training	https://zho.gov.ae/Contactus/AbuDhabi-Region 	02 305 6116	abudhabi.center@zho.gov.ae / info@adccr.ae	91, Al Ri'ayah St, Shakhbout City, Abu Dhabi 23647
Mohammed Bin Rashid Center for Special Education	- Applied Behavior Analysis - Center based preschool and day school - School integration programs - Early years program for children with autism (Ages 24 – 48 months-enrollment slots available) - MRC-NECC vocational program - MRC-NECC school integration programs and classrooms	https://neccuae.org 	02 691 8888	info@neccuae.org	Zone 23, Building 31, PO Box 112923 Mohamed Bin Zayed City, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Family Development Foundation	- Integrated care for active aging - Effective parenting skills - Integrated social care for the family - Building women's skills - Child and youth development - Supporting family stability - Enhancing the quality of family life - Family awareness and education - Social welfare application - Apply for a therapy play consultation	Family Development Foundation 	800 33322 02 4476900	info@fdf.gov.ae	Family Development Foundation, Al Mushrif - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Support Services



Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
SEDRA Foundation	- General guidance - Social activities - Inclusive volunteering - Vocational training and employment programs - Family workshops and support groups	SEDRA Foundation 	02 666 0522	info@sedra.org	Khalifa City A - P.O. Box 147107, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Al Karamah School	- Education/school for children with autism and learning difficulties - Speech and language therapy - Occupational therapy - Behaviour support	https://www.alkaramahschool.ae/ 	02 412 1999	info@alkaramahschool.ae	Al Karamah St - Al Manhal - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates
Braille Printing Press	- Educational materials for blind students - Awareness and advocacy - Training and education programs	https://zho.gov.ae/Contactus/AbuDhabi-Region 	02 305 6680	info@zho.gov.ae/BlindCare@zho.gov.ae	91, Al Ri'ayah St, Shakhbout City, Abu Dhabi 23647
Inclusion services	Inclusive transport for elderly, people of determination and others	https://www.inclusion-services.ae/en/ 	050 182 8299 / 02 6812929	info@inclusionservices.ae	Abo Baker alsedeq st, National paint building N (87), first floor, 302 office
Amana Healthcare (M42 Partner)	- Pediatric nursery and school services - Occupational therapy - Speech and language therapy - Therapy school holiday programs - Parent/caregiver training	Amana Healthcare 	800 262 6242 / +971 2 610 5999	info@amanahealthcare.com	Plot No. 11-12, SE 44 Khalifa City A - Abu Dhabi

Support Services



Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
The Butterfly	- Support groups for families with children of determination - Advocacy support for people of determination	https://thebutterfly.ae 	052 412 7248	info@thebutterfly.ae	Incubator & Accelerator Area, Social Contribution Authority Floor 12, Al Khatem Tower, Adgm Square, Al Maryah Island, Abu Dhabi
Special Olympics UAE	- Sports training and athletic competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. physical fitness - Advocacy and awareness	https://www.specialolympics.ae 	02 810 7914	info@specialolympics.ae	Khalifa City - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates
Abilities Development Center for People of Determination	- Psycho-educational assessment - Preparing a comprehensive individual educational plan - Training and rehabilitation for categories of mental disability and autism - Treatment of speech and language disorders for all disabilities - Occupational therapy Development of psychomotor & artistic skills - Providing educational and artistic services for ages 4-18 years - Providing technical lectures that support parents	Abilities Development Center for People of Determination 	02 491 3230	adcsn2007@gmail.com	Villa No. 180, Zone- 27 - Mohamed Bin Zayed City - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Support Services



Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Abu Dhabi Early Childhood Authority	- Family support - Health and nutrition - Early care and education - Child protection	Abu Dhabi Early Childhood Authority 	02 499 9499	info@eca.gov.ae	B Building - Office #4, Al Mamoura - 45 Ahl Al 'Azm St - Al Nahyan - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates
Ability Center	- Education - Parent support - Early intervention therapy - Speech and language therapy	Ability Center 	+971 2 558 4341 / +971 52 735 5503	abilitycenter_1@yahoo.com / aabilitycenter@gmail.com	Hazza ' Bin Zayed The First St - Zone 1 - E18-01 - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates
Challenge Training & Rehabilitation Center	- Special education sessions - Behavior modification sessions - Evaluation of autism disorders - Intellectual disability disorders - Hyperactivity and distraction - Speech Disorders	https://www.alttahadi.com/ 	+971 2 643 8616 05444405857	info@alttahadi.com	Al Mujaljal Street, Al Jimi, Al Ain, Abu Dhabi
Future Centre	- Special education - Speech and language therapy - Occupational therapy - Physical therapy - Individualized treatment plan - Sensory integration program - Group activities - Light sensory room - Psychology/counseling - Multidisciplinary assessment - Awareness campaigns	Future Rehabilitation Centre 	02 553 3506	frc@futurecn.ae	Building No. 142, Plot 16, Zone 9, Behind Civil Defense, Near to Mazyad Mall, Mohammed Bin Zayed City, Abu Dhabi

Support Services

Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Wonderful minds rehabilitation and training center	- Assessment and diagnosis - Cognitive assesment (IQ) - Developmental assesment - Psycho-educational assesment - Social-emotional assesment - Behavioural modification - Multidisciplinary assesment - Occupational therapy - Special education consultation - Speech and language therapy - Parents involvement therapy - Workshops and trainings	Wonderful Minds 	02/4463372 054/4475510	info@wonderfulminds.ae	Villa 82, Al Mujaljal Street, Karama Area, Abu Dhabi Near Embassy of Nepal - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates
Al Najah Rehabilitation Center	- Performance tests - Special education program - Behavior modification program - Early intervention program - Psychological rehabilitation program for people with special needs - Integration program - Scouting and public service program for people with special needs - Sports rehabilitation program - Vocational rehabilitation program - Transportation services - Health services	https://nprcuae.com/ 	03 7511181 055 7299985 052 729 9982	info@nprcuae.com	Villa No:123 Al Burj St. Hazaa Village Al Ain Next to Sunflower Nursery - UAE
Aspris well being centre Abu Dhabi	- Pediatric psychiatry - Psychological therapy - Education & learning Support - Speech and language therapy - Occupational therapy - Diagnostic assesment - Multidisciplinary support for children with special needs	Aspris Wellbeing Centre 	02 651 8111 04 385 4493	abudhabienquiries@aspris.ae	King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Street Al Bateen Abu Dhabi/ Aspris Wellbeing Centre, Building 19, Al Nuzha Street, City Walk Dubai/ Dubai Healthcare City Ground Floor, Building 64 - Block F Oud Metha Rd - Umm Hurair 2

Al Ain Services

Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Al Ain Center for Care and Rehabilitation	- Assessment and Diagnosis Program - Early intervention program - Special education program - Medical care program - Paramedical rehabilitation program - Vocational rehabilitation program - Integration program - Human resources development program - Activities	Al Ain Center for Care and Rehabilitation 	03 783 2222	info@alain-center.com	Al Ain Center Al Foah, near Al Foah Garden, Al-Ain Abu Dhabi United Arab Emirates
Al Qoa Center for Care and Rehabilitation	- Education - Awareness and advocacy	https://www.za.gov.ae/ 	03 761 7967	ALQOA.Center@zho.gov.ae	Al Qou'a - Al-Shabiya - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates
Al Ain Sports club for People of Determination	- Sports and recreation - Psychiatry - Social support	https://www.za.gov.ae/ 	03 716 7777	alaindis@zho.gov.ae	11, Al Diya St, Falaj Hazza', Al Ain 30079
Al Wagan Center for Care and Rehabilitation	- Academic education - Cooperative learning - Autism specific services - Early intervention - Vocational training - Therapeutic care - Transportation assistance	https://www.za.gov.ae/ 	03 761 7806	ALWaganRehab@zho.gov.ae	Al Waqan Zayed Center, Al Wiqan - Abu Dhabi
Al Ain Autism Center	Care programs dedicated to people with autism	https://www.za.gov.ae/ 	03 716 7886	AinAutism@zho.gov.ae	Al Ain - Zakher

Al Dhafra Services

Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Madinat Zayed Center for Care and Rehabilitation	- Healthcare - Academic and cooperative learning - Autism comprehensive care - Early intervention services - Psychological counselling - Family counselling	https://zho.gov.ae/Contactus/Al-Dhafra-Region 	02 305 6305 02 3056302	MadinatZayedRehab@zho.gov.ae	102, Al Bayda-a St, Zayed City, Al Dhafra Region 10049
Ghaiathy Center for Care and Rehabilitation	- Physical therapy - Occupational therapy - Speech therapy - Psychological - Educational support - Autism care - Early intervention services	https://zho.gov.ae/Contactus/Al-Dhafra-Region 	02 305 1322 023056327 023056361	ghaiathy.Center@zho.gov.ae	21, Al Baradi St, Ghiyathi, Al Dhafra Region 10868
Al Sila Center for Care and Rehabilitation	- Intellectual development - Vocational training - Early Intervention services - Agricultural training - Physical therapy - Psychological counselling - Education support - Awareness and advocacy services	https://zho.gov.ae/Contactus/Al-Dhafra-Region 	02 305 6364 02 305 6368 02 305 6361	alsila.Center@zho.gov.ae	43, Al Manbi'i St, Al Sila', Al Dhafra Region 12217
Delma Center for Care and Rehabilitation	- Intellectual development - Vocational training - Early intervention - Agricultural training - Physical therapy - Psychological training	https://zho.gov.ae/Contactus/Al-Dhafra-Region 	02 305 6383	Delma.Center@zho.gov.ae	11, Al Riwayah St, Delma, Al Dhafra Region 13604
Al Murfa Center for Care and Rehabilitation	- Educational services - Vocational training - Physical therapy - Psycho-social counselling	https://zho.gov.ae/Contactus/Al-Dhafra-Region 	02 305 6344	almarfa@zho.gov.ae	5, Arzanah St, Al Marfa, Al Dhafra Region 10810

Relevant Administrative and Government Agencies

Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Zayed Authority for People of Determination	- Appoint meeting for full assessment and diagnosis - Request psychological and social counselling - Request a visit to the ZA for people of determination - Request sports club membership for people of determination - ZA centers providing healthcare and early intervention therapies	ZA Official Website 	02 305 6666	info@zho.gov.ae	Sheikh Maktoum Bin Rashed Rd - Shakhbout City - Al Mafraq - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates
Abu Dhabi Judicial Department	- Family guidance - Child visitation request - Family guidance counselling - Human rights office - Alternative solutions and enforcement courts - Public prosecutions and criminal courts - Correctional and rehabilitation centers	https://www.adjd.gov.ae/Ar/Pages/Home.aspx 	02 651 2222	info@adjd.gov.ae	16, Al Nawfal St, Al Rawdah, Abu Dhabi 20224 PO Box 84 United Arab Emirates
Social Support Authority	- Request for social support - Maternity leave support for women working in the private sector - Marriage loan	https://www.tamm.abudhabi/en/abu-dhabi-government-entities/AbuDhabiSocialSupportAuthority 	800 55	contact@tamm.abudhabi	152 Al Mudehel Al Muntazah Abu Dhabi, 2240
Dar Zayed for Family Care	- Child foster request - Family counseling request - Request for "To whom it may concern" certificate (Foster Family) - Inclusion programs - Caregiver support - Emergency support - Temporary Sheltering	https://www.adfca.gov.ae/Our-Services 	03 716 0000	info@dzfc.ae	Dar Zayed for Family Care Abu Dhabi, Al Ain, United Arabic Emirates, P O Box: 86444

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Name	Services Provided	Website	Phone number	Email	Location
Department of Community Development	Abu Dhabi social support program	https://addcd.gov.ae/ 	02 777 0700	info@addcd.gov.ae	25, Al Khaleej St, Al Muntazah , Zone 1 - Ministries Complex, 22404, Abu Dhabi
Ministry of Community Development	- Apply for social aid - Issuing a new card for the People of Determination - Issuing of a lost or damaged card for the People of Determination card - Renewal of the People of Determination card - Details of periodic update on financial assistance - Usrati Platform	https://www.mocd.gov.ae/en/services/proactive-services.aspx 	800 623 04 7771777	Quality@mocd.gov.ae	Bani Yas St, East 3, Bani Yas City, Abu Dhabi
Ministry of Interior	Child protection dimensions	https://moi.gov.ae/en/default.aspx 	02 402 2762 800 5000 04 7771000	moi@moi.gov.ae	Zayed Sport City, Arab Gulf Street, Near to Shaikh Zayed Mosque
Ministry of Education	- Registration for education and scholarships in UAE - Verifying academic authenticity - Teachers licensing - Vocational institution attestation	https://www.moe.gov.ae/En/Pages/Home.aspx 	800 51115	sd@moe.gov.ae ccc.moe@moe.gov.ae	Dubai Academic City Block 3
Family Development Foundation	- Effective parenting skills - Integrated family social welfare - Childhood and youth development - Family education and awareness	Family Development Foundation 	800 33322 02 4476900	info@fdf.gov.ae	Family Development Foundation, Al Mushrif - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

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GLOSSARY

Term	Definition
Applied Behavior Analysts	Applied Behavior Analysts support children and their families to understand and change behavior through a range of different strategies and techniques. These can be used to teach children new skills and reduce their difficult behaviours. Applied Behavior Analysts are frequently used to support children diagnosed with autism and developmental issues related to behavior.
Assessment and Diagnosis	The concept of developmental assessments relies on a structured assessment which may be conducted by a developmental assessment specialist, or if possible, by a team of professionals tailored to the child’s particular developmental difficulties or delays (e.g., pediatrician, language specialist, audiologist, occupational therapist, child psychologist, physical therapist, infant mental health specialist). The family should be a partner in this process.
Caregiver	The term caregiver is an adult (parent, family member or other) who parents, or takes care of the child.
Child Development	The term Child Development is defined as the continuous process of acquiring skills and abilities from conception to the age of school entry across domains of cognition, language, motor, social and emotional development which helps individuals to think, solve problems, communicate, express emotions and form relationships. It is also considered the foundation of health, learning, productivity, wellbeing, and the building blocks for future human capital formation.

Child of Determination/ Person of Determination	In the UAE, persons with special needs or disabilities are referred to as ‘people of determination’ and ‘children of determination’ to recognize their achievements in different fields. A person with special needs is someone experiencing a temporary or permanent, full or partial limitation or illness in their physical, sensory, mental, communication, educational or psychological abilities to an extent that restricts their ability to participate in ordinary, everyday activities.
Developmental Delay	The term developmental delay has been defined as “a deviation of development from the normative milestones in the areas of cognitive, language, social, emotional and motor functioning (WHO, 2012, p. 2).” Children develop at different rates. Delays in development can be due to disabilities, but also to a host of other conditions. Some developmental delays may improve with age or intervention and can even disappear. The delay can be variable, some domains may be more delayed than others (e.g., language or socio-emotional), or atypical where the child develops differently in both the rate of development of a domain and the quality (e.g., a child who can memorize a dialogue heard on television but cannot ask for a food item).
Developmental Milestones	The term developmental milestones refer to skills such as taking a first step, smiling for the first time, and waving “bye- bye.” Children reach milestones in how they play, learn, speak, behave, and move (e.g., crawling and walking) at the same age.
Developmental Screening	The term developmental screening refers to a short checklist or test which may be used to see if the child is learning the expected basic skills at the expected approximate age, or if they might have delays. Some countries, like the United States or the UK, screen all children with the same tool at specific ages (e.g., developmental screening at birth, 14 days, 6-8th week of life, 12 months, and 24-30 months).
Early Intervention	The process of providing specialized support and services for infants and young children with disability and/or developmental delay, and their families, in order to promote development, wellbeing and community participation
Inclusive Education	The term inclusion is used to refer to the education of students with special needs in a regular classroom with their same-age peers who do not have disabilities. the aim of inclusion is to achieve the principle of equal educational opportunities for all students through the adaption of approaches to learning and environment.
Multidisciplinary	The involvement of two or more disciplines or professions in the provision of integrated and coordinated services including assessment and diagnosis activities.
Natural Environment	Settings that are natural or normal for the child’s age peers who have no disability. This may include the home, neighborhood or community settings.

Occupational Therapist	Occupational Therapists support your child to build skills to develop independence in everyday activities such as getting dress, learning, mealtimes, and play. This may involve providing a child with specialist equipment to support their activities (e.g. bathing equipment, wheelchairs etc.) to assist in access or provide increased safety to these activities. The aim is to support the child to gain the highest attainable level of participation in daily life.
Physiotherapist	A physiotherapist supports skill development in the areas of movement, posture, and balance. They support caregivers with strategies for positioning, carrying, and encouraging overall motor development. They can also support the increased fitness and skills required for recreational sports. Physiotherapists can recommend and provide any specialized equipment to support a child’s development or mobility including orthotics, walking frames, wheelchairs etc
Primary Care practitioner	A primary care practitioner is a physician who provides both the first contact for a person with an undiagnosed health concern as well as continuing care of varied medical conditions, not limited by cause, organ system, or diagnosis.
Psychologist	Psychologists specialize in the treatment of a wide range of social, behavioral, emotional, or educational issues and disorders that affect children. Psychologists who work primarily with children conduct assessments and engage in therapy sessions with individuals, families and groups.
Rehabilitation	The term rehabilitation refers to the provision of educational and medical related programs and services to persons with disabilities. This aims to help them achieve the maximum level of independence possible and to function effectively in society.
Special Education	The term special education refers to educational programs and practices designed for students with disabilities. They also include those who are Gifted and Talented students, who's mental ability, physical ability and emotional functioning require special teaching approaches, equipment or instruction within or outside of a regular classroom.
Speech Pathologist	Speech pathologists provide support for your child to develop their communication and processing skills. This can include informing families on how best to build an effective environment for your child to communication and interact in. Speech pathologists can help children develop their social skills and can provide alternative methods of communicating, when required. These may include a communication board or specialized device (communication book etc.) to assist a child to communicate.
Social Workers	Social workers provide information, advocacy and counselling for individuals, couples, and families. They assess the needs of the family and can refer them to the required services. They can also provide support to a family in adjusting to a diagnosis of developmental delay or disability and provide practical assistance such as recommendation of community resources.

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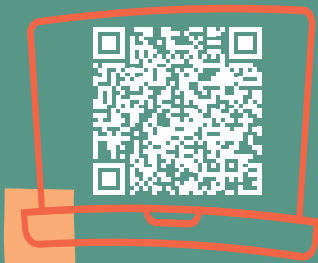
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