



## Enable Ireland Galway Services

### Fact Sheet For Parents And Adults

Enable Ireland children's centre in Galway has been in operation since 1996. The children's service in Galway offers a variety of programmes to children within the age range of 0 – 18 years. We offer assessment, intervention, review and consultation and family supports to children who meet the access to service criteria.

The services for all children referred have defined pathways which are delivered along Primary and secondary pathways in keeping with the Enable Ireland Code of Practice and each child will have an individualised service plan

Over the years we have seen the service extend outwards to provide community based activities such as horse riding, swimming, social, educational and field based sports, this could not be possible without the innovativeness, professionalism and commitment of the staff. In addition we have developed the facility of a Hydrotherapy pool at the centre on Seamus Quirke road.

#### **Early Intervention Services (EIS) for children 0- 5 years 11 months.**

The Early Intervention services are provided to children from birth to 5 years and 11 months of age who have complex needs. Enable Ireland is part of a collaborative model of working with the HSE PCCC, and the Brothers of Charity to provide the Early Intervention Service. This is known as the Spring Time Early Intervention Services

#### **Rainbow Preschool**

Rainbow is a pre-school for children aged 3-6 years requiring additional support during their pre-school years. The pre-school aims to provide an individualised programme to each child with specific skill development emphasis in areas such as:

- Communication

- Social Development
- Cognitive Development
- Gross and fine motor
- Independence and self-help
- Play

Children may receive therapy from the team both within the pre-school and on an individual basis by therapists.

### **Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD service)**

The service is for Children 5 to 12 years whose motor co-ordination is substantially below the expectations for their age and they are experiencing difficulties in motor coordination that is having a significant impact on their ability to carry out activities at home and school. The Children who attend the DCD service experience motor co-ordination difficulties which are deemed to be their primary area of need and do not have a diagnosis of Pervasive Developmental Disorder, such as Asperger's Syndrome or Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

### **School age Services for children and young adults 6 to 18 years (or until they are 19, if still attending school)**

The services are accessed by children with a primary physical disability who when assessed require a team based intervention from more than one discipline and the child's assessed needs can be met by Enable Ireland Galway Children's Services.

The services are delivered through an inter/transdisciplinary team based approach, working in partnership with parents and families to develop a plan of intervention which will best meet the assessed needs of the children and adolescents within the resources available.

### **Assistive Technology**

The Assistive Technology team consists of a full time clinical engineering technician and occupational therapist. They provide a regional service covering counties Galway, Mayo and Roscommon. They focus in particular on: your child's use of technology and how it could be used to overcome

some of the barriers they may encounter. This could include;

- adapting computers to facilitate your child's access,
- adapting toys to increase your child's ability to control
- introducing software to support your child's production of work at school
- looking at communication devices to assist with speech production,
- adapting wheelchair controllers to enable your child to control with greater ease
- supporting your child in investigating environmental controls to access entertainment systems, doors, lights or windows about the home

### **PA and Family support service**

Enable Ireland Galway provides a Personal Assistant (PA) / Family Support Worker (FSW) service to Children and adults tailored to meet the needs of the individual.

Services are provided for children in the home, community and pre-school. The PA/FSW provides support to children with home therapy programmes, social and recreational activities. A PA/FSW may also provide in home respite for families and support children attending Enable Ireland therapy and camps.

The PA/FSW service recognises the individuality of persons with a disability, their capacity to benefit from education, training and care, their entitlement to participate in the local community in accordance with their individual capacity and dignity as human beings. We do this by offering a range of services and supports of the highest quality in line with the needs and wishes of service users and active partnership with them.

This service is also provided to Adults with a physical disability.

### **Hydrotherapy**

Enable Ireland Galway has a deck level type hydrotherapy pool on site, this means the water is level with the surrounding floor and facilitates ease of access alongside the use of a hoist system and steps with handrails.

Hydrotherapy is provided as part of the individual service plan to children who may benefit from movement and therapy in the 35° Celsius water temperature.

### **Transport**

Transport can be availed by children and Adults attending the services outlined above

## **Who is eligible for services?**

### **The Spring Time Early Intervention Services**

Children from birth to 5 years and 11 months of age, who have complex needs. Children who have complex needs are defined as children who present with significant physical, sensory, intellectual or developmental delay who require team based intervention including therapeutic inputs from a minimum of two of the following disciplines, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy or Psychology, over the duration of at least 12 months

### **Rainbow Preschool**

Children within the age range of 3 to 6 years who have a diagnosed neurological physical disability such as Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy or Spina Bifida or have a diagnosed chronic orthopaedic condition such as Brittle Bone, Juvenile Arthritis or have a significant physical disability without a confirmed diagnosis. Also, children with epilepsy, speech and language delay or a developmental delay without an intellectual disability can avail of the preschool service .

### **Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD) service.**

For Children 5 years to 12 years who meet the access criteria of Enable Ireland DCD service. The Children who can access the DCD service do not have an intellectual disability as defined by the current DSM criteria.

**School age Services for children and young adults 6 to 18 years** (or until they are 19, if still attending school)

Children 6-18 years who have a diagnosed neurological physical disability such as Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy or Spina Bifida or have a diagnosed chronic orthopaedic condition such as Brittle Bone, Juvenile Arthritis or have a significant physical disability without a confirmed diagnosis. They require a team based intervention from more than one discipline and the child's assessed needs can be met by Enable Ireland Galway Children's Services.

### **Assessment of Need**

Any child born after June 1st 2002 is eligible to apply for an assessment under the [Disability Act 2005](#) regardless of their age at the time of application. An assessment of need is an assessment of the full range of your child's needs associated with his or her disability. After this, you will receive an Assessment Report detailing your child's needs and the services required to meet those needs. Children may be referred by the Health Service Executive (HSE) for an Assessment of Need (AON) and review of the AON.

### **Adult Personal Assistant service (PA)**

Adults with Physical and Sensory disabilities who require Personal assistant support. The PA service is available to Adults with a physical and sensory disability. The service is to support the adult with an identified support need in social, educational and /or activities of daily living at home or the community

### **Children's PA/family support services**

The PA/ family support service is available to Children and Adults with a physical and sensory disability. The child or Adult should present with an identified need for support in social, educational and /or activities of daily living at home or the community. The service is based on assessed need and available resources and is reviewed annually

### **Children and Adults who require Assistive Technology service**

Assistive technology service is available for Children and Adults with a physical and sensory disability. The child or Adult should present with an identified need for support with accessing high tech assistive technology to

support their function in daily activities. They must also have a primary physical and/or sensory disability between the ages of 0 to 65 years.

### **How do I get a referral?**

Children and Adults must reside in Galway city or county,

#### **Children 0 - 6 years**

Referrals to the Springtime Early Intervention service can be made by any of the following if accompanied by reports indicating that a child has complex needs: HSE Primary Care Team, GP, PHN. Assessment of Need (AON) Officer, Health Professionals in acute hospitals, Early Intervention teams.

#### **Rainbow preschool**

Referrals are made through the Early intervention service, Primary care teams Paediatricians, individual therapies or Psychologists.

#### **Children 6 - 18 years** (or until they are 19, if still attending school)

Referrals will be accepted from the following professionals:

Paediatrician, G. P., Psychologist, Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, Speech & Language Therapist or the Early Intervention Service Keyworker.

The accompanying reports should indicate that a child has a diagnosed neurological physical disability such as Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy or Spina Bifida or have a diagnosed chronic orthopaedic condition such as Brittle Bone or Juvenile Arthritis. Children may also present with a significant physical disability without a confirmed diagnosis and require a team based intervention the referral form should be completed by the referrer and guardian together.

#### **DCD service**

Children being referred should be within the age range of 5 to 12 years.

Referrals will be accepted from the following professionals: Paediatrician, G. P., Psychologist, Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, Speech & Language Therapist or the Early Intervention Service Keyworker.

Children must meet the access criteria for the service. For more information, or to request a referral form, please contact a member of the DCD service at (091) 545 800.

### **PA and Family support service**

Referrals can be made by HSE PCCC case manager, early intervention services, school age services, self-referral, Social work or Psychology by completing the referral form. For more information, or to request a referral form, please contact the PA coordinator at (091) 545 800.

### **Assistive Technology Service (AT) for Children and Adults**

The A.T. Service currently operates an open referral system. For adults, this allows for individuals who meet the service entry criteria to self-refer or for others to refer on their behalf (with their consent). For children, the open referral system allows parents, teachers, therapists, medical professionals and others to complete and submit a referral with parental/guardian consent on behalf of a child. For more information, or to request a referral form, please contact a member of the Assistive Technology team at (091) 545 800.

### **Assessment of Need under the [Disability Act 2005](#)**

Any parent who feels that their child (born after 1<sup>st</sup> June 2002) may have a disability can apply for an assessment. An application can also be made by a legal guardian. There is a provision under the Disability Act, 2005, for a personal advocate to be assigned by the Citizens Information Board (for more information call 0761 07 9000 or visit [www.citizensinformationboard.ie](http://www.citizensinformationboard.ie)).

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