

Early Intervention Program – Rehabilitating Children with Special Needs

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While “**Early**” refers to the nascent and most critical period of a child’s growth (**0-3yrs**), “**Intervention**” means giving impetus to a child to experience, explore and interact with its atmosphere. Early Intervention (EI) services are **special services** for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities or at risk of developmental disabilities. Sarothak encourages their overall development, enhances their abilities to the fullest and empowers them to circumvent their disability. It builds on the strengths of the child and trains parents using early intervention strategies to equip them to serve their child’s special needs. With the pestilence, some immediate measures included shifting teaching process online on an unprecedented scale, conducting online therapies using technology. Sarothak’s team transformed its **online teaching methods** and is super pumped to provide services. The online therapy sessions are engaging and fruitful, it includes **networking with parents** and **mapping of their child’s disability**.

With Sarothak’s proper Early Intervention tools the total center wise enrollments for April’21;
West Delhi Center: 65 Ghaziabad Center: 54



Areeb - Sarothak Early Intervention Ghaziabad Center

Areeb, is a 6-year-old child who is diagnosed with cerebral palsy. With **proper identification** and **intervention**, He is now able to walk. Sarothak's proper walking trainings and continuous support from therapists worked wonderfully for him.

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Nitin – Sarothak Early Intervention Ghaziabad Center

Nitin, a 11-year-old boy who was diagnosed with **Down Syndrome** has started to comprehend things better after **Sarothak's Early Intervention therapies**. He not only comprehends things better but also **responds to them**. Let's watch Nitin performing early intervention activity.

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Afsha – Sarothak Early Intervention West Delhi Center

Afsha is a 10-year-old child, who is diagnosed with **Mental Retardation**. She has shown **tremendous growth** through **Sarothak's Early Intervention therapies**. Let's come forward, donate and secure the future of Afsha.

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Nishant – Sarothak Early Intervention West Delhi Center

Here is the story of Nishant, **Sarothak's Early Intervention beneficiary**, who is suffering from **Mental Retardation**. Sarothak's multi-intervention approach helped Nishant to know things better. Nishant is now able to **pay more attention** and **follow commands**.

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Naksh – Sarothak Early Intervention West Delhi Center

Naksh, **Sarothak's Early Intervention beneficiary** is suffering from **autism spectrum disorder**. Sarothak, through its early intervention approach, made the learning experiences, fun for Naksh. Naksh not only learns happily but also **responds to the commands given**.

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Early Intervention at Sarothak

During the first three formative years of an individual's life most of the cognitive, communicative, social and emotional developments take place. Thus, in the case of any developmental delays, this period is the best for introducing interventions so that the child can be facilitated and supported to achieve normal growth. Sarothak aims to approach the families with disability history and aims to eliminate or minimize risk in the first place.

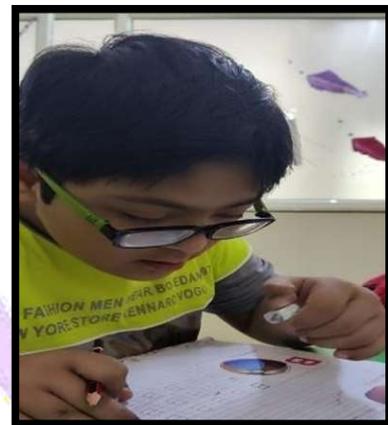
Sarothak family is extremely grateful to **Crocs and Info edge** for being prominent funding partners and marching ahead in unison.

Stories of our Beneficiaries



Zaheen is a 10-year-old boy with hearing loss. Though he has cochlear implant done but his auditory skills were very poor and he always preferred lip reading to understand others. After enrolling in Sarothak, **the special therapists** started his auditory training which made him aware of **identification of sounds and later discriminate between them.** At present he is able to respond to his name, identifies different sounds and also able to speak small sentences like 'ghar jaa raha hu', 'madam Namaste', 'pad raha hu' etc.

Tanish is a 8-year-old child diagnosed with Down syndrome. Prior to therapies he was not able to sit at one place, threw tantrums, and did not finish tasks that were assigned to him but with the help **of occupational therapy and special education, he is now able to pay proper attention to things around.** Now he follows instructions, pays attention to the tasks assigned.



Parent Response to Early Intervention therapies

Let's listen to Mr. Jai Shankar, who is the father of Kushal. With the help of speech therapies, Kushal is now able to communicate in a better way. Let's listen to Mr. Shankar's experience with Sarothak.

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Early Intervention Strategies

Appropriate intervention strategies in India are a big challenge for people with disability, which is why Sarothak is aimed towards carrying an equal stature for persons with disability by providing them a platform from the initial years, wherein they have equal access to opportunities and resources. It also gives support through different allied activities namely guest lectures, alumni meet, exposure Visits and parent interaction sessions that aims at a holistic development of the child. Here are a few glimpses of the allied activities at Sarothak.

Highlights of Sarothak Early Intervention April'21



Glimpses of Sarothak's Early intervention beneficiaries. Sarothak's online art and craft sessions with its beneficiaries. These art sessions give students a chance to grow socially and also brings out their creative side.

CALL FOR ACTION

Sarthak is running this program to prevent, identify and then eliminate the disabilities that are the biggest barrier to inclusion. Let's work towards ensuring that all the children enter school, equipped with the skills they need, to succeed. Let's work towards empowering persons with disability.

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