

District Early Intervention Centers

Following the initial step of screening of children from birth to 18 years of age group for selected health conditions including Defects at Birth, Deficiencies, Diseases & Developmental delays including disabilities under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karkyakram (RBSK) through trained and dedicated Mobile Health Teams under the Control of the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai. The next vital step is confirmation of preliminary findings, referral support, management and follow up. Under RBSK, these activities viz. confirmation, management, referral, tracking & follow-up, needs to be planned according to the age group of the child.

Thus, the early intervention centers are to be established at the District Hospital level across the country as District Early Intervention Centers (DEIC).

The purpose of DEIC is to provide referral support to children detected with health conditions during health screening, primarily for children up to 6 years of age group. A team consisting of Pediatrician, Medical officer, Staff Nurses, Paramedics will be engaged to provide services.

Thus, the DEIC will be the hub of all activities, will act as a clearing house and also provide referral linkages. Presently under the control of this Directorate, the DEIC is being implemented in the following Districts:

1. Ariyalur,
2. Cuddalore,
3. Dindigul,
4. Erode,
5. Kirshnagiri,
6. Nagapattinam,
7. Namakkal,
8. Perambalur,
9. Ramanathapuram,
10. The Nilgiris,
11. Tiruppur,
12. Thiruvallur,
13. VirudhuNagar.