

Success Story

This is the actual case study of Sneha , which gives an example of our preschool early intervention services.

Sneha was identified through our surveys by the community survey worker. She had no head or trunk control , was unable to recognize family members and had low muscle tone in entire body. She also had no eye contact and suffered epileptic fits, which further deteriorated her condition. Both parents were under tremendous mental and social pressure as Sneha showed little improvement despite her treatment from the well known Apollo hospital. Further, Sneha's mother Mohini was subjected to mental trauma by her husband's family as her first child was aborted and her second child-Sneha, was a Cerebral Palsy child.

MEDICAL HISTORY BY THE PEDIATRICIAN

Sneha is 15 months old female child came to Samadhan on 18/8/06 with frequent seizures. According to mother antenatal and natal history was perfectly normal. At the age of 1 year and 6 months as per Indian immunization schedule, child was vaccinated for DPT+ Polio and Hepatitis B dose. Same night She had temperature 102-104 degree fever followed by Seizure. She had anti convulsant treatment, when she came to Samadhan She had no neck control anthropometrical measurement was below normal. Neuro development, Social and Behaviour development were very poor. She was advised to continue anti epileptic drugs, added physiotherapy, folic and pyridoxine in high dose with extra fat and protein chart. The seizures stopped and the child started improving in neurological behaviour as well as in her growth and development of social behaviour. After a period of 9 months and efforts by the professional team and the one to one sessions provided at the center ,the child started standing with out support .She also started saying a few words and shows a good understanding which is age appropriate.

HISTORY SUBMITTED BY THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Sneha at the age of 1 year and 6 months

When Sneha first came to Samadhan for treatment she was already one year and six months.

An intensive intervention program was developed for her by the professional team She received continuous medical help as well as occupational therapy. A one to one therapy session for 2hrs every day was planned which included our special teacher guiding the mother and the child.

Sneha at the age of 2 years

After 6 months of extensive therapy Sneha has shown remarkable improvement, Her mother Mohini's effort and determination has shown good result.

Sneha now recognizes all family members

She is able to understand and respond to many commands.

She had developed full head control

She is able to sit by her own.

She turns around for toys or other things and tries to catch them.

She has learned to use her hand and fingers for purposeful activities.

She does not require any support for sitting.

She is learning toilet control.

She has started crawling.

She enjoys group play and the company of peer group.

Her epileptic fits are well under control by medicines. Most heartening is the change in attitudes towards Mohini, Sneha's mother by both her own family and the community to which she belongs. Now there is acceptance and a place for her and her child in her social circle. Mohini has gained in self image and self confidence and knows that she can make a major change in Sneha's life.



Illustration 1-Sneha at age one



Illustration 2-Sneha at age one