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PURPOSE-BUILT FACILITY SERVING PEOPLE OF DETERMINATION

Founded in 2004, Senses Residential and Day Care for Special Needs (Senses Center) is a non-profit organization based in Dubai, UAE and the first residential care facility in the Middle East, dedicated to improving the quality of life of People of Determination.

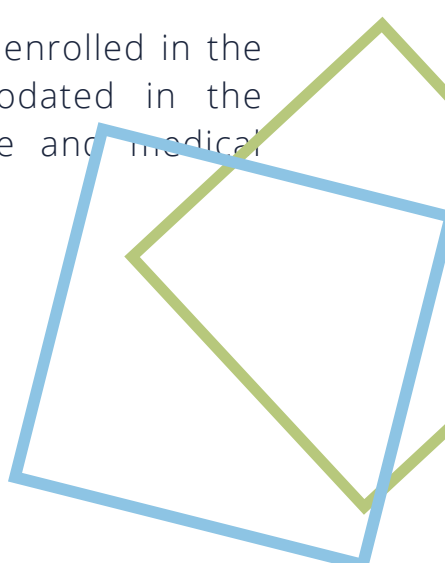
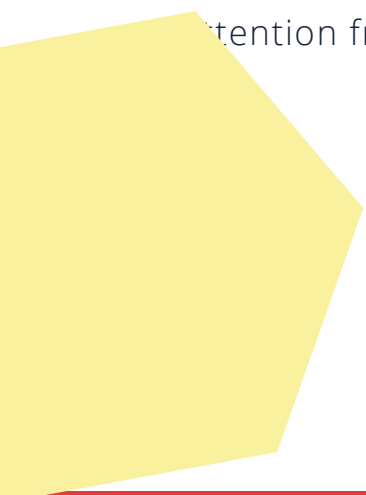
Maintaining international standards, the Center provides intervention programs using a holistic approach for children with special needs.

The Center provides specialized programs that combine Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Functional Therapy, Vocational, Daily Life Skills, Sensory Integration Therapy and Educational Programs for the children between the ages of two to nineteen.

We cater to the needs of mild to severe Autism, Mental Retardation, Physical Disabilities and Down syndrome.

In 2010, with the generous personal contribution from **H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai**, the purpose-built daycare center and residential care facility was gifted to the organization.

Currently, 120 children with various special needs are enrolled in the center from which over 95 children are accommodated in the residential care facility to receive 24/7 nursing care and medical attention from our team of experts and caregivers.



THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S MESSAGE

At Senses, we offer specialized care to the children keeping in mind they all are unique.

"WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HIS HIGHNESS SHEIKH MOHAMMED BIN RASHID AL MAKTOUM FOR HIS GENEROUS SUPPORT TO SENSES TO HAVE A PURPOSE-BUILT FACILITY TO CATER GROWING DEMAND OF OUR SERVICES"

As a nonprofit organization, we rely on corporate organizations and philanthropists to support us in reaching our goals to serve People of Determination.



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OUR VALUES

ACCEPTANCE

Our school encourages empathy, respect and acceptance by providing classrooms that integrate students with and without special needs.

CUSTOMIZED CARE

Our knowledgeable staff meets each child on their level and provides them with individualized lessons and customized care to help them succeed.

PEACE OF MIND

We are dedicated to providing every child with a safe learning environment and training of staff to be an open book with parents, offering constant communication and absolute honesty.

INSPIRATION

Our supporters – from staff and parents to volunteers and donors – are invested in building a better future in which each child succeeds and is recognized for their abilities, not disabilities.

OUR GOAL

To support and nurture the children's and our own natural desire to be life-long learners. We are committed to the families we serve, providing support and encouragement.

OUR MISSION

To provide high quality education and childcare in a safe, respectful and inclusive environment that builds a foundation for life-long learning.

OUR VISION

Is a community where all children feel loved, respected and encouraged to develop to their fullest potential.



As a non-profit organization, we rely on your generosity to support the Senses Center's programs, projects and campaigns.

If you wish to explore opportunities for partnership/sponsorship or discuss possible ways to collaborate with Senses, you can reach us on;

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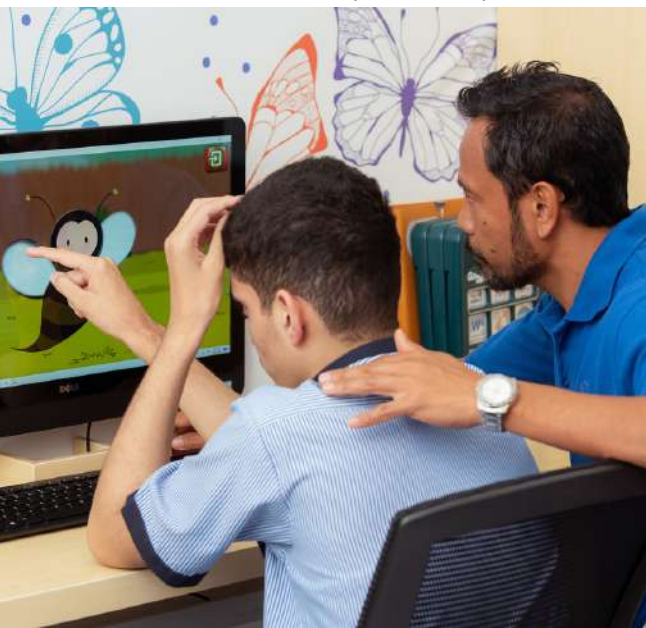
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SENSES CENTER'S PILLARS OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES (2-5YRS)

Contact Senses Center to learn more about evaluations and assessments, and the process of creating and carrying out your child's development plans.



EDUCATION SERVICES

Your child's education will be tailored to match his/her needs using an appropriate curriculum. While the classroom experience mimics typical school as closely as possible, much greater attention is given to individuals and their specific needs.

SPEECH AND COMMUNICATION THERAPY

Speech therapists are key to successful intervention plans. After assessing each child's verbal aptitude, they are able to set realistic goals that cover language learning and non-verbal communication.



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Occupational therapists work with children using a sensory integration approach. This means using therapeutic methods to train the senses and responses to external stimuli. As a result, children are able to gain more control over their bodies and improve their coordination, among many other benefits.



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SPECIAL EDUCATION UNIT

Specially designed instruction, to meet the unique needs of children with Autism, considering their strengths and weaknesses. Each child with special needs at The Senses Residential and Day Care for Special Needs is provided with an individual educational plan (IEP) that is highly personalized to reflect the unique qualities of each child and addresses the child's specific special education needs. Senses Center boasts of complying with international standards and providing intensive one-on-one sessions, with emphasis on developing communication and interaction skills, increasing attention, promoting 'learning to learn', establishing life, leisure and vocational skills and fostering independence.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY UNIT

Speech and language therapy helps to improve the students' overall communication, enabling them to improve their ability to form relationships and function in day-to-day life. Working with a speech and language therapist enables the student to articulate words verbally and non-verbally. The speech therapists not only assess the best ways to improve communication but also enhance a child's social interaction and quality of life. A key part of the coordinated multi-disciplinary treatment team, throughout therapy the speech-language therapist work closely with family members, school units and other professionals to ensure best intervention methods.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ROOM

Occupational therapy improves students' quality of life at home and school. The therapist helps introduce, maintain, and improve skills so that individuals with special needs can be as independent as possible.

Through analysis of functional ability, occupational therapy can improve everyday life skills involving cognitive, physical and motor skills and enhance their self-esteem and a sense of accomplishment.

Occupational Therapy offer safe fun and learning that promotes sensory, motor and cognitive skills. Swings and balancers help focus on gross and fine motor, eye hand coordination, visual motor, visual perception and handwriting skills.methods.

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PHYSIOTHERAPY UNIT

Physiotherapy (PT) helps with the development, rehabilitation, and improvement of movement skills and performance. Physiotherapists may work on gross motor skills such as sitting, standing, and walking, as well as improvement in flexibility, strength, and endurance.

At Senses Center, our therapists specialized in working with children with motor difficulties and children with weight-related concerns.

For example, a child might work with a therapist in a “gross motor” gym by walking across a beam and doing core strengthening to improve their balance or crawl through a ball pit to build strength, endurance and body awareness.

SENSORY INTEGRATION

Here, safe sensory Integration approach-led activities on steamroller, roller slide, tunnel, sand play, tactile mats, climbing walls, body socks and various swings, enhance vestibular, proprioceptive, tactile sensations, praxis skills and address student’s unique needs.

Sensory stimulation help learning and play, improve balance, movement and spatial orientation and enhance sensory modulation and self-regulation skills.

COMPUTER LAB

We have a fully equipped computer lab for various age groups, including for early intervention, juniors, and seniors. The computer lab also houses some of our augmentative and alternative communication tools – such as the Voice Output Communication Aid (VOCA) devices for non-verbal students. We also provide adaptive and advanced technologies for our certified training programs, which prepare students for work placement and possible employment.

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GYM

The Gym is well set-up with specific areas for Early Intervention, Juniors and Seniors which has age-appropriate fitness equipment like treadmill, Elliptical Walker, Side Stepper, Trampoline and separate space for activities like obstacle course, games/sports, and aerobics, etc. It helps to rapidly improve students' endurance and agility through group or individual sessions which enhance physical, emotional and cognitive health.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING UNIT

It has a work station to practice pre-vocational skills to gain a vocational skill that will help students to become productive.

Projects include making: Bracelets, Photo Frames, Paintings, Knitting and Embroidery, etc.

MUSIC ROOM

Senses Center adopts music as a therapeutic tool for children with special needs because of its many proven rehabilitation benefits.

The therapists can use songs or musical instruments to support cognitive activity so that they can build self-awareness, knowledge and enhance social interaction with others.

EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMME

The Early Intervention Programme (EIP) creates a unique atmosphere through totally dedicated, professional and experienced staff providing individualized and bespoke programmes for each child acknowledging their specific strengths and supporting individual weaknesses. This includes Integrated therapy programmes with onsite therapists who advise on embedding specialist strategies and learning objectives throughout the curriculum and social activities.

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ASSESSMENT & DIAGNOSIS UNIT

A specialized assessment & diagnosis unit that targets children from 3 to 18 years, as part of the integrated services provided by the Center, under the supervision of an integrated team of consultants from different disciplines.

The clinic team consists of consultants whose specialties vary in general medicine, clinical psychology, rehabilitation, special education, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and clinical special education. All that is provided to ensure a comprehensive and accurate assessment for each case.

RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY

Senses Center is the first residential facility in the Middle East, dedicated to improving the quality of life of People of Determination. We have over 76 students residing in the residential care facility where we accommodate orphans and abandoned individuals with special needs.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

UMRAH TRIPS

Every year we take students along with special educators/ clinical staff to KSA for Umrah.

AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

Center is also focused on launching periodical awareness campaigns on various disorders throughout the year to mark the disability awareness month and observance i.e. Autism Awareness Month, Down Syndrome Month, Cerebral Palsy Day, International Day of Persons with Disabilities etc.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We host educational conferences/symposiums and workshops for the special educators, therapists and professionals working in the special education sector to benefit. The purpose of the conferences/symposiums is to bring best practices to the regions and provide an opportunity for the professionals to attend and share knowledge at no cost.

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