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STATE SUPPORTED REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE WITH  
DISABILITIES BETWEEN 5 AND 35 YEARS OLD

## GOOD PRACTICE MODEL

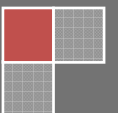
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MOST PROJECT



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### DOCUMENTING “BEST PRACTICES”

#### A) Title of The Best Practice

State supported rehabilitation services for the people with disabilities between 5 and 35 years old.

#### B) Introduction

Major changes and developments have become in the field of counseling and rehabilitation after 1990's in Turkey. During this period, the State and the citizens understood the importance of the participation of the people with disabilities to daily life. The authorities developed new programs and state policies based on this way.

Ministry of Education has undertaken an important duty on this way. They have focused on the importance of supporting the people with disabilities in terms of daily life activities and job acquisition. They emphasized the importance of Rehabilitation services in Primary education. In this way, the ministry of education has decided to establish private rehabilitation centers for the people with disabilities between 5 and 35 years. These centers have been audited and financed by Government. Güroymak Governorate have been supporting and administrating these activities on behalf of Turkish Government.

#### C) Implementation

In line with this project, Güroymak Governorate has decided to establish 2 private Rehabilitation Centers. Rehabilitation Centers have reached the people with disabilities in the district. According to the initial reports, 135 people with disabilities have been determined. The families of the people with disabilities have been interviewed and informed individually about the program. 24 of the families didn't want to participate in the program. Guidance counselors dealt with these families especially to convince them.

The experts have prepared individual programs for each one to gain different basic skills and advanced skill for the people with disabilities who have begun the program.

The main supporters in this program are The Turkish Government, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health.

**D) Results of the practice**

The program has started in 2007 in Güroymak. During this period, 890 people with disabilities have attended the program. 384 of them has gained the basic daily life skills, 216 of them has gained advanced skills for job acquisition. Other people with disabilities haven't completed the program.

With the new laws, each company or organization has to give job to people with disabilities to the %3 of the total staff. The government has reduced the taxes for the companies and organizations that involved in this program.

**E) Lessons learned**

During the program, many problems have been faced. These obstacles have been overcome with professional coordination and collaboration. The feelings of the families have been shared and they have been informed about the process of the program regularly.

**F) Conclusion**

The program has emphasized the importance of sustaining life on people with disabilities own and prepares the conditions to make them feel efficient.

Positive outcomes have been obtained as these people participate in daily life in terms of their families, public and State. This program will reach more people with disabilities thanks to the financial support of the State and moral support of the citizens.

**(a) Further Reading**

Güroymak Kaymakamlığı <http://www.guroymak.gov.tr/>

Güroymak Milli Eğitim Müdürlüğü <http://guroymak.meb.gov.tr/>

Bitlis Rehberlik ve Rehabilitasyon Müdürlüğü <http://bitlisram.meb.k12.tr/>