



Our Background

Special Needs Families (SNF) began as a small group in 2003 as a means to provide support and succour for a handful of families having children with special needs . A few experienced members got together and started this platform to help the special needs community to cope and to provide constructive direction to its family members. Over the years, the group has developed with the help of many sponsors and supporters and today, we have become a dynamic force for change. The SNF group now consists of over 150 member families. The group has regularly arranged get-togethers, seminars and group meetings in different venues. It also organizes a summer camp every year to help families keep their children with special needs fruitfully occupied through the vacation. SNF has helped hundreds of families in Dubai by providing emotional and social support.

Three eventful and exciting years of caring for children with special needs as a group have brought us to our next major milestone – the launch of a Center dedicated to special needs – the Children Development Center.



From the Patron

"SNF Children Development Center is a forum that aims to provide an opportunity to young adults with special needs to develop and nurture their talents in the right direction. It is a stepping stone to achieve greater heights. I wish the Center huge success in the years to come."

Tawhid Abdullah
Managing Director
DAMAS L.L.C.



Growing up Confident



with SNF CHILDREN DEVELOPMENT CENTER



From the Founder

"To maximize the child's potential towards self reliance"
Safia Bari - Director



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Our Objectives

Bringing out the best in everyone

1. GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- Develop the current and potential skills of the individual in those areas which are important for independent functioning at home and in the community
 - Identify and assess ability, interest and provide appropriate vocational training
 - Provide training in assistive technology
 - Develop the capacity to use leisure time in a socially acceptable, constructive and pleasurable activity
- Provide counselling services to improve personal and social growth and development

2. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- **Develop Cognitive Skills:** Functional academics - reading signs, use of telephone, counting, using calculators, develop concept of money and time
- **Teach Safety and Protective Behaviour:** Coping with change, safety at home, road and in the community, understanding prohibited behaviour, asking for help, reading survival signs
- **Teach Skills of Daily Living :** Personal care, domestic skills and skills required in the community
- **Develop Visual Motor, Fine Motor and Gross Motor Skills :** Visual discrimination, tactile discrimination, eye-hand coordination, balance and dexterity
- **Offer Communication and Social Skills :** Communicating needs, initiating conversation, turn taking, cooperative behaviour, tolerating interruptions
- **Impart Pre - Vocational and Vocational Training:** Sorting, collecting, assembling skills, clerical skills, photocopying, computer skills, sewing, cooking
- **Develop Recreational Skills:** Listening to music, watching television, reading books, using the computer, playing simple interactive board and other games, using gym equipment



Our Aims

Providing personalised and professional care

The aim of the Center is to firstly provide an institution for young adults with special needs who are in need of occupational and vocational training and secondly for SNF to join hands with the special needs fraternity in Dubai.

SNF Children Development Center is a committed Center for young adults with special needs who would like to enhance their lives by contributing to the community in their own special way. Qualified and certified staff members will impart training specific to the individual's potential and vocational needs.



Our Mission

We strive to create a support network for families of children with special needs by offering psychological, emotional, social, educational and vocational guidance to their children thereby ensuring that they achieve their full potential physically and mentally, and also easing their integration into the larger community.