

A Holistic Approach to School Readiness

Theme: A graduated approach and ordinarily available provision

Service Provided: School Readiness and Inclusion Support

Overview:

Kids provided a comprehensive school readiness program to children with SEND, focusing on social, emotional, and educational development. This service worked closely with local schools, ensuring that children with SEND were included in mainstream education as early as possible. The program involved both direct work with children and collaborative efforts with parents and schools to ensure each child's needs were met.

Key Best Practices:

- Individualized Learning Plans (ILPs): Each child's specific needs were addressed through tailored ILPs that focused on communication skills, motor skills, and social skills necessary for school.
- Collaboration with Schools: Kids established close relationships with local schools to ensure that SEND students were included in mainstream classrooms with appropriate support. This included providing training for teachers and classroom assistants.
- Parental Involvement: Kids organized sessions for parents on how to work with schools and how to support their child's development at home.
- Use of Assistive Technology: Kids introduced tools like communication boards and speech apps to support non-verbal children in expressing themselves.

Outcome:

The program resulted in improved school attendance and participation for children with SEND, as well as positive feedback from both schools and parents about the increased confidence of children entering mainstream education.

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