

Who Can Refer and How To Do It?

To access the project a child will already have two professionals working with them and their family.

Examples of these professionals are:

- Health Visitors
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Physiotherapists
- Childcare Practitioners
- Occupational Therapists

A parent, professional or childcare practitioner can refer a child using a referral form from the JCCT. All referrals must have the parent's consent and signature.

What Happens After Referral

The Area Special Needs Co-ordinator visits the child at the childcare setting and reports the areas of need identified by professionals to the Special Needs Steering Group. The Group discusses how many hours of support per week the child will need and this is confirmed with the childcare setting.

The Special Needs Inclusion Project

The Aim of the Project is to ensure children with special needs can access mainstream private childcare provision in Jersey.



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Mission Statement

The JCCT believe that children with special needs have the same rights to high quality mainstream childcare as other children. It is felt that if their needs are supported through the project, they will benefit in terms of inclusion, independence and school readiness.

The Project Aims to:-

- Facilitate the inclusion of children with special needs mainstream childcare settings.
- Offer equal opportunities to all children.



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How does the Project work?

The Project provides support for children with special needs in day nurseries and pre-school provision. It is co-ordinated by the Jersey Child Care Trust (JCCT) and is jointly funded by the JCCT and Charity Funding.

The Area Special Needs Co-ordinator is based at the JCCT and works in partnership with private childcare settings and Special Needs Co-ordinators (these are qualified child carers who have achieved or are working towards the required special needs training).

The Area Special Needs Co-ordinator also works in partnership with the Special Needs



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Steering Group which consists of professionals from:

- The Jersey Child Care Trust, i.e. Area Special Needs Co-ordinator
- The Education, Sport and Culture Department i.e. Educational Psychologist and Pre-school Support Teacher
- Family Nursing and Home Care
- A private childcare practitioner

The Steering Group evaluate reports from relevant professionals/parents/nursery staff to ensure each individual child receives the right amount of support to help them access the learning environment.



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