

Child's Name: Chay Ting Guan ( Boy , 5 Years Old )

*Our child was missing all the developmental milestones of the "normal" child since birth. Few months later, we were doing all test recommended by the pediatrician. Although none of the test showed the cause of the delay, our son was diagnosed as Global Development Delay (GDD) at 6 months old.*

*His muscle is generally weak thus delay him in overall aspects especially his gross motor skill, fine motor skill and coordination. He was referred to the local hospital for further testing and assessment and treatment. Thus, he has to undertake several therapies such OCCT (Occupation Therapy), Physiotherapy and Speech Therapy, and all sort of test (MRI, blood, chromosome, genetic, etc).*

*He attended those therapies for about 2.5 years although he starts to show some improvement, overall he still very much lacking in balancing and coordination .HE only learns to walk at 3. In terms of motor skill, he shows little improvement whereas in fine motor skill it was worse.*

*He was unable to jump, run, to climb up and down, to hold spoon to feed him and performs physical activities that other 3 years old kid does!*

*We feel sad and worried that he will not be able to cope with pre-school that might suit his condition. However, none of those pre-school were likely to provide suitable approach for him. It was a total disappointment and we really felt devastated and in doubt of the right path to proceed.*

*We came to know about VE through Internet when we search for other pre-school options around Kepong area ,but it took us times before we were able to make any enquiries because the center was "closed"(We happen to call or drop by on Monday all the time). Finally, one fine day after work, we decided to drop by VE one more time to check it out whether this centre has ceased its operation! Well, we were LUCKY this time and finally we managed to meet the principal – Ms. Sally Tan.*

*After listening to our problems, she recommended Sensor Motor Integration Training (SIT) and Children Massage Programme. She told us that our son is not ready to attend pre-school and the first important task to do is to help improving his physical strength. She also told us that she will allow him in the WELL Program when he is ready. That was the time where we really felt relieve as there is HOPE!! We were greatly cheered up and we enrolled into both programs recommended although we yet to know the effectiveness of the program on our son.*

*The first week into SIT, our son cried throughout the whole session. Well, we have to admit that it was not easy for a start!! However, with the guidance from Ms. Tan and other SIT teachers, he completed each of the activities. We were pleased and very lucky to have a group of teachers in the SIT to guide and motivate us throughout the session. Their understanding and patience really teach us not give up and continuously work hard for the sake of our son.*

*After one month of training, we could see a lot of improvement in his physical strength, especially his gross motor skill. We never expect him to have such a tremendous improvement in such a short period of time. In less than 3 months, he was able to climb up and down the staircase firmly, less clumsy when getting up and down the car. He is more confident in his and he is very different now; he is active, stronger, and able to learn happily and he has vast improvement physically. That was a SURPRISE to us and truly in the bottom of our heart, we believe this training is really WORKS if we have will, belief, determination and hope.*

*It was great news to us when we were told by the principal that our son ready to join the WELL Program after 5 months into the SIT. That was awesome! We enrolled him into WELL Program as suggested by the principal. He can start learning like every other kid and learning together among the kids.*

*This WELL Program is another amazing program we would like to share and appraise. He has grown up a lot and improved a lot intellectually & in character – he can reads, he good manner and he is full of LOVE! He will says “Mama, I love you”, “Mama, good night”, every night. We believe that every parent out there definitely feels the warmth and touch whenever our child tell us he /she love us. We believe LOVE is miracle and with LOVE we can excel beyond our capability!*

*We also like to share on one of the amazing programs –Children Massage Program. Our son tends to have “bad dream” which disturb him emotionally and he tends to throw his tantrum badly every night. Well, it works- he is calmer, relaxed and had a sound sleep through the night when we massage him before bed time. We believe by touching through massage, he feels the love and security from us that make a huge different.*

*Presently, we are still striving to improve his other weakness such as short concentration, sensitive emotion/emotional disturbance, sensitive character, hot tempered, etc. We truly believe that with unconditional love and care, patience and perseverance, we could overcome all the weakness and he will be great one day.*

*Last but not least, our sincere appreciation and thank you very much to the Principal- Ms. Sally Tan and all teachers (SIT & Well Program) for all your guidance and support! We truly believe you have bought great hope and give opportunities to all who needs it.*