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State of Mental Retardation (MR) and Services  
Provided for them in  
State of Bahrain  
For  
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**In the light of the grand guidance of his highness  
Shaikh Isa Bin Salman Al khlifa the Ameer of Bahrain  
His Highness Shaikh Khlifa Bin salman Al khlifa the prime minister  
And His Highness Shaikh Hamed Bin Isa Al khlifa the crown prince**

**The government of Bahrain gave a large care for national  
development at general and social development in specific ,which let  
Bahrain to have the leading opportunity among the regional countries  
in the human development according to United Nation Organization  
Reports .**

**And this achievement has come through the hard working of the  
Bahrain Official and Non - Official Organization .**

**And I would like to mention the great rolls played by the private  
Organization, Specially which provide services at welfare and Social  
rehabilitation field , ( Which is our concern ) .**

**The State of Bahrain believe from long time the importance of  
providing the basic services needed to develop the individuals with  
special needs , we believe the disabled is Human being first of all and  
he is a member of the society has the equal right as other.**

**And a good facilities and services provided to these individual will  
enable them to participate in the building process of the modern  
Bahraini Society .**

**In this filed the state of Bahrain has a clear policies in providing  
the care and services for disabled which comes equal to the United  
Nations demands .**

**Although the state of Bahrain has a resent experience in  
Rehabilitation but the Speciality of the state from the geographical  
point of you which consists of an archipelago of 36 Islands with an  
overall area of (695.26) kilometers square .  
and total population of( 508037 )people according to the last census  
conducted in December 1991 .**

**The number of Disabled according to the same census was (4114)  
and MR . was ( 765 ) , 460 Male and 305 Female .**

**From other hand consulting of national qualified staff work in the  
filed let the quality of the services provided Smaller to those of  
advanced countries .**

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**The services provided for Mental Rehabilitation ( MR )  
in Bahrain .**

In this paper I would like to specific some of services provided for ( MR ) which is our concern , But when I say the special needs or disabled I mean the ( MR ) in this paper .

**The Rolls played by the Official Organization .**

**1 ) Ministry of Labour and social affairs .**

The directorate of welfare and social rehabilitation on Ministry of labour and Social Affairs provides the basic services needed to develop the individual with special needs so as to integrate them in to the society .

**A: Rehabilitation center**

Hence the Ministry opened the Rehabilitation Center in April 1980 to provide a number of Rehabilitating Educational and Vocational Services to children and adults with special needs through its facilities or units wich are,

**1. special education unit for MR**

Rehabilitating of child with mild and medium retardation according to special programs designed to help them integrate in to society such programs include :

- Basic Academic Skills ,
- Skills of self sufficiency,
- Social Skills,
- Recreational and Kinetic skills ,
- Skills of Vocational preparation .

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**2. Vocational unit.**

Integrating the students in to the Vocational training and rehabilitation programmes after they complete their special education programmes aimed to be economically self sufficiency and get suitable jobs.

And the training of such jobs is carried out through the following workshops such as : Carpentry, Upholstery, Assemble and disassemble, Welding Mechanics, Refrigeration, Sewing and handicrafts pottery works, Beautition and hair dressing .. etc. .

**3. The Sheltered Workshops unit .**

The disabled whom are not able to work Directly at the market force will be trained in the sheltered vocational workshops .

And we bring outside jobs for such productive workshops from various establishments or Individuals and distribute them so as each disable will do a part of the job and assemble it at the end .

**4. supported facilities**

Isa town Reh. center provide other services to disabled such as , Health and treatment, Care programs, Social care, and Cultural and sport programs ..ect..

**Employment :**

According to section four of labor law decree No . 23 for the year 1976 on the right of the vocationally qualified disables to work. the MR disabled engaged in many job equally with other disabled in different Govt. and Non government organizations

**B: Rehabilitation Home.**

Opened in 1970 to the care of medium and several retardation and provide Day care for (17) child as well as the home providing Rehabilitated and other programs.

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**C : The Day Care center for Children**

Open in 1995 to service the children of age 4 to 12 year old of (MR) disable .

**2) The Ministry of Education**

The Ministry of education helps the student with learning difficulties and slow learner to integrate them in special classes at the normal school as well as providing qualified trained staffs to work with disabled .

**3- Other Ministries**

The Defferent ministries in Bahrain Plays important rolls in care and welfare for disabled for example Ministry of health , Interior, information and foreign affairs .

**Rolls of local societies in disable Rehabilitation**

The different national societies play an important roll and coordinate with official organization to provide services and care for disabled and some of these Organization are,

**1- The Hope institute for children**

Provide number of educational vocational services for ( MR ) to prepare the disabled children for work before transfer them in to the Rehabilitation Center for further training as well as provides kidy garden for ( MR ) children .

**2- Bahrain society for ( MR )**

Provide care and services to the severe and middle ( MR ) .

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**3- Bahrain Sports Committee for the disable**

Which was established in 1987 to cater for sports and help healthy integration of the disabled in society .

**4- National Committee for Disabled**

It is established in 1984 with aims of drawing up the general policy for the qualification of handicapped and preventive schemes for implementing the world wide program of action for the handicapped .

**Other facilities for disabled**

- 1) Free transportation for disabled.
- 2) 50% discount for disabled on air ticket .
- 3) Help in providing a suitable Housing and Getting the commercial and other registration
- 4) Getting the advantages of the movable unit facilities.

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