

## 5. Costa rica

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## Intellectual Disabilities (JFY 2002)

### Country Report

#### I General Information

1.	Name of country	COSTA RICA	
2.	Area	51.700 Km2.	
3.	Population	Urban = 2249.296	Rural = 1.153.158
4.	Life expectancy	80.2 years (female)	74.8 years (male)
5.	Infant mortality rate	10.2 / 1000	
6.	Maternal mortality rate	Not available	
7.	Literacy rate	95%	
8.	Education (compulsory)	From preschool to 9° grade.	
9.	Unemployment rate	5.2%	

#### II Situation of People with Intellectual Disabilities

1. Situation of I.D. in general, services provided for I.D. such as,
  - 1) Finding & Diagnosis of I.D.  
 The attention for people with I.D. has been given inside of National Education System in the Less Restrictive environment, trying to bring attention of his needs as a person and as a student.  
 The students can receive attention in special education schools, integrated classrooms or with the aid of special educator support in two ways: in regular classrooms or part time in special classes.  
 Usually, the diagnosis of I.D. is done by doctors and psychologists, but the academic issues are assessed by special educators.

- 2) **Early intervention**  
Early intervention in public system is given in Costa Rica through special education schools for children with I.D. Some services start at the age of 40 days (especially for children with Down Syndrome) and others as soon as it has been detected.
- 3) **Education**  
Education is given through special education schools (there are 23 of these in Costa Rica) and other services in regular schools. Curriculum for people with I.D. includes improving the life level, integration or inclusion in personal, social and economical environment, develop of his physical and emotional health, develop of occupational competencies, and learn of functional knowledge and social skills.
- 4) **Vocational training**  
Vocational training is brought through III and IV levels of special programs in regular high schools. For people with other disabilities associated there are services in special education schools.
- 5) **Employment**  
From IV level of special education starts the search for employment for people with I.D. and there are some Non Government Agencies that brings protected work for people with less intellectual compromise.
- 6) **Financial assistance**  
Government of Costa Rica support most of the services in our country, however, there is still a big need of help for those services.  
Private organizations also help with financial assistance.
- 7) **Others**

2. Flow chart of service delivery system.
3. **Laws concerned with I.D.**  
The principal law related with people with I.D. is calls "Equal Opportunities for people with disabilities". This law remarks a special point in the history of Costa Rica, opening the door for services, opportunities and protection system for many people.
4. **Community-Based Rehabilitation program (the system and responsible organization).**

5. Government agencies concerned with I.D.

Consejo Nacional de Rehabilitación y Educación Especial.

Directora Ejecutiva: M.Sc. Barbara Holst

Centro Nacional de Recursos.

Directora Ejecutiva: M.Sc. Gilda Aguilar

Centro Nacional de Educación Especial Fernando Centeno Güell,  
Departamento de Retardo Mental.

Directora General: M.Sc. Ana Lucía Avila. Tel 224-5895

Directora Depto: Lida Damaris Barquero, Tel 224-1729

Centro de Atención Integral para personas con Parálisis Cerebral  
Infantil.

Directora: Licda. Flora Bogantes. Tel. 225-6018

Escuela de Enseñanza Especial Carlos Luis Valle.

Directora: Licda. Rocío Fernández. Tel. 551-0155

Instituto Andrea Jiménez y Centro Laboral Andrea Jiménez

Directora: Licda. Felicia Castro. Tel. 250-5047

Escuela de Rehabilitación La Pitahaya

Directora: Licda. Gabriela Chacón. Tel. 253-0123

Escuela Neuropsiquiátrica Infantil

Directora: M.Sc. Patricia Villegas. Tel. 253-4805

Centro de Atención Integral San Felipe Nery

Directora: Licda. Ana Isabel Bermúdez. Tel. 259-6220

Escuela de Enseñanza Especial de San Isidro.

Directora: Licda. Olga Montero. Tel. 771-0573

Escuela de Enseñanza Especial de Heredia

Directora: Licda. María Antonia Rojas. Tel. 237-1784

Escuela de Enseñanza Especial de Liberia

Director: Lic. Denis Baltodano. Tel. 666-0508

Centro de Atención Múltiple de Guápiles

Directora: Lic. Margot Quirós Núñez. Tel. 716-6304

Escuela de Enseñanza Especial de Turrialba

Directora: M.Sc. Rosita Argüello Mora. Tel. 556-0516

Escuela de Enseñanza Especial de Alajuela  
Directora: Licda. Enid Quesada. Tel. 441-1559

Escuela de Enseñanza Especial de Grecia  
Directora: Licda. Alicia Hidalgo Céspedes. Tel. 444-5802

Escuela de Enseñanza Especial de San Carlos  
Directora: Lic. Elvia Vargas. Tel. 460-0453

Escuela de Enseñanza Especial de San Ramón  
Directora: M.Sc. Marjorie Cubero. Tel 445-5827

Escuela de Enseñanza Especial de Puntarenas  
Directora: Licda. Visney Núñez. Tel 663-1682

Escuela de Rehabilitación de Santa Ana  
Directora M.Sc. Zarely Zibaja.

6. Non government organization (NGOs) dealing with the activities and issues concerning I.D. (Including in next table)
  - a. Number of organizations
  - b. Name, function, address (mailing & email), and Tel, and Fax no. of the organization listed for 1)
7. Activities of international organizations

### **III Outline of Your organization**

1. Function  
The "Escuela Neuropsiquiátrica Infantil" it's a public school dedicated to bring educative services for the children with disabilities such as Autistic Syndrome, Asperger Syndrome, Squizofrenic, Psychotic, and other students with intellectual and behavioral disabilities.
2. Organization chart (Indicate your section)  
(Included in next page)
3. Your responsibility  
Planning, direct, coordinate and supervise technical and administrative activities giving support, orientation in the use of methodologies, techniques, and pedagogic procedures for children with behavior problems associated with intellectual disabilities.  
The staff is conformed by 50 people: 27 teachers, 1 psychologist, 1 social worker, 1 physical therapist, 10 assistants of classrooms, 5 administrative persons and 5 volunteers.

## NON GOVERNMENT AGENCYS

NAME	ADDRESS	TEL	FAX	CONTACT
Asoc. Atjalá	Tejar del Guarco, Cartago	573-6022	591-1563	Ileana Morúa
Asoc. Costarricense de Padres de Personas Excepcionales	Guadalupe, San José	234-0881	234-0831	Juan Flores
Asoc. De Apoyo a la unidad de Rehabilitación de Turrialba	Turrialba, Cartago	556-6304	556-6304	Grace Hernández
Asoc. Amanecer al 2000 Frescal	Alajuela	416-6921	416-3365	Edgardo Garita
Asoc. De Padres de Familia del Instituto Andrea Jiménez	San Francisco de 2 Ríos, San José	250-5047	256-4632	
Asoc. De Padres de Personas Discapacitadas de Orotina	Orotina, Alajuela	424-7661	428-9926	José Francisco Rojas
Asoc. De Padres Líderes de Retardo Mental, Centeno Güell	Guadalupe, San José	292-4948	292-3685	Dinorah Mora
Asoc. De Padres y Amigos de Personas Excepcionales	Hatillo, San José	215-1264		Luis Valverde
Asoc. de Personas con Discapacidad de Pérez Zeledón	Pérez Zeledón, San José	771-2517	771-2517	Rocío Mora
Asoc. Pro ayuda a las Personas con Discapacidad de Alfaro Ruiz	Alfaro Ruiz, Alajuela	453-2374	453-1274	José Alfredo Sequeira
Asoc. Pro ayuda al Minusválido de San Carlos	San Carlos, Alajuela	460-5365	460-5365	Hilda Gamboa
Asoc. Pro derechos de los minusválidos de Grecia	Grecia, Alajuela	494-2120	494-2120	Cristina Morales
Asoc. Pro Minusválidos del Cantón de Poás	Poás, Alajuela	4484-4734	448-5278	Ana Arias
Asoc. Pro Niño, Adolescente y Adulto Excepcional	San Pablo, Heredia	262-5882	262-0338	Eduardo Ramírez
Asoc. Promoción Social y Laboral a personas Excepcionales San Isidro	San Ramón, Alajuela	445-4180	445-0990	Roxana Antillón
Asoc. Talita Cumi (Taller Social Naranja)	Naranja, Alajuela	441-0118	451-0875	
Taller protegido de Alajuela	Alajuela centro	441-0365	4450365	Ligia
Asoc. Pro igualdad de oportunidades para las personas con discapacidad	San José, Acosta	410-0186	410-0095	Teresa Fallas
Asoc. Puntarenense de Personas con Discapacidad	Puntarenas	663-9191	6631919	
Asoc. Centro de formación para el Desarrollo productivo personas con Disc	San José, Pavas		220-0875	Ricardo Bolaños
Centro de integración ocupacional y servicios afines	San Miguel, Santo Domingo		235-3519	Zarely Sibaja
Asoc. Para el desarrollo de las personas discapacitadas.	Santa Ana, San José	282-4439	282-1681	Lilliana Umaña
Fundación Servio Flores Arroyo	Alajuela	442-9629	442-9629	Servio Flores
Asoc. Pro desarrollo y Mejoramiento de la Calidad de vida de la Comunidad de Santa Lucía	Paraíso de Cartago	574-35-62	574-3562	Carlos Machado

# ORGANIGRAMA

