

# BUILDING INDEPENDENCE TOGETHER

IRSAM.FR

Beyond sensory impairment

IRSAM, an association under the Law from 1901, a Registered Public Service

## OUR STORY

IRSAM was founded in 1859 by Father Louis-Toussaint Dassy in response to the plight of children with sensory impairment. He created the congregation of Mary Immaculate, and alongside sister Marie Bouffier, he founded the first special needs school for blind children, Arc-en-Ciel in Marseille.

The organisation began to grow and expand outside of Marseille, with a new special needs school for children in Lyon in 1879 and a centre for adults in Nice in 1905.

In 1923, IRSAM became a registered not for profit charity (association) under the 1st July 1901 law, and gained status as a public service in 1931.

In 1956, (tout est ok jusqu'à...) It increased the capacity and the care and support provided with the creation of new services in Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur, in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, and in La Réunion.

Even today, the congregation of Mary Immaculate forms part of the association's administrative council, and provides volunteer services in some IRSAM facilities.

## Associative Project



To find out more about the origins, goals and CapAsso IRSAM, scan the QR code or connect directly to our website at the following address :

<https://www.irsam.fr/cap-asso-irsam/>



## OUR ESTABLISHMENTS, SERVICES, AND RESOURCES MÉTROPOLE



LYON

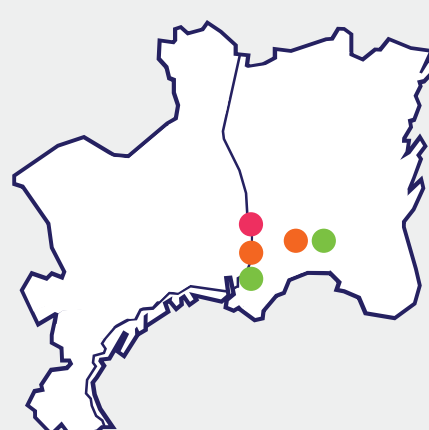
**IRSAM CLAIREFONTAINE**  
Medical Care Facility  
Non-Medical Care Facility  
**IRSAM PASSERELLE HANDI SENS**  
Mobile disability support team for coordination and outsourced services

**IRSAM LES PRIMEVÈRES**  
Institute for Visual Impairment  
**IRSAM LA PARENTHÈSE**  
Respite care facility  
**IRSAM TRAIT D'UNION**  
Mobile disability support team for coordination and outsourced services  
**IRSAM EMAS**  
Mobile school support team



NICE

**IRSAM VILLA APRAXINE LES BOUGAINVILLIERS**  
Non-Medical Care Facility  
**IRSAM VILLA APRAXINE LES GLYCINES**  
Medical Care Facility



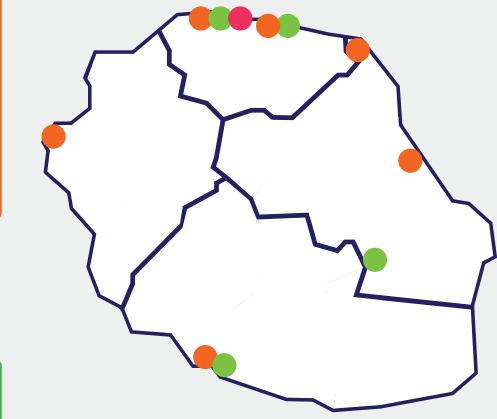
MARSEILLE

**IRSAM ARC-EN-CIEL**  
Institute for Visual Impairment  
**IRSAM IRS DE PROVENCE**  
Institute for Hearing Impairment

**IRSAM CRIADV** Integration Resource Centre, Visual Impairment Support  
**IRSAM LES CHANTERELLES**  
Specialised Care Facility  
**IRSAM LES NÉNUPHARS**  
Non-Medical Care Facility  
**IRSAM LE RUISSATEL**  
Non-Medical Care Facility  
**IRSAM LE GARLABAN**  
Medical Care Facility

**IRSAM PASSERELLE HANDI SENS 13**  
Experimental Facility  
**ERHR PACA CORSE** Rare Disability Support Team (associated with the ARI)

**IRSAM IPSIC** Provençal Institute for Cochlear Implant Monitoring  
**IRSAM SIÈGE** Head office



● Adults and the elderly  
● Children and adolescents

STE MARIE

**IRSAM LA RESSOURCE**  
Institute for Visual and Hearing Impairment with or without associated difficulties  
Evaluation of Visual Impairments (CASE DV)  
Respite care facility

**IRSAM LES CASCVELLES**  
Medical Care Facility

**IRSAM SIÈGE** La Réunion Head Office

ST PAUL

**IRSAM LA RESSOURCE**  
Institute for Visual and Hearing Impairment  
**IRSAM HANDITIC+**  
Technologies Centre

## LA RÉUNION ST DENIS - STE CLOTILDE

**IRSAM BARRE D'JOUR**  
Non-Medical Care Facility  
**IRSAM LES PAILLES EN QUEUE**  
Medical Care Facility  
**IRSAM CASE DV** Specialist Support Centre for the Evaluation of Visual and Motor Impairments  
**IRSAM SAMSAH DV** Medical-Social Support Service for Adults with Disabilities

**IRSAM CRCSI** Regional Skills Centre for Infant Deafness  
**IRSAM LES JACARANDAS** Early years special educational needs and disability team

**ERHR RÉUNION MAYOTTE**  
Rare Disability Support Team

ST BENOIT - STE SUZANNE

**IRSAM CMPP**  
Medical, psychological and educational support centre

## PÔLE SENSORIEL SUD - ST LOUIS

**IRSAM LA RESSOURCE**  
Institute for Visual and Hearing Impairment  
**IRSAM LES JACARANDAS** Early years special educational needs and disability team

**IRSAM SAMSAH DV** Medical-Social Support Service for Adults with Disabilities  
**IRSAM CASE DV**  
Specialist Support Centre for the Evaluation of Visual and Motor Impairments

## LA PLAINE DES PALMISTES

**IRSAM LES CASCVELLES**  
Medical Care Facility

TOUS LES TERRITOIRES **IRSAM IREF FORMATION** Training Centre

Visual impairment, with or without associated difficulties | Hearing impairment, with or without associated difficulties | Learning difficulties | Intellectual impairment | Autism spectrum difficulties | Motor deficiencies | Rare Disability



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# Our Values

## Respecting the individual

At IRSAM, every action and initiative is taken with the individual in mind.

Through the care and attention given to each person we work with, our teams ensure that individuals can grow, develop and become fully included in society, whatever the nature of their disability.

IRSAM is equally committed to ensuring the quality of working life for all of its support staff, essential for job satisfaction and professional development in the work they carry out within the organisation.

## Solidarity

Solidarity is at the heart of the core commitments of IRSAM.

This reflects our shared desire to create a feeling of equality for everybody. IRSAM staff work as an interdisciplinary team to guarantee coherence and to optimise quality of care.

The teams at IRSAM strive to constantly improve staff working conditions in terms of stability and belonging.

## Responsibility

This is the commitment and the promise made by our professionals, to provide the best possible support to those in our care, guiding them on the road to independence.

Families and professional teams work together in supporting the service user to become the author of their own story and the creator of their own pathway towards greater autonomy.

## Equality

At IRSAM, equality means taking each person's specific needs into consideration in order to overcome the inequalities and discrimination which is so often generated by a disability.

Through their adaptability, creativity and initiative, our staff apply their skills to reveal the potential of those they support and to promote the development of each individual.

# WHO WE WORK WITH

## Children, teenagers, adults and the elderly with :

- Sensory impairments (vision and/or hearing) with or without additional disabilities.
- A learning disability/intellectual disability with or without additional disabilities.
- Autism spectrum disorder.
- Specific learning disorders.
- A configuration of multiple deficiencies, leading to a rare and complex disability.
- Physical or motor impairment.

# SERVICES AND RESOURCES

## For children and adolescents

- Special needs centres and mobile support provision within mainstream education settings as well as employment support (IDV/IDA)

- Medical, psychological and educational support centre (CMPP)

- Early years special educational needs and disability team (CAMSP)

- Network and coordination support services (Respite care, PCPE, ERHR, EMAS, UHR, mobile teams)

## For adults and the elderly

- Non-medical care facility (EANM)

- Medical care facility (EAM)

- Specialist care home (MAS)

- Residential care units for elderly disabled people (PHV)

- Mobile services, resource centres and support teams for care, coordination and technical support (at home, at work). SAMSAH DV, ERHR, UHR, PCPE

★ ESMS : Special educational needs day or residential services with a medical-social approach  
IDV - IDA : Special educational needs schools for visual impairment/hearing impairment  
PHV : Elderly disabled person  
PCPE : Mobile disability support team for coordination and outsourced services  
ERHR : Rare disability support team  
EMAS : Mobile school support team  
UHR : Rare disability unit



# Our Strengths

Wide-ranging expertise in sensory impairment (visual and hearing), and support for people with Neurodevelopmental disorders and rare disabilities.

The capacity to expand our expertise into new fields, thanks in particular to our deep-seated ability to adapt.

Cultural diversity, with multi-region and overseas locations.

Care for the elderly, ensuring the life course is not disrupted.

High quality services (teaching, educational, medical, paramedical), and experimental resources.

Deeply rooted in our local communities, in coordination with our partners (social, medical-social, state education) with a real Spirit of Transparency and Inclusion.



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# Our goals

## Care

Respect the rights of all our service users.  
Provide individualised care with a person-centred approach.  
Inform and cooperate with families.  
Promote physical and mental well-being.  
Respond to individual needs and guarantee each person a safe and secure living environment.

## Include

Combat isolation and push for social inclusion.  
Organise educational trips and days out.  
Promote inclusion into the workplace.

## Support

Connect, listen and help develop each person's self-esteem.  
Trust and encourage.  
Work together to build a future for each service user.  
Encourage autonomy and independence.  
Promote self-awareness, helping our service users learn about themselves.  
Build confidence.  
Encourage them to take their own initiative.

## Educate

Provide appropriate and specialised teaching methods.  
Help to build social skills.  
Learn to respect one another.

# Building an individualised pathway for every person

# PARTNERS

Strong involvement in European networks specialising in sensory impairment, regular exchanges and close links with :

- FISAF
- Réseau national francophone au Québec (RFDSL)
- ARS
- Departmental councils
- Education Nationale



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areas we work in :  
PACA, AURA and Reunion  
Island

37

Special educational needs  
schools in mainland France  
and Reunion Island

1027

FTE employees  
(Full Time Equivalent)

2439

disabled children, teenagers,  
adults and the elderly  
supported  
and cared for