

## AZ ERDÉLYI GYÓGYPEDAGÓGIAI NEVELÉS KIALAKULÁSÁNAK ELŐZMÉNYEI

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**Abstract:** This paper is written about the beginning of education in general and about the very first steps in the field of special education. Special education is a boarder science; it is very much influenced by the development of pedagogy, psychology and medical science. In Transylvania special education is also influenced by international tendencies, by public policies, legal possibilities. Special education practices begin in the XVI century. After the attempt and success of some teachers and medics to teach the children with special educational needs, they begun to be institutionalized for becoming a productive part of society.

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