

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
U.T. of PONDICHERY CHILD PROTECTION SOCIETY

Mission Vatsalya is a centrally sponsored schemes is being implemented from the year 2011, at U.T., of Puducherry and rendering services for

- **The Child in need of care and protection and**
- **Juvenile in Conflict with Law.**

OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHEME

- Support and sustain Children in difficult circumstances
- Develop context – based solutions for holistic development from various backgrounds
- Provide scope for encouraging innovative solutions;
- Cement convergent action.

DETAILS OF SCHEME FOR CHILDREN IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION:

INSTUTIONAL CARE:

All institutions run by State Government or NGOS for housing children shall be registered under section 41 (1) of JJ Act 2015. In U.T. of Puducherry 42 CCIs have been registered under JJ (Children in need of care and protection) Act 2015 in the U.T. of Puducherry. Viz., NGO run Homes : 35, Government run Homes:4. Under Institutional Care, 747 children are benefited by this CCIs through Shelter, Food, Education, Vocational Training, Counselling and Rehabilitation.

Sl.No.	Type of Home	Govt.	NGO	Total
1	Children Home	-	25	25
2	Mentally Retarded Homes	1	4	5
3	Specialized Adoption Agencies	-	2	2
4	Open Shelter	-	1	1
5	HIV Special Need	-	2	2
6	Observation Home	1	1	2
7	Special Home for JCL	1	-	1
8	Place of Safety	1	-	1
	Total	4	35	39

1. INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES

Objectives of the Scheme

The Child Care Institution shall serve as a home away from home and provide comprehensive child care facilities to children for their all-round development till the children's social re-integration through noninstitutional care. They shall work towards enhancing the capabilities and skills of children and work with their families (in case Child has family) with the view of facilitating their reintegration and rehabilitation into mainstream society.

Scheme Details

A monthly maintenance of grant of Rs. 3,000/- per child provided for destitute, Orphan, abandoned and Surrendered children in Child Care Institution under Institutional Care.

2. NON INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES

- ADOPTION
- SPONSORSHIP
- FOSTER CARE

(I.) ADOPTION

Objectives of the Scheme

Finding families for the children found legally free for adoption. The Specialized Adoption Agencies (SAA) will facilitate the adoption programme.

Scheme Details

The following Specialised Adoption Agencies are recognised by the State Government.

1. Immaculate Joy Home, Kolas Nagar, Uppalam, Puducherry. PH : 0413 – 2358971
 2. Cluny Children Home), Romand Roland Street, Puducherry. Ph : 0413 – 2334813
- Adoption scheme is implemented as per the guidelines of Adoption Regulation Act 2022 under the monitoring of Central Adoption Resource Authority, New Delhi. In U.T. of Puducherry this scheme is monitored by State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA).
 - 2 Specialized Adoption Resource Agency (SAAs) are functioning in the field of in-country and inter-country adoption, they are 1. Cluny Sisu Illam, Puducherry, 2. Immaculate Joy Home, Puducherry,

(II.) SPONSORSHIP

Objectives of the Scheme

The financial support may be extended to vulnerable children Unfit parent and living with extended families/biological relatives for supporting their education, nutrition and health needs.

Criteria for sponsorship

- (1) Where mother is a widow or divorced or abandoned by family;
- (2) Where children are orphan and are living with the extended family;
- (3) Where parents are victims of life threatening/terminal disease;
- (4) Where parents are incapacitated or unable to take care of children both financially and physically.
- (5) Children in need of care and protection as per the JJ Act, 2015 namely without home, victim of any natural calamity, child labour, victim of child marriage, trafficked child, HIV/AIDS affected child, child with disabilities, missing or runaway child, child beggars or living on the street, tortured or abused or exploited children who require support and rehabilitation.
- (6) Children covered under the PM CARES For Children Scheme.

Scheme Details

Rs. 4,000/- per child per month is given as Financial Assistance to poor parents / guardians for continuing their education without discontinuance. The amount is transferred through Direct Beneficiaries Transfer and deposited in the Individual Bank Account. This benefit will continue for a period of 3 year

(III.) Foster Care

Objectives of the Scheme

The responsibility of the child is undertaken by an unrelated family for care protection and rehabilitation of the child. Financial support is provided to biologically unrelated Foster Parents for nurturing the child.

Scheme Details

A monthly grant of Rs. 4000/- per child is provided to Foster Parents under Foster care Scheme.

(IV.) After Care:

Objectives of the Scheme

The children who are leaving a Child Care Institution on completion of 18 years of age may be provided with financial support to facilitate the child's re-integration into mainstream of society. Such support may be given from the age of 18 years up to 21 years, extendable up to 23 years of age to help her/him become self-dependent.

Scheme details :

A monthly grant of Rs. 4000/- per child is provided under After Care

3. CHILDREN UNDER PM CARES FOR CHILDREN SCHEME

Objectives of the Scheme

The PM Cares for Children Scheme aims to support children who have lost both parents or Legal Guardians or Adoptive Parents are surviving parent to COVID – 19.

Scheme Details

A monthly grant of Rs. 4000/- per child is provided under PM CARES for Children Scheme

5. CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Under ICPS a CWC is a statutory body which functioning in connection with children who are in need of care and protection. In the U.T. of Puducherry 4 CWCs have been constituted and functioning in Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam regions. The CWC passes orders for admission and discharge of children into child care institutions and other matters of child abuse, adoption, etc.

6. CHILD HELPLINE

Objectives of the Scheme

The Mission Vatsalya in partnership with States and Districts will execute a 24x7 helpline service for children as defined under the JJ Act, 2015.

Scheme Details

- 24X7 Child Help line '1098' service for children as defined under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 is established in the U.T. of Puducherry

from 07-07-2023 and Integrated with the Emergency Response support 112 (ERSS-112)

- 4021 calls have been received till date in WCD control room in the U.T. of Puducherry.
- Child Help Line unit at District Child Protection Unit in all the 4 regions are established.

7. SWATCHTA HI SEWA

States/UTs have to prepare an Annual Calendar for take up activities of SAP in CCIs

- i) Activities on personal hygiene of children and staff in CCIs such as trimming nails, washing hands, cleaning of wardrobes etc. Children to be encouraged to keep their hands clean by washing regularly with soap and water.
- ii) Ensure proper cleaning and frequent sanitization of the CCIs, particularly of the frequent touched surfaces.
- iii) Fumigation of premises, provision of clean drinking water regularly and cleaning of storage tanks.
- iv) Ensure regular supply of hand sanitizer, soap and running water in the washrooms of CCIs.
- v) Orientation programme on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) in CCIs.
- vi) Toilets should be adequate in number, accessible, and child friendly. vii) Nutri-kitchen Garden development in CCIs.
- vii) Plantation drives in the CCIs.
- ix) Group Discussion on Health, hygiene and Cleanliness for Children and staff of CCIs.
- x) Art and craft activity with children on “Best out of waste”.
- xi) Display Swachhata message on the website(s) and through wall paintings at all CCIs.
- xii) Curb the use of Single-Use Plastic (SUP) and discourage the use of plastic in the office

DETAILS OF SCHEME FOR CHILDREN IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION:

4. JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD:

Under ICPS a Juvenile Justice Board is a statutory body which functioning in connection with children who conflict and contact with laws and the cases filed against them. In the U.T. of Puducherry 4 JJBs have been constituted and functioning in Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam regions. JJB consists of one Principal Magistrate as chairperson and two other members.

Best child Sensitive Practices followed by Juvenile Justice Board, Puducherry to Protect child Rights:

The JJ Act 2015 caters to the basic needs of children through proper care, protection, development, treatment, social re-integration, by adopting a child-friendly approach and disposal of matters in the best interest of children and for their rehabilitation through process provided and institutions and bodies established under the Act.

Rehabilitation is a crucial step to put the children in conflict with law back in the society as well as to prevent recidivism. Rehabilitation measures also have to be different for children in conflict with law who are in institutional care and the ones who are been released from the institution. Poverty and lack of job opportunities are other factors which draw children to crime. With development of short term courses, institutions can help in eradicating illiteracy, ignorance and poverty by helping the children develop their skill and find employment for themselves.

AIM & Objectives towards Best child Sensitive Practices:

- To train and enhance the knowledge and skill of the children.
- To raise the income level of the children
- To improve the entrepreneurship skills
- To provide support services to the trained children after the training.
- To rehabilitate and educate children in servitude through prevention, direct intervention, coalition building, mass mobilization, where all children are free from exploitation and receive free and quality education/skill training.

Every child in conflict with the law shall have the following rights:

- a) Child friendly treatment
- b) No corporal punishment
- c) Separation from adult criminals, if detained
- d) Access to legal assistance
- e) Bail and release on recognizance
- f) Privacy
- g) Diversion, if qualified
- h) Proportionate judgment
- i) Restrictions on liberty kept to a desirable minimum
- j) Automatic suspension of sentence
- k) Probation, if qualified
- l) Confidentiality of proceedings
- m) Right against discrimination
- n) Constitutional rights

On this note, this Juvenile Justice Board, Puducherry through the help of Voluntary Organizations Viz.,

- i Sadguru Sri Gnanananda Seva Trust
- ii Kirupalaya Seva Trust
- iii **Karunalayam De-addiction Center.**
- iv **You can fly organization**

providing skill development courses, encouraging CCL to continue main stream education through Open Schooling (NIOS) and imparting Drone pilot classes.

Vocational training courses through Vivekanandha College:

VISION : To transform the lives of underprivileged youth through holistic education leading to sharpening of mind, expansion of intellect and gaining self confidence and a sense of independence. To awaken youth to infinite possibilities.

MISSION To create a willingness to learn in the minds of students education that is career oriented, of high standard and affordable.

Accordingly for the academic year 2022-2023 the following children were provided counselling to continue their education through skill development courses in Vivekanandha College, Kalapet through JJB.

SCOPE OF DRONE Piolet COURSES:

As the applications of the usages of Drones in various industries is growing at an enormous speed, the demand for remote Pilots is booming the market right now. They can be employed as Drone Pilots for capturing events, weddings, parties and for any kind of photo or video shoots using Drones. They can earn upto 8 to 10 Thousand Rupees per event.

The organization providing courses at free of cost for CCL through JJB.

- Further this JJB providing counselling and follow-up of CCL involving in substance abuse through NGO-Karunalayam, Puducherry and also providing behavior modification program through Psychiatry Department, Pondicherry Institute Medical Science (PIMS) in order to restore CCL in mainstream education/vocational/skill training courses to lead a peaceful and respectful life in this society.
- Further the CCL placed in Observation Home through JJB were provided mat weaving training session and the CCL showing good interest in the said training.

Efforts through JJB, Puducherry:

- i Organized a meeting with CCL and their parents in JJB for creating awareness and motivation program, after the meeting many CCL shown willingness to continue their school education.
- ii All the children placed in skill development courses through Vivekanandha college had got job placement with decent salary.
- iii Conducted a meeting with Pvt. School Principal who had denied the CCL to continue his school education due to involvement in offence. Convinced the School administration and made the CCL appeared for +12 std Public