

ACTIONS AND INTERVENTIONS UNDER THE SCHEME

- Establish LSUCs in each district with trained personnel.
- Provide orientation and refresher training on child and disability rights.
- Maintain a directory of experts and services for children.
- Partner with organizations and media for awareness and outreach.
- Ensure legal services at police stations, JJBs, CCIs, and children's courts.
- Assign legal aid for children in institutional and family care.
- Provide legal aid and counselling for missing or rescued children.
- Assist child witnesses, transgender children, and others in need.



Objectives:

- Ensure accessible legal aid for all children, including those with disabilities.
- Provide child-friendly, multidisciplinary, and needs-based legal services.
- Promote a supportive justice system valuing children's voices.
- Train lawyers and volunteers for child-sensitive legal assistance.
- Spread awareness of children's rights and legal remedies.
- Collaborate with stakeholders to safeguard children's rights.

Best Interest of the Child:

- Decisions prioritizing a child's rights, needs, identity, well-being, and overall development.



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OVERVIEW OF CHILD PROTECTION FRAMEWORK IN INDIA

• **National Level**

- National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)
- Ministry of Women and Child Development
- Child Help Line 1098
- Central Adoption Resource Authority

• **State Level**

- State Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR)
- Department of Women and Child Development
- State Child Protection Society
- State Adoption Resource Agency

• **District Level**

- District Child Protection Committee (DCPC)
- District Child Protection Unit (DCPU)
- Family Based Care schemes/arrangements
- Child Care Institutions (CCI)
- Specialised Adoption Agencies (SSA)
- Child Welfare Committee (CWC)
- Juvenile Justice Board (JJB)
- Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU)

Responsibilities of Legal Services Providers and Institutions

Para Legal Volunteers

- Perform tasks under DLSA supervision as per guidelines.
- Conduct regular visits to Child Care Institutions (CCIs).
- Support CWCs, JJBs, and DCPUs in ensuring child rights.
- Use accessible communication methods for children with disabilities.
- Follow child-centric principles like dignity, equality, and privacy.

Panel Lawyers

- Provide legal services and adhere to NALSA guidelines.
- Build trust and involve children/guardians in case strategies.
- Use suitable communication formats for children with disabilities.
- Keep children informed about legal proceedings and outcomes.
- Advocate for children's best interests and assist with witness protection.

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA)

- Implement and monitor the scheme at the district level.
- Coordinate with stakeholders for comprehensive child support.
- Assess and report on legal services for children regularly.
- Address complaints and ensure stakeholder collaboration.

State Legal Services Authority (SLSA)

- Supervise DLSAs and set up LSUCs in districts.
- Create training and awareness materials on child rights.
- Liaise with state departments and update CCI records.
- Enhance legal services through mentorship and supervision.

National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)

- Guide, monitor, and evaluate the scheme's implementation.
- Develop training modules and seek reports from SLSAs.