

Report on Children in Foster Care During COVID-19 Second wave

During the second wave coronavirus pandemic, caring for children in foster care is more important and even more challenging than the usual day given by foster and kinship caregivers. In the lockdown, many of the children have experienced depression, anxiety and trauma, leaving them more vulnerable to the changes that come with sharing of their thoughts, school closings, lack of playing & daily contact with peer groups /friends, Use of mask and other forms of social /physical distancing. The third wave is likely to attack children and Vaccination is not yet open for children under 18 years, they will be more vulnerable in the third wave, so the preparedness among the children & caregivers is the need of an hour.

During the period, our foster parents continue to provide support, love, caring and stability to the children. **All 100 children in Foster care arrangements are safe at home.**

Key interventions during the period:

Awareness on COVID -19 appropriate behavior & Vaccination:

During the period, Mostly community peoples are suffering from symptoms like cold, cough, fever and scared to take vaccine so looking into the situation, YCDA carried to campaign and our team is engaged in doing awareness on COVID -19 appropriate behaviors and importance of vaccination along with hand washing practices. We have made the demonstration on hand washing with soap & water in various strategic locations to sensitize to the children and caregivers in the community & families.



Family Visit & Stay connected remotely

During the period all 100 children have been promoted in their academic session and continuing their studies at home & coaching classes. In this pandemic situation, we stay connected with the families through our text messages, video calling, phone calls & family visits which help & contribute to child and parent well-being. With the support of health workers, ASHA, Anganwadi workers have taken up different innovative activities to raise awareness among the community about the COVID-19 appropriate behaviours & vaccination. We empowered the caregivers parenting skills on safe practices including DO & Don't at home & got vaccine as a preventive approach. Families are



maintaining the protocols such as handwashing, wear a mask & social distancing accordingly. Children are engaged in drawing, colouring , story writing etc. and expressed their feelings easily.

Support Dry ration kit:

In this lockdown we have supported the 100 families & children with dry food rations , hygiene & learning kit to the families . The kit is consists of Rice, Pulses, Oil, Onion, Potatos ,Sugar, Flaked Rice, Detergent Powder, Soap, Biscuits ,etc. for which families are able to feed the children nutritious meal 4 times a day and children learning kits includes art books, coloring notebooks, colour pencil , pen kit etc. are encouraged to stay at home & express the feeling, fears of the children through art therapy, storytelling & creative writings.



Thank you for supporting us during the period which help us in feeding our children nutritious meal and helping in relaxation from anxiety, fear and depression and children have their daily routine by spending time in colouring, drawing ,creative crafts ,story writing etc. staying at home.



Thank you

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