



REPORT OF AFTERCARE CHILDREN IN INDIA



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Introduction:

According to the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, Aftercare is the provision of care for children who have completed 18 years may be referred to as "young adults". It helps and prepares the children to be self-independent .Section 46 of JJ Act 2015 stated that any child leaving the child care institution may be provided aftercare support till the age of 21 years on the order of CWC. Based on their career plan the higher education or skill building training will be provided though the employable skill and placement. In case the child's own family is unable to take care then the child should be provided the appropriate and adequate care protection and community rehabilitation.

During this period the following activities were taken:

Group living for the Young Adults eligible for the aftercare

The group living is a concept where the young adults learn the independent life, it is a transitioning home where the young adults starts its career and self sustainable life.

As per the assessment conducted by DCPU and YCDA 35 young adults were identified and selected from the child care institutions for the aftercare support. The ICP for al, young adults were prepared and placed them before the CWC for their final aftercare order. Based on the final order the CWC instructed to YCDA for the financial



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YCDA conducted the counseling and based on requirement the group living set up provided to the young adults. For their self independent life and community rehabilitation the necessary arrangements were provided. The bedding and utensils were provided to the young adults for their self cooking and community rehabilitation

Career counseling to the young adult

A training programme was organized taking 32 young adults selecting from the CCIs of Khordha district who are eligible for the aftercare support. The following topics have been covered for the career planning.

- General education and its opportunity
- Technical education and its opportunity
- Skill building training and market demand

The professional counselors and the personal from the technical institutes participated as the resource person to facilitate the session and encouraged to the young adults to choose their selective trade for their livelihood taking their potentiality and efficiency.

The DCPU staff and the Manager of the OSCPS participated and facilitated the session and encouraged to the young adults for their independent life.

Training to the young adults on the psycho social counseling

The next session was facilitated for the psychosocial counseling and the stress management. The session was facilitated by the CWC members Ms Sadhana Panigrahi who encouraged to the young adults for their independent life and self sustainable.

Life skill training to the young adults

The third session was regarding the life skill education and decision making. This session was facilitated by the DCPO and through the group discussion she trained to the young adults on their independent life.

Linkage the young adults in different skill building training

During this period 15 numbers of young adults have been linked with different skill based training institutes. Based on their skill and potentiality the young adults chose their trades like swing for industrial garments, Hotel management, bed assistant and fetters trades.5 numbers of young adults who had been linked earlier have got he placement and getting Rs 10000 per month and living their independent life.



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Sita, 21 years young girl had admitted into Child Care Institution (CCI), Bhubaneswar when she was only 9 years old. She started a new life with loving care givers, where she continued her study there. She was kin interested to study more. After completion of higher education she entered in school of engineering and technology, Bhubaneswar under diploma course of Electronic and Tele communication. Soon after her completion of 18 years of age she was produced before the CWC for the aftercare support. The CWC approved the order and instructed YCDA for the aftercare support. There after YCDA started the aftercare intervention with an objective to make her self-sufficient and overcome her challenges. YCDA shifted her to group living home by order of Child Welfare



Committee (CWC). She learnt many things to manage to herself and with her friends. She got training of life skills to manage effectively and the challenges of everyday life. As she was keen interested to do a course, after career counseling and interest mapping she had been linkaged in DDU-GKY. She enrolled at Escort Skill Development, Bhubaneswar in web designing. This training course helped her to stand on her own feet and become a self sufficient. Now she is working at Airtel, Bhubaneswar, India as BPO. This is a great achievement for her and morale boost of her confidence level. Now she is performing well and become an independent young adult. Now she is getting Rs 8000 per months and living a better life. Now her confidence level has been increased in such a way that she dreams to be a professional web designer and a progressive life.