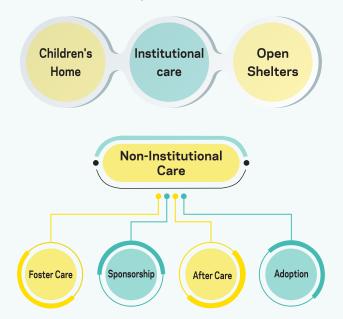
Children) Act, 2015 within 24 hours. Non-reporting is an offence and is punishable with imprisonment upto 6 months or fine.

# Mandatory reporting in case of children in need of care and protection

If any individual or a police officer or any functionary of any organisation or a nursing home or hospital or maternity home finds or takes charge, or is handed over a child who appears or claims to be abandoned or lost, is required to mandatorily give information within twenty four hours to:

- > Childline Services 1098
- Nearest Police Station
- Child Welfare Committee
- > District Child Protection Unit
- > Child care institution

If information regarding such child is not given within twenty four hours, then it is a regarded as an offence with punishment of imprisonment up to six months or fine of ten thousand rupees or both.



# Inquiry Process by Child Welfare Committee

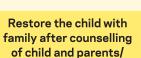
Determine the age of child to ascertain its jurisdiction

Assign the case to a social worker or any recognised NGO for conducting social investigation within 15 days

Interview the child sensitively and in child friendly manner

Direct social worker to provide an assessment of the child's family situation to understand if child can be restored to family

Complete inquiry and pass final order within four months along with order for development of individual care plan of the child for the comprehensive development of the child



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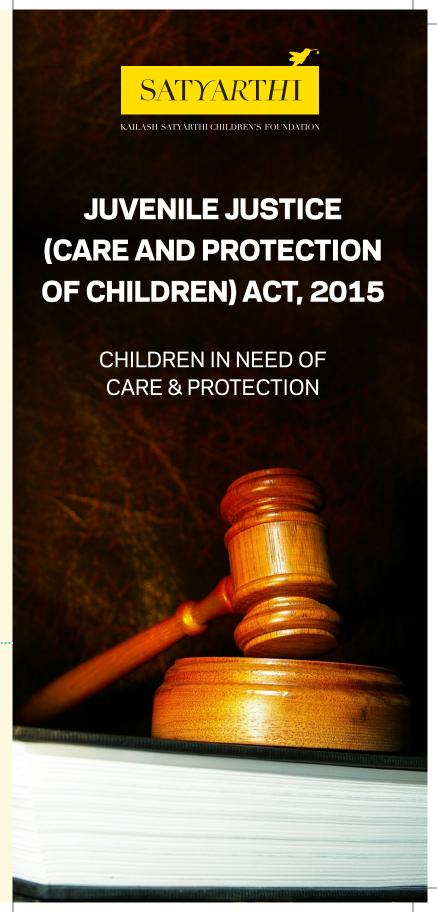
Place child in Children's Home, Specialised Adoption Agency, fit facility, fit person or foster care



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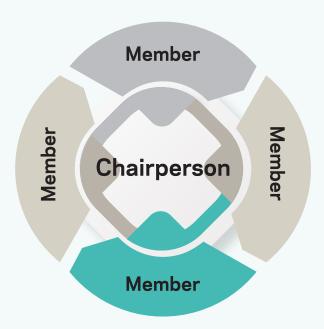
TO COMPLAINT ABOUT CHILD ABUSE, PLEASE CALL US ON:

1800-102-7222 (Toll-Free)



### Children in Need of Care & Protection (CNCP) **CNCP** Homeless child Found begging/child labour/street child Exploited, abused or neglected child Mentally ill, mentally or physically challenged or terminally ill with no one to take care of Has unfit or incapacitated parents or guardian Orphan, abandoned or surrendered child Missing or run away child Tortured or abused. exploited child for sexual purposes Is likely to be inducted into drug abuse Victim of armed conflict, civil unrest or natural calamity Is at imminent risk of marriage before attaining legal age marriage Abused child for unconscionable gains

# Composition of Child Welfare Committee (CWC)



At least one member of the Child Welfare Committee is a woman. Atleast one member of the Child Welfare Committee is always available to hear cases in emergency situations including holidays.

#### **Powers of Child Welfare Committee**

Child Welfare Committee functions as a bench and has the power equivalent to a Metropolitan Magistrate or Judicial Magistrate of First Class. Committee has the authority to dispose off cases for the care, protection, treatment, development and rehabilitation of children in need of care and protection, as well as to provide for their basic needs and protection.

# **Key Functions of Child Welfare Committee**

- Conducting inquiry related to children in need of care and protection
- Passing orders for institutional and noninstitutional rehabilitation of children who are in need of care and protection
- Reaching out to children who cannot be brought before them
- Declaring orphaned, abandoned & surrendered children as legally fit for adoption
- Inspecting homes meant for children in need of care and protection
- Making all efforts to restore lost children with families

### Who can present/produce a child before the Child Welfare Committee?

- Any public servant
- > Any Police personnel
- Any Government officers
- Childline(1098) or any other NGO
- Any social worker
- > Any public spirited citizen
- Any medical staff
- Child himself

Any individual, police officer, organisation, hospital, nursing home or maternity home, who finds and takes charge of an abandoned, lost or orphaned child, must give information to the nearest Child Welfare Committee or Childline Services or police station or hand over the child to a child care institution registered under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of