CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS
INDIA ALTERNATIVE CARE NETWORK QUARTERLY

The purpose of the IACN Quarterly is to advance knowledge, learning, insights, evidence and interventions on issues of children without parental care and at risk of separation. If you would like to share any relevant piece of work or reach out to explore possible collaborations with the India Alternative Care Network, please write to us.

The IACN Quarterly is divided into three segments – Knowledge resources, Updates from the field and Perspectives. Knowledge resources include SOPs/manuals/tools/research studies/learning documents and any other guidance documentation and publication. These resources may or may not have been published before. Updates from the field include reflections, interventions, case studies and learnings from those working on these issues. Perspectives comprise opinion pieces, commentaries and reflective write-ups on the issues under the thematic areas.

The Thematic Area for **ISSUE No. 16 (September 2024)** is : **"Transitioing from Residential Care to Family-Based Care".** The current legal and social environment in the country is shifting towards transitioning from residential care models to family-based care models, with a focus on reintegrating children with their families. Mission Vatsalya, the recent Guidelines on Model Foster Care 2024, and various schemes and policies on Aftercare reflect this change in care approaches.

The issue will particularly focus on:

- Different Models and Tools of Transition in India,
- Practices of Transition in India,
- Promising Practices and Challenges
- Case studies highlighting the successful transition
- Transition model of care and inclusivity (disability, gender, and tribal community)
- Transition and Aftercare
- Interviews of Care Leavers and Families

Send us your submissions by 30 August 2024.

Contact us at iacnsecretariat@iacn.in for any queries and submissions.

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IACN Quarterly Guidelines

Please follow the guidelines below while making your submissions for the '**Knowledge Resource**' section.

For Knowledge Resources, you can send us a copy of any of the following accompanied by a brief description (not more than 500 words) of the resource. It could include the following:

- Research study Manual/SOP/tools
- Promising practice/learning initiative
- Webinar recording/films
- Any other relevant publication

Please follow the guidelines below while making your submissions for the '**Updates from the Field**' and '**Perspectives**' sections.

For Updates from the Field and Perspectives, the length of articles must be not more than 1500 words (not including the endnotes).

Updates from the Field could include reflections, interventions, case studies and learnings from those working on these issues.

Perspectives could include opinion pieces, commentaries and reflective write-ups on the issues under the thematic areas.

Author Details

Please include your full name, title and institutional affiliation which will be included at the beginning of the article, as well as a two to three biographical sentence note which will be included at the end of the article.

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Spell out abbreviations and acronyms on first use, indicating the acronym in parentheses immediately after that. Use the acronym for all subsequent references.

Endnotes

Please use endnotes which will be referred to as 'Notes' at the end of the article. Notes should be used only where crucial clarifying information needs to be conveyed. Avoid using endnotes for purposes of referencing; use in-text citations instead.

Citations

While using ideas and texts which have already been published (in whatever form – printed, electronic, etc.) or unpublished (in whatever form – dissertations or theses, conference/seminar papers, lecture notes, etc.) please ensure to include the name of the author and the date and page number in parentheses in the text and the full reference at the end in the reference list. An example would be: (Mehra, 1997: 33).

Images & Figures

Include photographs/pictures if it is critical information related to your submission. Figures, including graphs and diagrams, are also acceptable. If a figure is not easy to understand or does appear to be relevant, you will be requested to re-render or omit it. Also, share the images and figures as separate attachments in the e-mail and ensure that you share high-resolution pictures and figures.

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