

## **INDIAN COUNCIL FOR CHILD WELFARE, TAMIL NADU**

### **Second National Conference on Child Abuse for Multidisciplinary Professionals**

#### **CONCEPT NOTE**

Indian Council for Child Welfare, Tamil Nadu is organizing its Second National Conference on Child Abuse for Multidisciplinary Professionals in September 2010. It hosted COCAMP - the First National Conference on Child Abuse for Multidisciplinary Professionals in 2004. Much has happened since then – a greater awareness on the issue, changes and developments in the response to abuse such as the setting up of the Child Welfare Committees and other mechanisms for rescue and rehabilitation of abused children, and above all far more reporting of violence against children.

The concept of a multidisciplinary approach to dealing with child abuse mooted in COCAMP 2004 is seen today as an absolute necessity for effective response. Therefore this Conference hopes to bring together various stakeholders - Representatives of Child Welfare Committees constituted under the JJ Act, Police, Medical Professionals, NGOs including CHILDLINE, Lawyers, Mental Health Professionals, Teachers, and others to work towards prompt action to protect and rehabilitate the abused child.

**Dates:-** 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 2010

#### **The Conference will focus on Child Abuse:**

- In Family,
- In Institutions,
- At Workplace,
- In Community.

#### **The Objectives of the Conference include:**

- 1) To disseminate knowledge on creation of a Multidisciplinary approach for responding to Child Abuse.
- 2) Situation analysis of response to Child Abuse and challenges
- 3) Sharing of effective intervention strategies and good practices.
- 4) Assessing the role of diverse authorities and professionals and coordination among them in the rescue and rehabilitation process.

#### **Participants**

It will be our endeavour to bring from various States of India a multidisciplinary team of participants consisting of representatives of the Juvenile Justice System such as Child Welfare Committee members and probation /child protection officers, Police, Medical and Mental Health Professionals, Legal entities such as Public Prosecutors and Lawyers, Non - Governmental Organizations including CHILDLINE who are working this field, and administrators from concerned departments such as Child Welfare and Education.

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## Expected Outputs

1. A draft Protocol / Action Plan for responding to a report of Child Abuse and the role of different professionals in dealing with a case in a child friendly manner and in the best interest of the Child.
2. An updated Resource Book with specific sectors for the multi disciplinary Professionals.
3. Local teams to go back and start the formation of a Network of Multi disciplinary Professionals to work with children who have been abused.
4. Launching of a National Network of Individuals and Organisations working with children on prevention of abuse and responding to Reports of child abuse. This Network would identify experts who will be willing to advise Field Workers when necessary on issues of Law, Protocols etc. An online website for sharing of information.

## Follow up Strategy

ICCW, TN and its Partners will identify the cities / Towns where they will work on follow up meetings leading to formation of Multi disciplinary Support teams. These Partners will include

- a. CHILDLINE Foundation which has Regional Offices and regular capacity building training programme to enhance the services and improve co-ordination
- b. State Councils of Child Welfare in cities where they have the capability
- c. INGOs in States where they have Partner NGOs with whom they are working on various Child Protection issues.
- d. In States where by September the ICPS (Govt. of India's Integrated Child Protection Scheme) is in place, ICPS Director / Directorate could be involved.
- e. Various specialised disciplines who come to the training could carry the message forward through their structured bodies to enhance the skills of that group. For example, Forensic Experts, Paediatricians and Gynecologists could use the material and information to spread awareness through their Associations such as Indian Academy of Paediatrics.

## Registration Fee

Conference	-	Registration Fee for Participants	Rs 750/-
		Students	Rs 500/-
Pre-conference Workshops participant		Registration fee	Rs 200/- per

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