

Syllabus Semester – III

Course Title: Child Protection Mechanisms

Course: Credits: 04

Course Learning Outcomes

The course learning outcomes area as follows:

1. Understand Child Vulnerabilities and the need for protection
2. Appreciate the various perspectives and approaches to child protection
3. Develop an understanding of the legal framework and systems of child protection in India
4. Learn & demonstrate the use of various tools and techniques used in child protection

Unit I: Children's Vulnerability and the Need for Protection

- Understanding Childhood :Different Perspectives on Childhood (Social & Legal Construction)
- Children's Vulnerabilities and Implications: State, Society, Family and Individual
- Intersectionality of Vulnerability- Structural, Gender-Related, Children with Disabilities, Children in Disasters/ Emergencies/ Border/ Conflict/ Difficult Environments/ Migration
- Vulnerable Children in India: Street, Sexually Abused, Trafficked, Working

Unit II: Child Protection Approaches and Strategies

- Traditional Institutional and Non-Institutional Approaches
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of Child
- UN Guidelines on Alternative Care
- Community Based Approach: CPC, Children's Group, CFSs
- Family Strengthening and Non-Institutional Approach to CP: Adoption, Foster Care and Sponsorship

Unit III: Child Protection and Legal framework

- Legal Approach: Constitutional Provisions
- The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012 (POSCO)
- Revised Integrated Child Protection Scheme (2014) (ICPS): Structures and Functionaries
- Juvenile Justice (Child Care & Protection) Act, 2015 (JJ Act)

Unit IV: Child Protection Mechanisms in India

- The NCPCR & SCPCRs: Roles and Functions
- Child Line, NCLP, Shishu Greh Scheme
- NGOs and Child Protection: Scope for Involvement and Present Status
- Quality Standards of Care in Child Care Institutions

Unit V: Child Protection: Tools and Techniques

- Preparation of Individual Child Care Plan and Case Management
- Child Protection Audit
- Vulnerability Mapping and Assessment:
- CPA
- BIC
- DRR

References/Suggested Readings/Web links:

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Weblinks

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