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Monthly Newsletter From BOSCO Bengaluru

Editorial Note

Transforming Child Care: The Power of Documentation & Research



As we navigate the evolving landscape of child care in India, we find ourselves at a crucial juncture where documentation and research can play transformative roles. These are not mere administrative functions but fundamental components that shape the quality of care and the future prospects of the children in our institutions. In child care, documentation serves as a vital tool for both compliance and continuous improvement. However, it is essential to view it through a lens of deeper significance. Effective documentation is not just about meeting regulatory requirements but about creating a detailed and accurate account of each child's journey. By capturing rich, contextualized stories—reflecting cultural nuances, individual needs, and developmental milestones—we gain invaluable insights that can guide personalized care strategies. Ensuring transparency in documentation helps in tracking growth and identifying emerging needs, thereby fostering a more responsive and culturally sensitive approach to care. Simultaneously, adhering to stringent confidentiality protocols is crucial to protect the privacy of the children and families we serve.

Research holds the potential to revolutionize child care practices in India by addressing the specific challenges and opportunities within our context. By adopting evidence-based practices, we can translate research findings into effective strategies tailored to the needs of children in our institutions. Collaborating with academic institutions and research organizations in India can not only enhance our understanding but also contribute to a more robust knowledge base that addresses local realities. Engaging in research allows us to stay informed about innovative practices and emerging trends, ensuring that our care strategies are both relevant and effective in the Indian context.

As we reflect on these aspects, as integral elements of BOSCO's mission in providing exceptional care to children, we should also think how we can innovate our approaches to meet the unique needs of children in child care institutions. It is also important to see how we can leverage BOSCO's research activities in driving impactful change and improving outcomes to make a meaningful difference in the lives of the children we serve.

STREET PRESENCE

NIVAS-HEALTH AWARENESS



ARSP- AWARENESS IN MOVING TRAINS



NILAYA- ADOLESCENT GIRLS MEETING



BUS STAND - AWARENESS ON THE PLATFORM



GANDHI NAGAR- MOTHERS' GROUP



MAGADI ROAD- SCHOOL AWARENESS



COMPONENTS

**Various activities were conducted by the different components of BOSCO:
CRC formation by CRISP, Stakeholder awareness by CSN, Community awareness by SJPU, Awareness programs for college students by Foster care, Orientation to students by HRD, Children's visit to CREST by RMT & Accenture team, Health Camps by Health Care Department, Parents' meeting by Family Restoration and After Care**



Our Child Care Centres

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and Sneha Bhavan

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and Sneha Bhavan enjoyed the recreational activities organized by the students of St. John's Medical College at the centre



BOSCO Mane

BOSCO Mane conducted Makkala Sabha for the centre children.

BOSCO Rainbow Home

BOSCO Rainbow Home conducted a session on the need to protect environment.

Our Child Care Centres

BOSCO Vikas

BOSCO Vikas conducted Life Skill sessions for the children.



BOSCO Yuvakendra

BOSCO Yuvakendra raised awareness about child rights to the parents.



BOSCO Yuvodaya

BOSCO Yuvodaya held a parents' awareness programme to help the parents understand the rights of the children and educate them about child related issues.

BOSCO Sumanahalli

BOSCO Sumanhalli organised a day of the poor where the staff and trainees helped the poor people on the streets by giving them food.

Workshop on Homelink Data Intelligence for Global Interface (DIGI)

BOSCO attended a three-day workshop on DIGI, the new tool to collect children's information, organized by the National YaR Forum at the Don Bosco Provincial House, Bengaluru from July 24 to 26, 2024.



International Day Against Trafficking in Persons

BOSCO Bengaluru stood united with the global community in observing the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, 2024 through various components, projects and centres, and along with the Government Departments based on the theme: “Leave No Child Behind in the Fight Against Human Trafficking.”



Training for Child Welfare Police Officers

Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru in collaboration with DCPU South Division organized training for the Child Welfare Police Officers(CWPOs), West and South Division, Bengaluru at B.S Venkataram Kala Bhavanan Chamrajpet and Hanumantha Nagar Police Station on July 9 and 11, 2024. Mr. Naganna Gowda, Chairperson, KSCPCR, Mr. Girish SB, ACP, South Division and Mr. Ramesh K.M, ACP, West Division, Ms. Nagaveni, DCPO, South Division, Mr. Anna Rao, PO(IC), Mr. Ganesh, PO (NIC) and DCPU Staff and Ms. Mamatha, ACWPO, South Division and Ms. Girija, ACWPO, West Division were present.



International Tiger Day

BOSCO Vikas and Mane observed the International Tiger Day along with the children of the centre on July 29, 2024. Mohana Mulepatlu, Naturalist, Kanha Reserve Forest, Madhya Pradesh addressed the children and highlighted the significance of tiger conservation and the international action to save these amazing animals.





A SECOND CHANCE

Jai's (Name changed) story underscores the importance of awareness, guidance, and early intervention in preventing juvenile delinquency and helping young people get back on track after a mistake.

Jai, a 14-year-old boy, is currently studying in the 9th standard. He lives with his family, which consists of his father, a tailor by profession, his mother, who works as a caretaker at a play school, and his younger sister, who is in the 6th standard. The family has no criminal records and is considered a peaceful and law-abiding household.

One day, Jai and his cousin decided to attend a festival at a local temple. While they were there, Jai, his cousin, and some of his cousin's friends began dancing as part of the festivities. Unfortunately, what started as a joyous occasion quickly escalated into a violent confrontation. A clash arose between the group and another boy, leading to a tragic turn of events. Jai's cousin, in a fit of anger, pulled out a knife and fatally stabbed the boy. In the heat of the moment, Jai, along with his cousin's friends, also got involved in the fight and physically assaulted the boy before the stabbing occurred. Due to his involvement in the altercation, he was taken into custody by the police. His cousin fled the scene, leaving Jai to face the consequences alone.

Upon his arrest, the police notified the SJPU (Special Juvenile Police Unit) team at BOSCO Bengaluru. The Social Worker from BOSCO was assigned to counsel Jai. During the counseling session, Jai revealed that he had indeed hit the boy, but he was not the one who used the knife. He also mentioned that his cousin's friends were involved in the physical assault, although it was his cousin who ultimately committed the fatal act. The Social Worker provided Jai and his father with guidance, explaining the gravity of the crime and the potential consequences. The importance of proper care, supervision, and moral guidance was emphasized to prevent such incidents in the future. After the counseling session, Jai was presented before the Juvenile Justice (JJ) Board. Given the nature of his involvement and the circumstances, the JJ Board decided to send him to the Observation Home for juveniles.

Jai's involvement in the crime was influenced by peer pressure and a lack of understanding of the legal and moral consequences of his actions. Recognizing this, the Social Worker emphasized the need for Jai to develop better social, personal, and emotional awareness. After his release from the Observation Home, the Social Worker continued to provide support by conducting follow-up calls every three months to ensure that he remained committed to his education. Since his release, Jai has been regularly attending school and is dedicated to his studies. Both Jai and his father expressed their gratitude towards the SJPU team for the support and services provided. The continuous follow-up and counseling have helped Jai stay on the right path, focused on his education, and away from negative influences.

BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT

July – 2024

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	346	55	401
Service provided	30	08	38
Grand Total	376	63	439

New Children Data of Contact Centre/Area:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway Station DCPU staffs	46	04	00	00	50
Bus Stand BMTc	36	02	03	00	41
Bus Stand KSRTC	33	03	01	00	37
BOSCO Yuvodaya	03	00	00	00	03
BOSCO Yuvakendra	06	00	00	00	06
BOSCO Sumanahalli	05	00	00	00	05
BOSCO Mane	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Nilaya	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Rainbow Home	00	02	00	00	02
BOSCO Vatslaya Bhavan	00	07	00	00	07
CSN	28	01	01	00	30
SJPU	25	12	00	00	37
ARSP	156	24	00	00	180
TOTAL	341	55	05	00	401

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