



केंद्रीय दत्तक-ग्रहण संसाधन प्राधिकरण Central Adoption Resource Authority



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Protocol on Foster Care leading to Foster Adoption

Prospective foster parents are eligible to foster those children having no visitation or having unfit parent or guardian, those available in the categories of immediate placement and special needs, and other children in need of care and protection living in institutions as well as in the community. Further, depending on the legal status of the child and if the child is not getting adopted through the referral system, the child may be further tried for foster care and foster care leading to adoption, as the case may be keeping in view the following principles of the JJ Act 2015 (amended in 2021) as mentioned below:

Section 2 (iv) Principle of best interest: All decisions regarding the child shall be based on the primary consideration that they are in the best interest of the child and to help the child to develop full potential.

Section 2 (v) Principle of family responsibility: The primary responsibility of care, nurture and protection of the child shall be that of the biological family or adoptive or foster parents, as the case may be.

Section 2(xii) Principle of institutionalisation as a measure of last resort: A child shall be placed in institutional care as a step of last resort after making a reasonable inquiry.

The online module on CARINGS has been made functional for the smooth processing of cases for foster adoption. The process typically involves collaboration amongst various stakeholders, like the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), and the CCI at the district level. The procedure for registering and processing cases on the foster adoption tab in cases where the foster parents are already fostering a child, is as follows:

FOSTER ADOPTION TAB	
Once the DCPU has verified potential cases of foster care that may lead to adoption, such cases will be shown on the Foster Adoption tab.	
Step	Documents Required
Prospective foster parents (PFPs) related documents to be uploaded by DCPU	(i) Consent of the child (if the child is above five years) (ii) Consent of the PFPs (iii) Social Investigation Report (SIR)- Form
Foster child-related documents to be uploaded by DCPU	(i) Legally Free for Adoption (LFA) (ii) CWC foster care placement order (iii) Consent of the child (iv) Last month's progress report

Procedure:

