

## SOS Children's Villages of India

Fueling Dreams...Enabling Futures

### Our Impact

#### FAMILY LIKE CARE

**6582**

Children continued to grow up in a loving home

**382**

Graduated from the programme

**411**

New children were brought home to a loving SOS mother

**108**

Children united with their biological families/adoption

\*Data from 01st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

#### FAMILY STRENGTHENING

**1409**

Youth

**1979**

Siblings

**22202**

Children

**12312**

Primary Caregivers

\*Data from 01st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

#### SHORT STAY HOMES

**559**

Children brought home

**207**

Children moved to long term care

**130**

Children united with their biological families/moved to another NGO/Govt. home

\*Data from 01st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

#### KINSHIP CARE

**182**

Kinship families

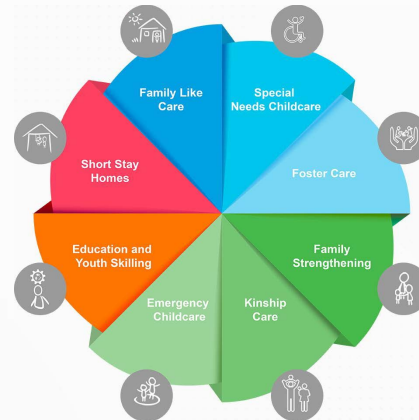
**279**

Children (Boys-132, Girls-147)

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Established in 1964, SOS Children's Villages of India has evolved progressively to cater to the needs of children. We support children without parental care or at the risk of losing it, a value chain of quality care services that goes beyond childcare alone, ensuring comprehensive child development. We are present in 22 states/UTs, through our 32 Villages.

### Basket of Care Solutions



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## Basket Of Care Solutions

A Loving Home for Every Child



## Emergency Childcare Programme

Providing relief and rehabilitation to families affected by calamities/emergencies

Children are the first to be affected when a crisis hits. We strive for preparedness and fostering resilience in difficult times such as natural disasters, calamities, epidemics, emergencies, and such. With our long-term, global and local presence, we protect their rights and help keep families together. We stay for as long as it takes to help overcome the emergency and rebuild their lives. We specialise in protection and care of children, which includes care for unaccompanied and separated children; family reunification; child-friendly spaces; and psychological and social support.

## Education & Youth Skilling Programme

Equipping young people with the skills and confidence to help them sail through life

We endeavour to provide quality and value-based education to children, and support youth under our care, in skilling, to make them employable and responsible citizens. Our curriculum enables holistic development of children, empowering them with 21st century skills. Through a variety of interventions, we promote education suited to children's unique aptitudes, capabilities and skills. Through various youth skilling and development initiatives, we equip young people with the right expertise and confidence they need to realise their potential. Developing children and youth is a crucial step in securing a sustainable future not only for them, but also for humanity.

## Family Strengthening Programme

Helping vulnerable families to become self-reliant to afford quality care for their children

SOSCVI's (SOS Children's Villages of India) Family Strengthening Programme (FSP) empowers vulnerable families and communities including widows, single women or below poverty line families so that they can adequately care for their children. With an aim to prevent children from losing parental care or from being abandoned, we help families/individuals generate sustainable income while building their capacity to ensure that the children are well cared for and their basic rights to education, skilling, health and nutrition are fulfilled. The Family Strengthening programme has specific interventions like livelihood programmes, sustainable income generation and parenting skills initiatives, wherein the support offered by SOSCVI extends to over half a decade. Another integral part of this initiative is our Bal Panchayat (Children's Parliament) model that gives young ones a collective voice through a democratic platform at the grassroots level.

## Kinship Care Programme

Facilitating parental care among next of kin families

Introduced in 2017, the Kinship Care Programme ensures that children without parental care grow up with minimal disruption to their educational, cultural and social lives. Under this initiative, children who have lost their biological parents are cared for by their extended families or relatives. Our interventions safeguard the right of every parentless child to grow up in a familiar environment by strengthening the capability and income of the extended biological families, so that they can provide proper care and education, till the child attains adulthood.

## Foster Care Programme

Making way for quality childcare in certified foster families

There stands an urgent need for alternative care for orphaned and abandoned children. To tackle this critical problem, we developed a community-based care solution in a certified foster family, that we help and support, to enable them to take care of a child's education, skilling, health and nutrition. In 2021, SOSCVI partnered with the Government of Meghalaya to implement quality foster care through knowledge transfer, building capacities of foster parents and administrators, and assisting in the development and distribution of quality training material.

## Family Like Care

Committed to provide a caring family to every child without parental care

SOSCVI's Family Like Care Programme provides an innovative and individualized care model for children who have lost a family, enabling them to grow up with love, respect and security, within a SOS family home, and realize their full potential. Children grow up together as brothers and sisters, under the quality care provided by a trained caregiver or SOS mother. The lasting bond contributes to the holistic development of these children; this long-term care enables the transition from childhood to adulthood, into self-reliant, employable and contributing members of the society.

## Special Needs Childcare

Focusing on specialized long-term care for differently abled children without parental care

We enable specially-abled children, without parental care, to live a normal life, through a uniquely designed Children's Village equipped with infrastructure for medical care and training for children and youth with disabilities; a loving home is ensured that is watched over by trained mothers and support staff for personalized care and training for each child. Imparting care, vocational skills, exposure to creative fields and sports helps bring out the best in these children.

## Short Stay Home

Creating safe spaces for children in distress

The Short Stay Homes serve as homes of hope for children who require a short-term safe and secure stay ranging from across a few days to a few weeks, especially where children are affected by natural disasters, calamities, epidemics, emergencies and such, and their parents are not able to take care of them. With this programme, we provide child care spaces alongside ad hoc or permanent infrastructure to provide care to those affected, allowing them to receive resources and support to aid with emotional healing, food and nutrition, and overall well being, in a child-friendly environment.



## Concept Note - Kinship Care

### Problem Statement

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in unprecedented outcomes—affecting public health, livelihoods, the economy, and our ways of living. The country's health infrastructure had cracked under the burden of the second wave and was stretched beyond its limits. This affected and compromised the overall well-being of children and other stakeholders.

As on August 2021, India reported a total of 30 million<sup>1</sup> cases and 4,00,000<sup>2</sup> deaths. Children were affected the most during the pandemic. Reports stated that as many as 30,000 children have lost a parent during the pandemic, with more than 3,000 rendered parentless.





Thus, there is an urgent need to provide immediate support to help children cope with the trauma of loss of a parent/s and then to establish mechanisms for ensuring their long-term needs till he/she becomes independent. It is also important to prevent trafficking, child labour, child marriages (especially girls), child sexual abuse, and illegal adoptions.

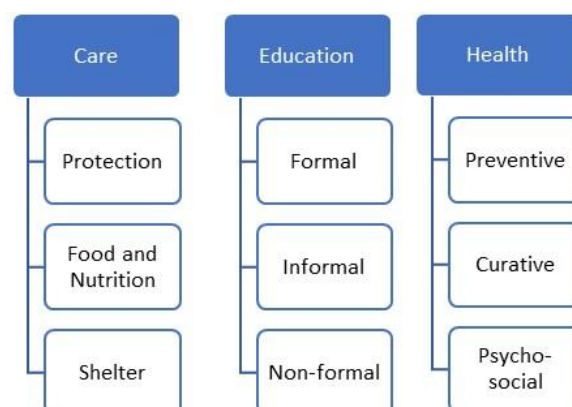
### SOS's Flagship Programme - Kinship Care

SOS Children's Villages of India's Kinship Care programme is a living arrangement in which children without parents are taken care full time by their kin/relatives. It is been recognized that children have the best chance of developing their full potential in a family environment. When parents are not there to take care of the child, kinship and community resources may be relied upon to provide care for such children. According to the United Nations Alternative Care guidelines, all decisions concerning the alternative care must take into accountability that the child remains as close as possible to her/his place of residence. The child would be supported with food, education, health facilities and clothing. Exposure visits of children would be conducted towards enhanced learning and development. This is to ensure that there is minimum disruption of her/his educational, cultural and social life.



### Objectives & Activities

-  To assist kinship caregivers to provide ongoing chronological age appropriate support for the child without the minimum level of documentation service system, building on their informal supports and other available community resources.
-  To ensure the child's ongoing safety, stability and developmental needs.
-  To build the caregiver's capacity for continued and enhanced quality care.
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## About SOS Children's Villages of India

For over five decades we continue to provide children without parental care or at the risk of losing it, a value chain of quality care services that **goes beyond childcare alone, ensuring comprehensive child development**. Our long-term customised care interventions such as, **Family Like Care, Special Needs Childcare, Foster Care, Short Stay Homes, Family Strengthening, Kinship Care, Emergency Childcare, Education & Youth Skilling** and are aimed at transforming lives and making children into self-reliant and contributing members of society. We empower vulnerable families in communities to become financially independent, thereby enabling them to create safe and nurturing spaces for children under their care.

## Price points:

[Facilitate parental care for Children among next of kin families-Sponsor a child living with the next of Kin under SOS Children villages Kinship program](#)

**Your support of INR 9,000 will help one child grow under the loving umbrella of guardians with family care for a year**

Support a Child who has lost their biological parents and are cared by their extended families or relatives to ensure that the child grows up in a familiar environment- by strengthening the capacity and income of the extended biological families

This support will be utilized towards Food Allowance, Clothing & Uniforms, School Fees & Academic support, Health & Medical support, Festival allowance, Caregiver and mentor support plus monitoring of the program.

## What Does a Donor Get (as report):

1. Child Profile
2. Two Annual Updates: 1 mid-year and the other Year end.

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## **Kinship care programme, Bhopal**

### **No more Bad Vibes, Good Vibes only.....**

**Story narration by:- Ms. Khushbu Raut, 15 years old girl from Gautam Nagar, Bhopal**

#### **Background**

I, Sheelu belongs to the Buddhist slum community in Gautam Nagar, Bhopal. I am studying in class X with English medium. We live in a slum area which is 8 km away from the SOS. In my home I am living with my younger sister Sheelu, grandmother and my 2 aunties in small 4x6 rooms. I am living here in this home since my childhood. My both parents died 3 years back. My two aunties (Mausi) earns by doing household works and we live with that small amount.

#### **Struggles.... during covid-19**

During the Covid time, in the initial lockdown my aunties lost their job and we were stuck in the home. Time, I spent at home that too in location where I live is very congestive. Nearly two months was horrible and toughest in my life (April to June 2021). I felt like we lost everything, in fact we were struggling to have our daily meals. I was depressed and sad. My education was in a question mark that time. When there is no money for daily bread how will I continue my education? I felt like all my dreams came to full stop.

#### **Extended support by SOS Children's Village, Bhopal**

The time we were unable to push ourselves, SOS offered helping hand to us. SOS team has given hope to me and to my family. They visited us at our home and when we were asked to visit SOS in August 2021 it was beyond my imagination. I was very happy to see SOS village and felt happy to see the happy faces of children living there. By seeing the happy faces of children, I also felt relaxed and the timely support provided by the organisation was very thankful. They have supported my grandmother financially so that she can take care of myself and my sister.

#### **My future planning**

As I am studying in the 10th class and with the help of SOS, I would like to shape my future with satisfaction and enough money. Earlier I was not having any plans of pursuing my education after my board examination. My interest is science and want to take mathematics in class XI. My grandmother use to tell me to peruse my studies in arts which is not my area of interest. But now as SOS has assured us to peruse my education as per my interest, I am confident that I can be successful in coming years.

**You know child can do any miracle if he or she felt assured about the backup hand holding support. Earlier I was not having anyone as a mentor. But now that is not the case I feel like I have someone to ask. I have someone to listen. I got some to listen to my stories, my plans and my imaginations. I wanted to be a loco pilot in railways and also I wish I could support many children those who have will and wish but the no financial capacity once I start earning. Further, as I wanted to study, explore more and challenge my own capacity with the wings of hope and confidence now. I am preparing for my 10<sup>th</sup> board examination, I have given a goal to myself of achieving more than 90% overall, one day I will make my community and SOS proud.**

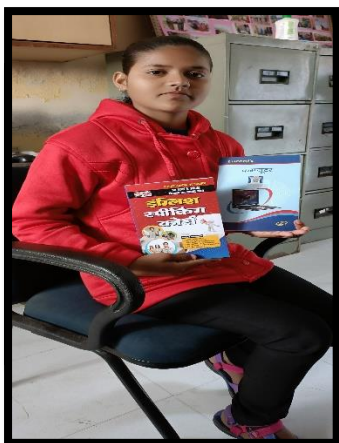
### **How digital literacy have changed my life**

As we all know that, today's world is world of digital. During lockdown time, I get to know about digital literacy, when we were all locked in home and facing financial crunches, at that time widow pension of my grandmother was the only source and savings done by my granny in the year 2020. On one fine evening when we all where sitting at home, sms alert on my mausi's mobile came mentioning about the widow pension credited in my granny's account. At that time, my aunty shared that, it is good that we have opted for net banking in the year 2019. Although we have small keypad mobile at that time but it gave me information which I read in my course book- Computer book.

Later on, when pandemic happens in March 2020, it was by chance that my aunt gets 2<sup>nd</sup> hand android mobile, and later on it become our necessity as we all were connected through mobile. Our classes were online, it was for the first time, I got chance to explore more on mobile. I was connected with my teachers, my friends, exchange of notes, sharing our sad and happy moments altogether was learning experience for me and my sister. Our teacher has also learned how to take online class, how to make lesson plans and how to take online exams. Although it was new experience for everyone it was challenging too for everyone even for my school teachers. At that time, we all have common thought to kink ourselves and get connected all the time. During summer vacation time, I used my android mobile for my conceptual clarity on many topics of algebra, trigonometry, physics through videos on youtube. Last but not the least, digital literacy has filled the gap of being alone, it gives the feeling of classroom study during online class.



### Success Story of Sanjana Chauhan



Sanjana is a confident and smiling girl under Kinship care Program Varanasi, she came under the Umbrella of SOS in 2017 in October when she was just 11 years old. She lost both her parents and now is in the care of her parental Uncle and aunt. She started her schooling in nearby Govt. School of her locality till class 5<sup>th</sup>. Later with the support of SOS she got enrolled in HGS Varanasi. She is currently in class 8<sup>th</sup> “B”. She is doing well and climbing the ladder of development with the passage of time. Based on the discussion with her class teacher it can be concluded that she has the potential to score 80%.

### Decisions determine destiny

How true these words are for Sanjana and her family. Instead of giving in to pressure from relatives and villagers, Sanjan’s Uncle, a daily wages labour, decided not to marry her off after some time but encourage her to study further. She had to face the objections of her family, and challenge repressive societal expectations, in order to create an independent identity for herself. It has been a gruelling journey for Sanjana. As Sanjana said that ‘Don’t believe what your eyes are telling you. All they show is limitation’. She came under pressure many a times when she realized that people are looking at her with pity and sympathy. She shared that I never gave up. Meanwhile SOS came into picture and my story got a turning point. The support which I am receiving is like being socialized under the supervision of people who are next to family members.

**Rising from Hardship, Remaining Hopeful, and Reaching for Happiness-Sanjana said that when she was quite young, she remembered that-** *My mother believed that I could achieve anything, no matter what anyone said.* Growing up in poverty, living in crime-ridden neighbourhoods, and attending schools with crumbling infrastructures, I got battle weary. I was determined, but everything somehow always seemed a bit harder than I expected. As a studious child, I thought if I behaved well and did my work, the path would pave itself for me. But in my younger years I had teachers who created roadblocks, who were burnt out themselves and held onto deep-rooted prejudices they hadn’t yet released. I had less-than-inspiring instructors whose intentions manifested through micro-aggressions or even outright racism. It was clear that some teachers were coming in to collect a pay check, while others were glad that I was quiet and completed my work. But suddenly things started changing as you people (SOS) came across and started supporting me all the way. I don’t have sufficient words to express my gratitude.

Now Sanjana is determined and is preparing for defence examination after class 10<sup>th</sup>. She is under the supervision of the co-worker and keeps on showing her curiosity about the same. She was assured at the end that - Never deprive yourself of any opportunity and enjoy yourself during your experience being with us. Some of your best decisions will be some of the most unexpected. Keep all your options open, and never be close-minded during your years till your dreams are achieved.

Today she was provided two books so that she can enhance her computer skill and communication skill as well. She was rest assured that together we can and we will make a difference.



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# KINSHIP CARE PROGRAM







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# About Kinship Program

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Kinship program is a long-term Alternative care program recognized as Family Based Care program

Kinship care is a living arrangement where children, who have lost both parents and in need of long-term care are placed in the same community with the relative of the child who is ready to take care and child is also ready to stay with them.

Maternal and paternal (Biological) relatives of the child especially the woman would be the caregivers for the child.



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# Eligible Criteria for selection

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Children up to  
the age of 12  
years who have  
lost parent/  
parental care



Upper age of  
caregiver 75 yrs.,  
when child  
becomes 18.

Relatives willing to  
take responsibility  
and child agrees to  
live with them



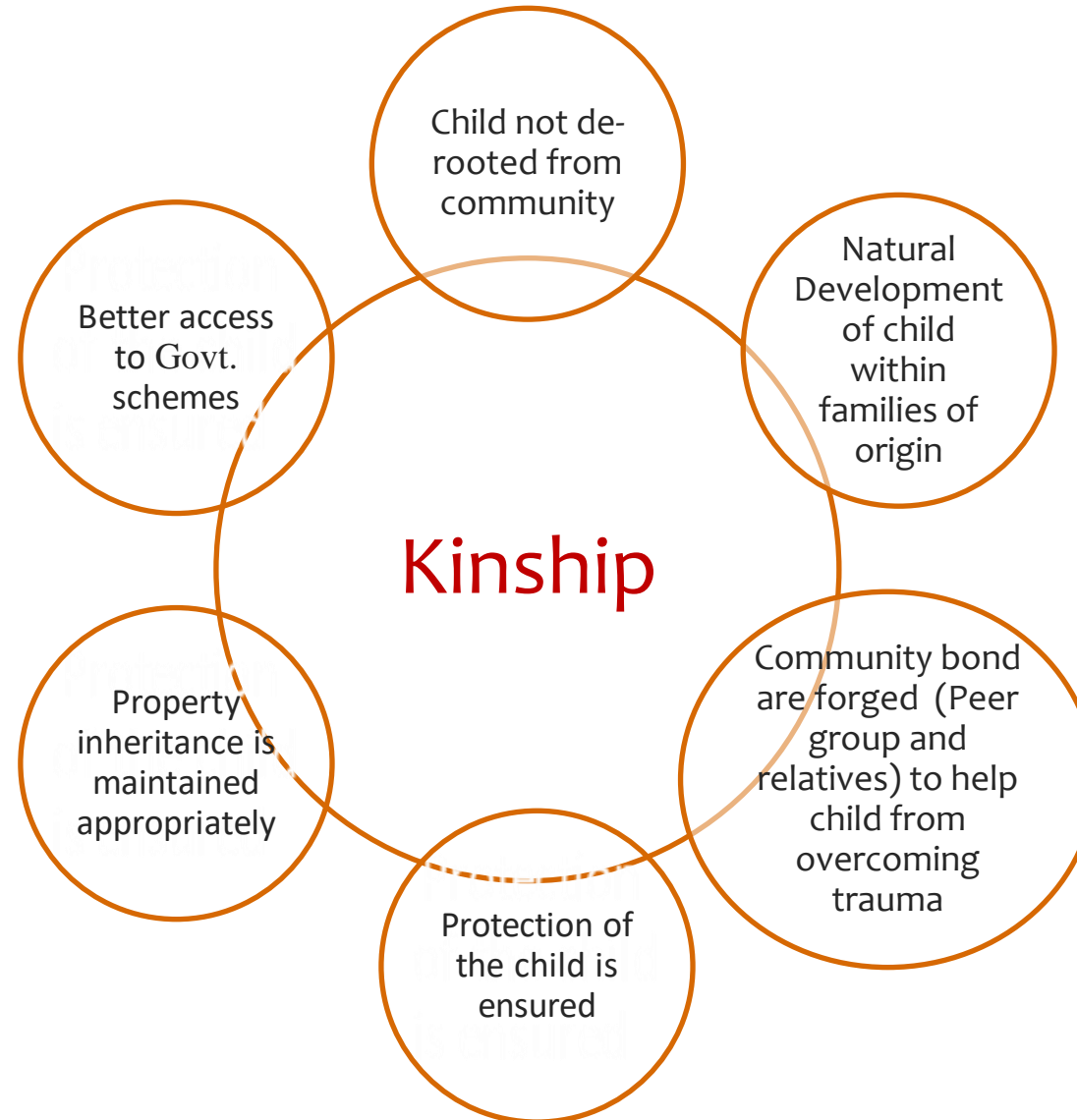
Kinship Family



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# Key features of Kinship program

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# Key focus areas

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## Intervention with Caregiver

### Capacity building on Parenting Skills

Psycho- Social Support

Training on health & nutrition

Quality standard when it comes to child care

Creating a healthy environment for children inside homes

Tracking the progress of children based on milestones

Handholding support to caregivers through mentors

## Direct intervention with children

CARE

FOOD  
&  
PHYSICAL  
HEALTH

SOCIAL  
INCLUSION  
&  
BEHAVIOUR

Education  
&  
skills

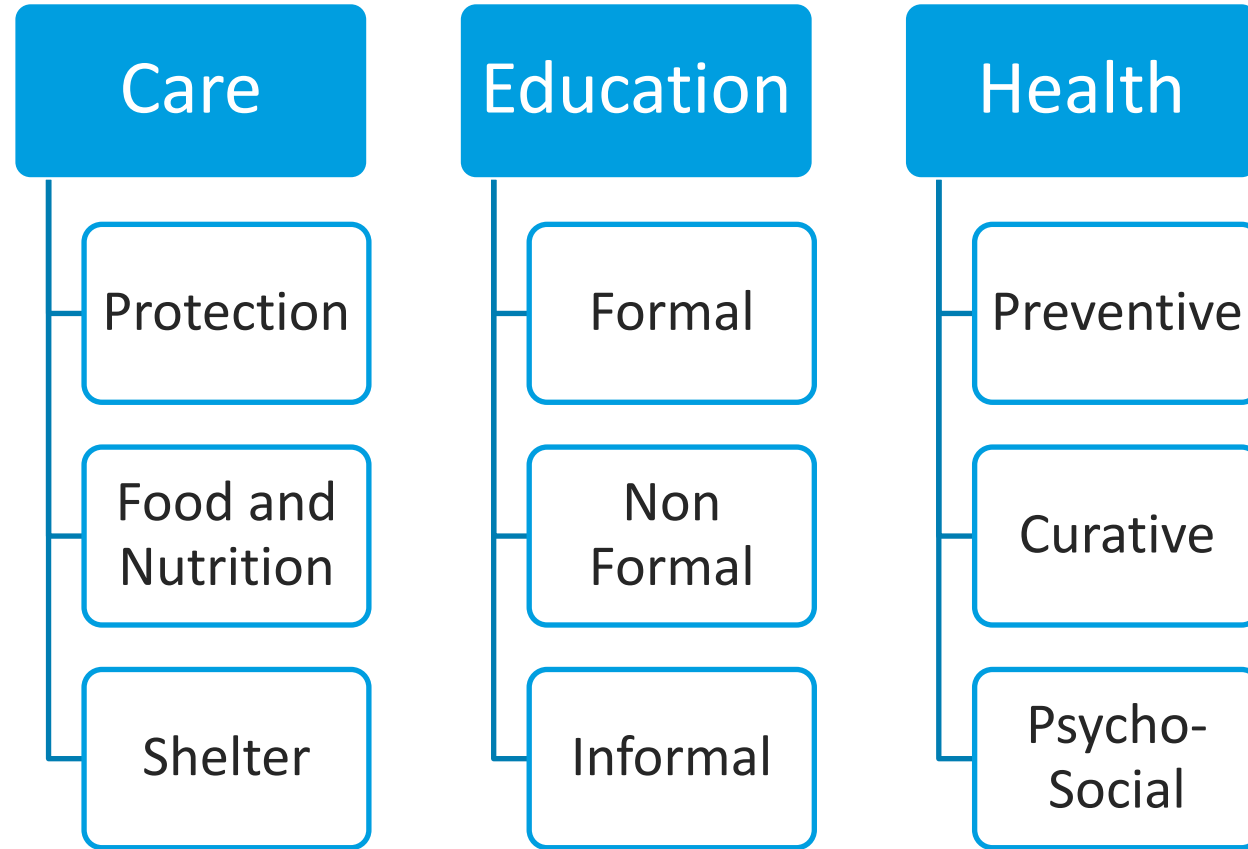
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# Pacckage of Services under kinship care

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# Desired Results

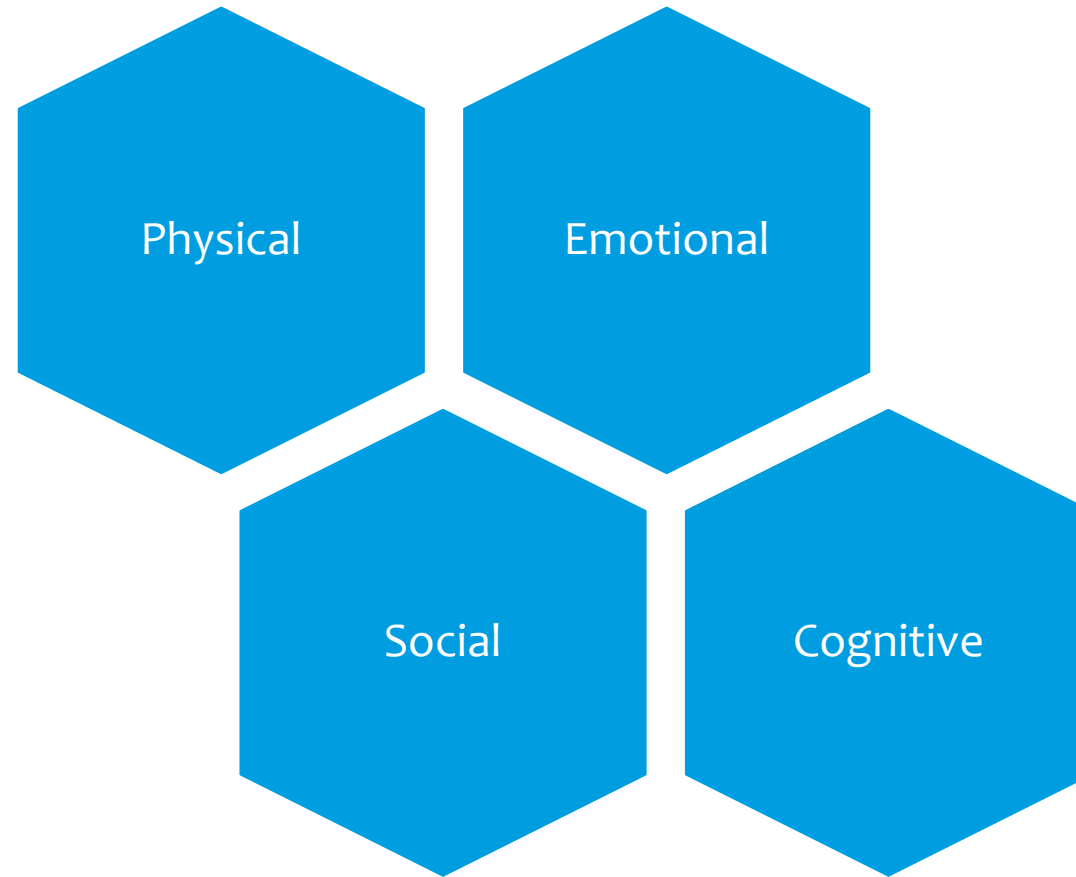
	Short term	Mid term	Long term
Care	Care by Caregiver ; Improved child caregivers relationship	Child develop family belongingness	Youth is gain-fully employed
Food & Health	Improved Food security, Physical health status	Child is growing healthy	
Education & Skills	Attendance Academic performance , Participation in extra curricular activities , skill development , professional courses	Have a career aspiration, employability	
Protection & emotional well being	Sign of abuse	Emotionally strong	
Social inclusion & behavior	social skills	Social network	



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# Impact of Kinship Program

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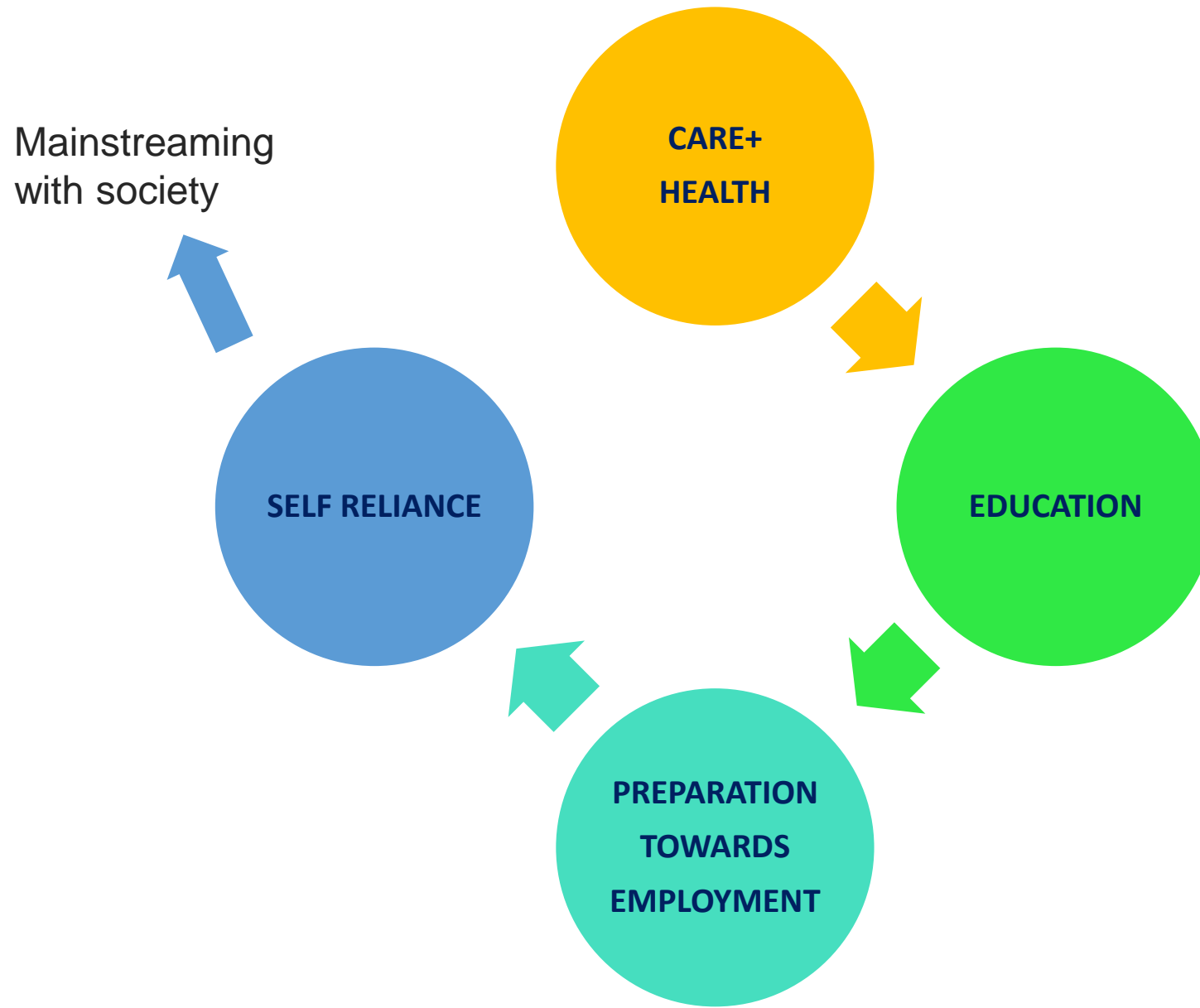


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# Life Cycle of Child in Kinship Care





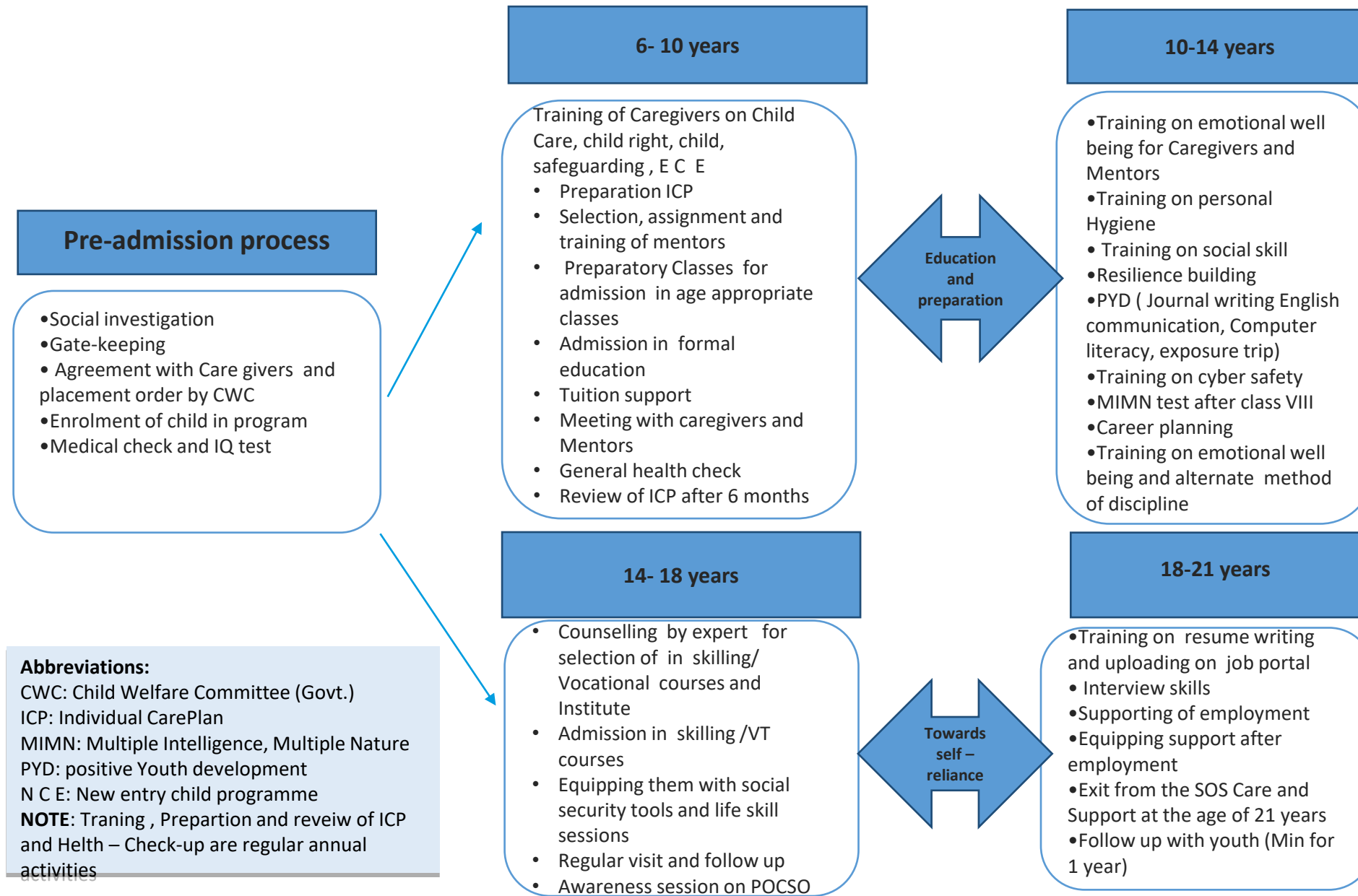


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# Activities in Kinship Care





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*For rekindling hope, spreading joy!*

Thank you for your thoughtful contributions and relentless support in helping those impacted by the pandemic. You have been our constant companion in making a difference to the communities we operate in. With you by our side, we will continue to empower the lesser privileged, helping them sail through these turbulent times.

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