

THE "CHILD" SYSTEM MANUAL

Comprehensive Help for International Little Destitutes
{A manual for those working with street children.}

THE "CHILD" SYSTEM - PHASE II **Semi-Residential Guidance Centres – Night Care & Day Shelter Programmes**

Project Suggestion

A prime plot of land, perhaps with a ready-made building on it in the middle of the city, about 1200 sq. yards in all, can be allotted by the Municipal Commissioner of the city on nominal rent. Speak to your City Planner and befriend him. Take him to your children if possible. He is the person who will find spare plots of land or buildings for you. In Vijayawada city the land is near the bank of a beautiful canal, surrounded by parks, gardens and swaying palm trees. SKCV has been working with local Governments for many years, and, for the most part, is convinced that something positive can be put into practice. It is up to you to develop excellent relations with your Municipal Corporation and local public. This is very important and needs a lot of PR work.

Feasibility

As SKCV has been running Street & Working Child Rescue Centres for many years, the experience and maturity of the staff, and especially the children, stands above all. The practical design and implementation of the "CHILD" System, has proved beyond shadow of a doubt, that street children can be strengthened, want to be strengthened and have been strengthened, and now strengthen other children in need. Now it is up to you.

As "CHILD" programmes require a very personal outlook, it is necessary to have many individual Rescue Centres, and well trained staff in order to reach out to the majority of children in all areas of the city, your project will serve as the professional model for all those interested in offering assistance to street children in your area.

The Staff

As far as possible the staff should be selected from local citizens, who have a better understanding of these children, because they themselves struggled for existence in the past. For management and professional services, qualified personnel can be appointed.

The Facilities

As the project will cater to the needs of up to 200 young children, facilities should consist of:
4 Dormitories, Classrooms, Bathrooms, Infirmary
Kitchen, Refectory, Recreation room
Children's Library, TV Video Room, Hobby Room

The Time Factor

The children will be expected to spend three months attending the "CHILD" Rescue Centre at night. This is an agreement you should enter into with the children. If they come every day for three months then they get the option to move to your next phase. They should visit this project along with your orientation Officer several times during this three months. If they break the three months without taking leave, then three months will again start when they return. You should keep register of the children attending, which the children themselves sign. This will ensure that you know who is coming regularly, and also provide data for your "CHILD" Research centres. If possible computerise the data so that it is easier to manage and quicker to find missing children when their relatives come.