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*Respected Madam/Sir,*

As you are aware the Ministry of Women and Child Development is administering the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (as amended in 2021) which is the primary legislation for ensuring the safety, security, dignity and well-being of children. The primary responsibility of execution of the Act, as such, lies with the States/UTs.

2. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely, 'Mission Vatsalya' provides financial support to state Governments/UT Administrations, for delivering services as mandated under the JJ Act, 2015 and rules there under for children. The After Care component of Non-Institutional Care under Mission Vatsalya specifically aims to support children who have grown up in institutional care/Child Care Institutions (CCIs) for their re-integration into mainstream society.
3. You are requested to facilitate and ensure the following for the Care Leavers:
  - i. Verified database of Care Leaver - DCPUs may consolidate data of care leavers from all registered CCIs.
  - ii. Address Proof for Care Leavers - DCPU's address may be used to facilitate Care Leaver's for purposes of securing Identity Proof up to 23 years age. Use of particular CCI as address proof may be avoided.
  - iii. Identity Proof - Care Leavers' and Children 16-18 years presently in CCIs must have necessary documents like Birth Certificate, Aadhar Card, AYUSHMAN Health Insurance Card as well as CCI leaving Certificate. The Care Leavers as per verified data base of DCPU and the prospective children, who will attain 18 years in the CCI, must be provided Voter ID Card and PAN card by the concerned DCPU.
  - iv. Temporary Shelter - As per Rule 79(9) JJ Model Rules notified on 01.09.2022, DCPU to map CCIs with Working Women's Hostels and Shakti Sadans to provide temporary shelter to Care Leaver Girls on Priority basis.
  - v. Completion of Education - State to facilitate mobilization of resources and facilitate the completion of education of verified Care Leavers. DCPU to update After Care Plan for children leaving CCIs for completion of education, skill development and entrepreneurship programme.
  - vi. Vocational Training & Placement - State to invite State Skill Mission, Corporations, NGOs to undertake vocational training activities for the children, provide apprenticeship, and placement with a view to gainful employment for existing Care Leaver and for older children after completion of their period of stay in the CCI.

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vii. Children leaving the CCIs may be registered in Mission Vatsalya Portal and the data set of children in CCIs and Care leavers must be maintained, to track and trace the care leavers after exiting the CCIs to lend them support towards their re-integration. Special attention may be given to Care Leavers and Children for access to other government programmes and services linked to HIV+ and Persons with Disabilities.

5. I shall be grateful, if you could kindly look into the matter and issue directions to all concerned towards building a robust ecosystem for these children who are covered under Mission Vatsalya Scheme. For reference to a verified data base on Care Leavers, you may like to refer to Careleavers Inner Circle Forum, Jaipur. Their contact details are anisha@clcforum.org; +91 7838066283; [www.clcforum.org](http://www.clcforum.org).

*With regards,*

*Yours Sincerely,*  
*21/12/2023*  
(Indra Mallo)

To,

**The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries,  
Women and Child Development / Social Welfare/ Social Justice & Empowerment  
(All States/ UTs)**