



Palna, meaning “Cradle”

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Delhi Council for Child Welfare.....

Vision:

“A society where all children have all that is rightfully theirs and every opportunity to realize their potential”

Mission:

“Giving Children a Childhood”



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- **LEGAL IDENTITY OF THE ORGANISATION**

- DCCW is registered as a Society under the Societies' Registration Act (XXI) of 1860. Registration No.: S-2236 of 1963-64
- DCCW is registered with the Income Tax Department under Section 12 A No.: DLI (C) (I-369)/1974-75 dated 17/10/1975
- FCRA (Foreign Contribution Regulation Act) Registration No: 231650267 dated 26/03/1985
- Income Tax Permanent Account Number: AAATD 5531H
- TAN number: DELD 06944A
- Delhi Council for Child Welfare is registered with the Income Tax Department under Section 80 G (50% tax exemption); File number: DIT (E) 2008-2009/D- 181/3448 dated 31/03/2009.
- Delhi Council for Child Welfare is affiliated to the Indian Council for Child Welfare (ICCW).
- Delhi Council for Child Welfare is accredited by GiveIndia, CAF America and Credibility Alliance.

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- Our programs....
- Palna – our flagship program for abandoned & lost children
- Bal Chetna- program for special needs children
- Educational Sponsorship – for underprivileged children
- Vocational Training - young girls
- Palna Shishu Kendra – preparing under privileged children for school
- Working Children’s program – children who work with their parents – supplementing family income
- Orthopaedic surgeries – polio/corrective surgeries for under privileged children
- Supervised Homework Scheme – tuition support for underprivileged children
- Anganwadi Training Centre – training government creche workers/helpers

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- No of Executive Committee Members: 14; all work is in an honorary capacity
- EC managing Committee: 5
- Total staff - professional & support: 230



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- Palna team:
- Adoption Head/Social Worker - 1
- Doctor – 2
- Nurses – 7
- Therapists – 3 – Special educator; speech & physiotherapist
- Teacher – 1
- Counsellor – 1
- Adoption assistant - 2
- Supervisor- 1
- Seamstress - 1
- Care givers & cleaners- 48



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- Palna formally registered for Adoption in: 1978
- The concept: a cradle outside the gate of the home
- The cradle: underneath has an electronic alarm system



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- Adoption in India is centralized by the government
- Total adoptions in India yearly: 3000
- Every state has registered licensed adoption agencies
- In Delhi: 9 authorized adoption agencies



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Why adoption is necessary & important.....

Female feticide

Female infanticide

Children abandoned in dustbins

Children abandoned in a park

Children abandoned in hospitals/clinics

Children left in marketplaces

Children found by the Police

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The logo of the Delhi Council for Child Welfare (DCCW) is centered in the background. It consists of two stylized human figures, one on the left and one on the right, holding hands. They are rendered in a dark grey color. Behind them is a large orange sun with a circular face and several rays extending outwards. At the bottom of the logo, the letters 'DCCW' are written in a large, orange, sans-serif font.

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- Adoption – ensures security & continuity
- Earlier adoption was for only Hindu's and not other faiths
- Other faiths – only took children as legal guardians
- Thereafter in 2015 the Juvenile Justice Act was formulated and all individuals – single & married can legally adopt
- Religion in adoption no longer matters

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Palna.....

- Palna, a haven of peace, security, stability for children who arrive
- DCCW, Palna: since 1978 has placed about 3000 children
- Infants who arrive are: low birth weight; hypothermic; with trauma & congenital defects; precarious & fragile state of health
- Palna's multi speciality team takes over and if required hospitals provide spontaneous support

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Palna.....adoption procedure

- Baby is left in the cradle/abandoned at public places, then brought by Police
- Baby is produced before the – Child Welfare Committee (CWC)
- Police-First Information Received (FIR)
- CWC clearance – 4 months
- Newspaper advertisement
- Track the missing – any FIR lodged for kidnapping/lost child
- Thereafter – declared legally free for adoption
- Uploaded on the CARA Portal (Central Adoption Resource Authority)
- The child's recent photograph; medical examination report (MER) & child study report (CSR)
- When shown to registered family – accepted by family

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Palna.....adoption

- Before adoption/placing a child.....
- Home study/complete investigation of the couple- family background – education – income – motivation by a qualified experienced professional Social Worker
- The home study report is then uploaded
- The registered couple waits for a referral from CARA
- Once received – they accept or refuse and again wait for their turn at the bottom of the list
- Average waiting time – 2 years for a referral

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