

Indian Association for promotion of Adoption & child Welfare



ADOPTION- AN OVERVIEW



ABOUT IAPA:

- Indian Association for promotion of Adoption & child Welfare.
- The Year of Inception – 1970
- Aim of IAPA is to bring about favourable, social and legal conditions for adoption.
- IAPA brings destitute/abandoned children and families willing to adopt to be brought together to form a happy and loving family.
- Expansion 1994--Need of reaching out to children through Family Empowerment programmes like Sponsorship, Foster Care, CGC and Mental Health and Rural sponsorship program.



ADOPTION TODAY

What is Legal Definition of Adoption?

- “adoption” means the process through which the adopted child is:
 - permanently separated from his biological parents and
 - becomes the lawful child of his adoptive parents **with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities that are attached to a biological child.**

Procedures



- Adoption is for families who want to have a child through non-biological relations.
- Registration on CARA [carings-www.cara.nic.in](http://www.cara.nic.in)
- These families approach selected recognised adoption agency-registration
- All the cases need to go through **court procedures under Juvenile Justice Act 2015 (Care and Protection)**
- Post Adoption Services– Follow-ups ,Annual Meet, Counseling Services for needy Adoptive Families .



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Registration process

- Self Registration Online –Content Face Sheet, upload documents.
- Select Agency, Papers Presentation, get agency registration, Orientation, Home Study Report Part-I and II by self & Agency.
- Select the state from which PAP wants baby to be. They have choice of 3 states.
- Get waiting list number in each state.
- PAP will wait for online proposal of the child as per their seniority.
- The Online proposal with photograph may have 1 child at a time with CSR and MER .(would be only in English).
- PAP would get only 48 hours to finalize their decision, they would reserve the child desired.



Child Placement

- Pre Adoption Foster-care.(within twenty days acceptance procedure to be completed.)
- Agency will file the petition along with the Prospective Parents.
- Petition shall contain all requisite documents.
- Court will hold the proceedings within two months of filing the Petition.
- Adoption order will be obtained by SAA.
- SAA/ adoptive parents will obtain Birth certificate for the child in the name of Adoptive parents.

How do organizations get children



Any agency working in the field of adoption gets the child referred through :-

- hospitals (abandoned in the hospital by the mother)
- families (out of wedlock, any other reason etc)
- CWC Mumbai(babies abandoned in public places)



HURDLES

- Reason of number going down
- Private adoption
- Illegal adoptions – delivery in ‘fake names’ of PAPs
- Direct handing over by hospital staff or medical practitioner
- Ethically and legally wrong
- Responsibility as an individual and as a medical professional



HURDLES

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- Huge waiting list on pan India or state level.
- Language and Communication issues.
- Time and money invested in travelling.
- Inappropriate matching.



Current situation

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CARA Notification for medical practitioners against illegal adoption procedures.

How do we help 'unwed mothers' ?



- IAPA 's SAFE SURRENDER programme with BMC.
- Pre delivery stay at BMC hospital is available
- Psycho - social support by the social worker
- Sometimes medical expenses can be borne if the family has difficult economic conditions.
- Inform CHVs / people about these facilities.
- Abandoning children can lead to trauma to the child
- Handing over the custody of the child to the agency directly by contacting them.



Identify unwed mothers who wish to give up their child

- • OPD
- • Outreach work
- Parents who wish to surrender their child due to various reasons.
- • Reference from Doctors



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