

ENABLING CHILDREN'S RIGHT TO PARTICIPATION THROUGH CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE IN CCIs

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What do we imagine a
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Has good infrastructure



Focuses on children's health and nutrition



Maintains hygiene and sanitation



Provides educational opportunities



Has recreational facilities for children





Do we ever think about
the rights of children in
institutional care?

Children's Rights

Children's rights as per the **United Nations Convention on Rights of the Child** can be clustered into the following groups:

Survival rights

Health care, education, leisure, recreation, cultural activities.

Development rights

The right to a standard of living that is adequate for the child's physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social development.

Protection rights

Protection from all forms of child abuse, neglect, exploitation and cruelty, including the right to special protection in times of war and protection from abuse in the criminal justice system.

Participation rights

The rights of a child to express her/his views in all matters affecting that child, in keeping with his or her evolving capacities.





What is child participation?



Child Participation means that **children can discuss and co-decide on all matters that affect them, like family, school, community matters, government policies, legal policies.** It means that their voices are being heard. This is crucial for the realization of children's rights and also one of the core principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.



United Nations Convention on Rights of the Child

Article 12(1) - Children's Right to Participation

States Parties shall assure to the child who is capable of forming his or her own views the ***right to express those views freely in all matters affecting the child, the views of the child being given due weight in accordance with the age and maturity of the child.***



The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015

Section 53 - Rehabilitation and re-integration services in institutions registered under this Act and management thereof.

Clause 3: The officer in-charge of every institution, housing children above six years of age, ***shall facilitate setting up of children's committees*** for participating in such activities as may be prescribed, for the safety and well-being of children in the institution.



Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Rules, 2016

Rule 40 - Children's Committees

Person-in-charge of every institution for children shall facilitate the setting up of children's committees for different age groups of children, that is in the age group of 6 to 10 years, 11 to 15 years and 16 to 18 years and these children's committees shall be constituted solely by children.



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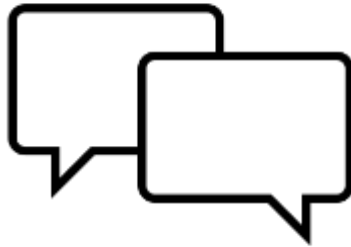
Safety of children



Positive discipline



Development of
leadership skills



Accountability and
ownership



Setting up Children's Committees



Number of
children in CCI



- > 30 = 8 members
- 15 - 30 = 5 members
- < 15 = 3 members



**Suggested number of children
in the Children's Committee**



6 – 10
years



11 – 15
years



16 – 18
years

**Different committees for different age
groups; Ensuring representation if
number of children is less**

Members of the Committee

and suggested role and responsibilities



DCPO

- Attends meetings
- Guides the functioning of the Children's Committee



President

- HODs report to President
- Monitors and coordinates with other committee members
- Reports to head of CCI



Secretary

- Report writing
- Recording minutes
- Keeping registers for all departments



Treasurer

- Prepares budget v/s expenditure
- Keeps record of bills



Education Minister

- Ensures children attend school. If not, finds reason and takes necessary action.
- Checks home-work

Note: Dual roles can be given if number of members is less than 8.

Members of the Committee

and suggested role and responsibilities...continued



**Health
Minister**

- Make sure that every child has taken bath, brushed properly, wearing washed clothes, has taken food, washed hand, cut nails



**Sports
Minister**

- Take care of all arrangements during sports events.
- Conducts practice activities
- Maintains record of children's sports talents



**Culture
Minister**

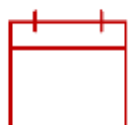
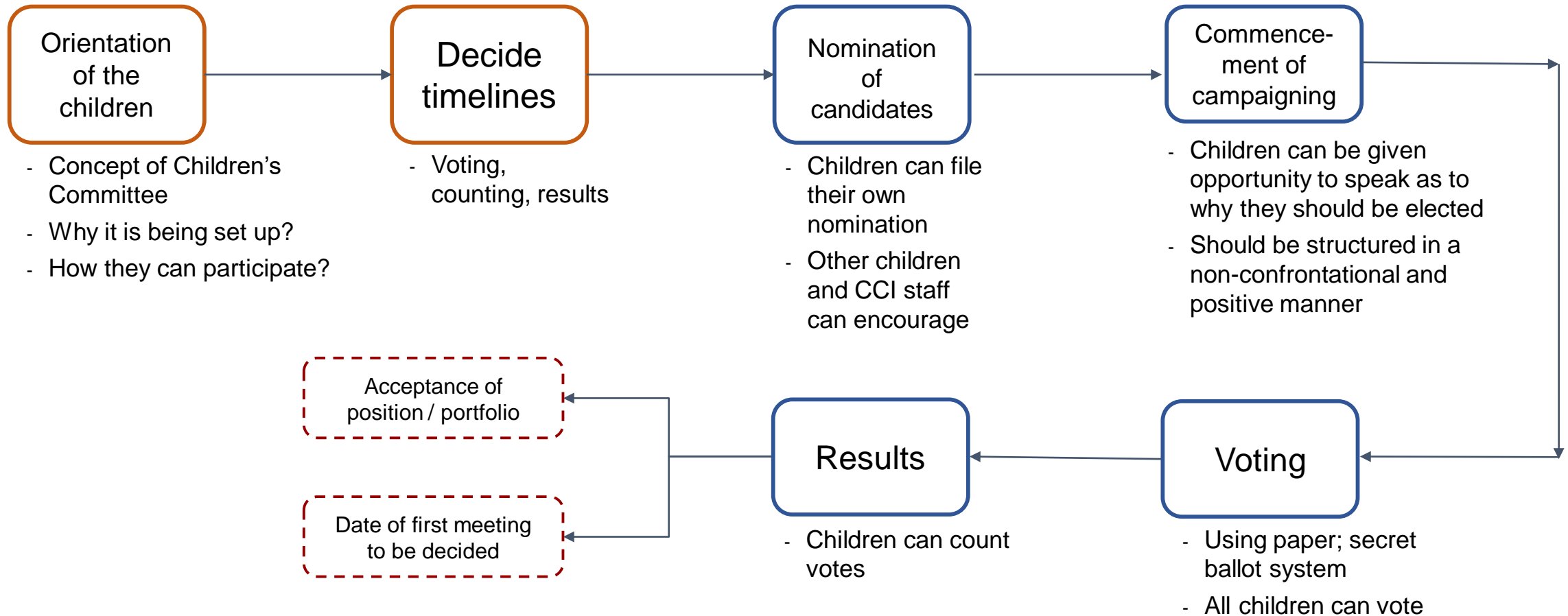
- Take care of all arrangements and practice during cultural activities
- Maintains record of children's talents for any cultural activity like singer / dancer / craft / drawing etc.



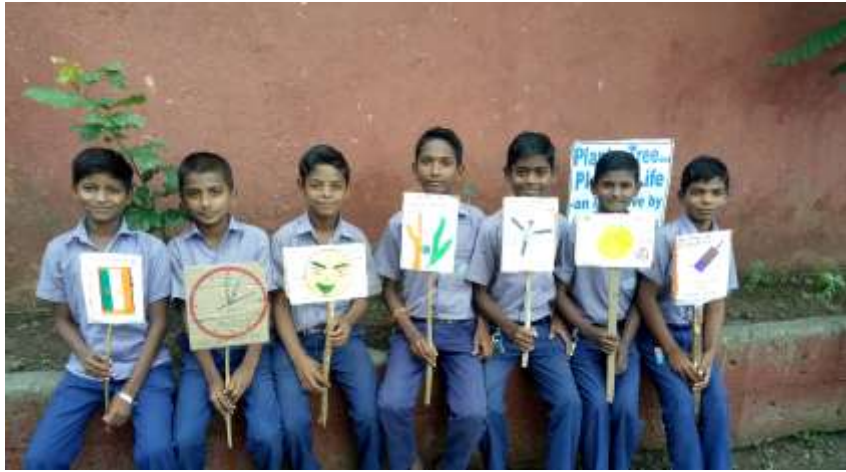
**Discipline
Minister**

- Ensures punctuality
- Ensures silence is maintained during classes / speeches / other activities
- Ensures overall cleanliness of child and institution

Election process

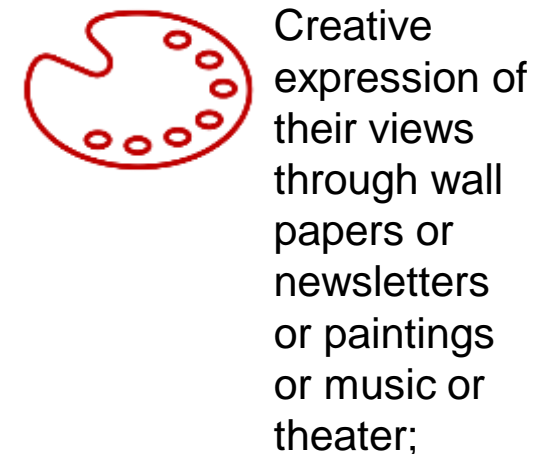
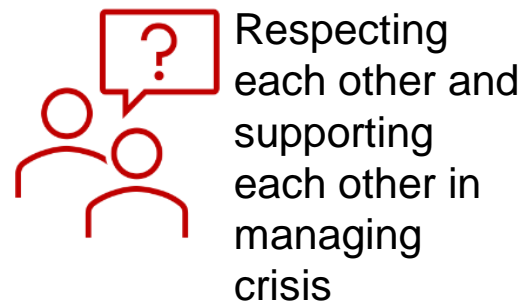
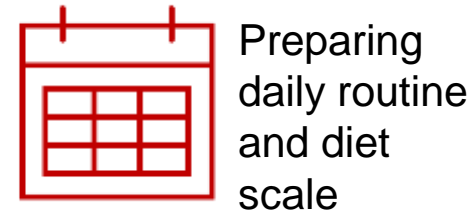


Committee can hold position for 2 years. Re-election can be held if any members drops out or tenure comes to an end.



Engaging Children's Committees in CCI operations

Rule 40 (2) – Juvenile Justice Model Rules, 2016



Governance of the Committee

- President chairs the monthly meetings, reviews work done, plan.
- Ministers report and discuss issues related to their portfolio. President reports to CCI superintendent
- CCI superintendent must provide Committee with stationary, suggestion box, register, petty cash, badges to the children who constitute the committee.
- Meetings must be minuted.
- Review of suggestions is carried out
- When committee starts functioning smoothly, discussion on social issues can be initiated with them to help children develop perspective and understanding



Education
Minister



Treasurer



President



Secretary



Health
Minister



Culture
Minister



Sports
Minister



Discipline
Minister

Organizing meetings

- Can be held monthly, unless any urgent matter is required to be discussed
- Date, place and time of meeting can be displayed on the notice board
- Agenda to be decided prior to meetings, jointly by President and Secretary to give structure and direction
- Agenda can include:
 - Welcoming members
 - Reading minutes of the previous meeting
 - Presentation by each member
 - Plan for the coming month
 - Suggestions / feedback
 - Vote of thanks



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Expected outcomes



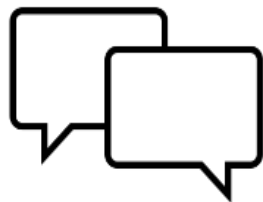
- Children will be safe, and be able to voice out concerns, highlight red flags, if any.



- Behavioral issues will decrease, children's participation will increase



- Children will develop leadership skills, be self-confident, aware of social issues



- Children will be able to articulate problems, find solutions and work with CCI management to resolve.





Questions?



Thank you!

For any query, please reach out to
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Message from a CCI which has benefitted from
setting up a Children's Committee