

DISTRICT CHILD PROTECTION UNIT, MAYURBHANJ

Notice

It is hereby informed to all that the provision of Foster Care is available under the Central and State Govt. jointly. The present Guidelines for Foster care aim to protect the well-being of children who are deprived of family care or who are at risk of being so. Such children in need of care and protection are to be placed in unrelated family foster care or group foster care on a short term or extended period of time and every attempt must be made to reunite the child with his biological family if the family is aging found suitable. The Guidelines derive strength from section 44 of the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act 2015, Rule 23 of the JJ Rules, 2016 and the Model Guidelines for Foster Care, 2016. Interested parents can contact the District Child Protection Officer, District Child Protection Unit, Collectorate, Mayurbhanj, Ph.No: (06792)25562 or can apply by login to www.mayurbhanj.nic.in for Application Form & rules.

Sd/-

Collector, Mayurbhanj

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ANNEXURE- A

APPLICATION FORM

To be submitted by foster parents in response to the advertisement given by DCPU or an Agency permitted by DCPU

(Photograph
of both the Applicant)

Agency /DCPU Details

Name of the Agency/DCPU

Address

Telephone

Fax

E-mail

Date (Form Submitted)

B. Details of the Applicant

	Care giver/parent -1	Care giver/parent -2
Name		
Date of Birth		
Age		
Educational status		
Marital status		

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Nationality	
Religion	
Adhar card no.	
Occupation	

- **Address and contact details**
- **Number of biological children**
- **Annual income**
- **Mother Tongue**
- **Other language known**

C. Preference of child to be taken in Foster Care

a) Age Group

i) 6-9 years ii) 10-12 years iii) 13-18

b) Any other preferences

(Gender, Religion, Disability.)

c) Type of placement

i) Short term

ii) Long term

D. Reasons to be wanting to foster care

E. We have the consent of all family members including children for fostering a child.

Yes

No

E. We agree to participate in all training programmes organized by the Government/ agency?

Yes

No

F. We agree to facilitate the monitoring visit of the CPO/Social Worker to our home and make all our family members available for the meetings?

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Yes

No

26. Details of Two references

Declaration

We _____ hereby declare that the particulars furnished by us in this application form are true to the best of our knowledge and belief. In case any information is found to be incorrect, our application shall liable to be rejected.

Date:

Name &

Place:

Signatures of both the Spouses

Criteria for Selection of foster family

As per section 44(2) of the Act, the selection of the foster family may be based on family's ability, intent, capacity and prior experience of taking care of children.

The District Child Protection Unit, while selecting foster family may consider the following illustrative criteria:

1. Both the spouses must be Indian citizens;
2. Both the spouses must be willing to foster the same child;
3. Both the spouses must be above the age of 35 years and must be in good physical, emotional and mental health;
4. Ordinarily the foster family should have an income with which they are able to meet the needs of the child;
5. Medical reports of all the members of the foster care family residing in the premises should be obtained including checks on Human Immuno Deficiency Virus (HIV), Tuberculosis (TB) and Hepatitis B, any other communicable disease, cancer etc to determine that they are medically fit;
6. Should have adequate space and basic facilities;
7. Should be willing to follow rules laid down including regular visits; to doctors, maintenance of child health and their records;
8. Should be willing to attend foster care orientation programs organized by the DCPU;
9. Must be without criminal conviction or indictment;
10. Should have supportive community ties with friends and neighbors

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10.2 Criteria for selecting fit facility for group foster care:

The District Child Protection Unit, while selecting Fit facility for Group foster care may consider the following illustrative criteria:

- (i) Registration of the organisation under the Act;
- (ii) Recognition as fit facility by CWC for placement of children in group foster care;
- (iii) Registration as NGO on the NITI Aayog website;
- (iv) Existence of Child Protection Policy;
- (v) Medical reports of all the care givers of the fit facility should be obtained including checks on Human Immuno Deficiency Virus (HIV), Tuberculosis (TB) and Hepatitis B, any other communicable disease, cancer etc to determine that they are medically fit;
- (vi) The care givers shall be without criminal conviction or indictment;
- (vii) **Space required:** The accommodation shall be sufficiently spacious with proper amenities for a group of children (maximum 08 children) to reside; could have children from both genders, hence adequate space to ensure privacy;
- (viii) Sufficient space and proper amenities for children;
- (ix) Should have an in-house kitchen and separate toilets and bathroom. There should be at least 1 toilet for every 4 children;
- (x) Should preferably have the look and feel of a house providing a family environment, rather than an institutional setting;
- (xi) These fit facilities for group foster care shall be located within an existing neighbourhood to encourage local interaction;
- (xii) Recruitment procedures of care givers should in accordance with the qualifications as may be prescribed by State Government;
- (xiii) Generally they must have empathy and bonding with children;
- (xiv) Pre-service training should be provided for each foster care giver in the fit facility for group foster care;
- (xv) Should have retirement policy for care givers;