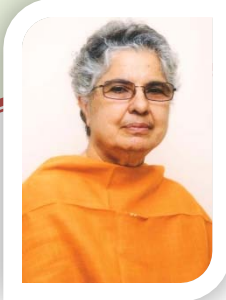




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Dear Children and Families in India and around the world.

Welcome to this our fourth issue of 'BAL Bhoomi' the Children's News Link of SERFAC.

This issue comprises the drawings of Children in Chennai and a profile of two days conferences that will be held in India during 2014. These Conferences have as theme "Best Practices and Finding Solution to Child Protection vs. Preventing Child Abuse" for India and its neighborhood countries.

This conference is open to all interested persons and will have special relevance to persons working with children. Children are jewels to humanity and treasures to each Family.

This conference will enlighten, encourage, enlighten and assist in our responsibilities to children and families. It will consist of exchange of Ideas and best practices and will briefly focus on what was done, what is done and what needs to be done in the *Best Interests of the Child*.

A profile of this conference is included with this news link. We at SERFAC look forward to many persons from all walks of life availing of this unique conference. The first of its kind in India and Asia.

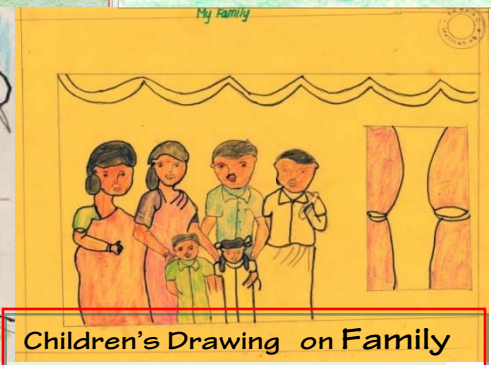
We welcome each participant warmly and look forward to a diversity of experiences availing of this unique and important Conference.

Please write to us for details.

With my warm wishes,

Dr. Catherine Bernard

Founder Director, SERFAC



Children's Drawing on Family

Conference on Best Practices and Finding Solutions on Child Protection vs. Prevention of Child Abuse:

India's neighbourhood Countries: Exchange of Ideas and Action

Conference setting:

Respecting Children's Fundamental Right for Protection is the minimum requirement of family and society including Governments, businesses and religious institutions.

In this conference there is an inbuilt component that distinguishes Protection from Preventing abuse to Children. Violation of either or both of these Rights is a violation of its unique rights and human rights in general.

According to the convention on the Rights of the Child, every person below the age of 18 years is considered a child, unless the law applicable to the child mentions otherwise.

In the best Interests of the Child:

The Rights of the Child applies to all actions, actions and environments that concern the well being of children and calls for active measures to respect their rights, promote their well being, growth and development as well as measures and support systems to assist parent, families and institutions that have a day to day responsibility for realizing the Rights of the Child.

Intervention:

The process of intervention both at the levels of Protection and Prevention/remediation have an impact on substantive outcomes that create positive environments or make good the adverse circumstances. Social and institutional support systems that offer security, health, education, adequate nutrition, minimum standard of living, safe surroundings, leisure and play and all relevant optimum environments is also vital to each child's survival and development.

Conference dynamics and overall structure:

The working groups will be as per choice and specialization of delegates working group topics:

1. Child's Rights
2. Trafficking of Children
3. Children in conditions of domestic violence
4. Children in poverty and child labour
5. Children and HIV-AIDS

Scheduled dates for three conferences:

1. March 28 and 29, 2014 at Chennai, India for delegates from South India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Myanmar, Indonesia. (Venue: SERFAC, Chennai) Last date for Registration: March 20 late fee 25, 2014.
2. June 20 and 21st, 2014 at SERFAC, Delhi, India for delegates from North and Central India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Hong Kong. (Venue: to be announced) Last date for Registration: June 15, 2014
3. July 25 and 26, 2014: Hyderabad: Central India and open to all India's neighbourhood countries as stated above (Venue of conference to be announced). Last date for registration: July 20, 2014.

There is only a registration fee, participants meet their travel costs, board and lodge is complimentary at SERFAC.

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