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Hub Director's Desk

Dear Team,

A famous Data Scientist and the founder of Fast Forward Lab once said that 'The core advantage of data is that it tells you something about the world that you didn't know before'

It gives me immense gratitude and joy as I write from my desk for the Annual Report of Homelink INM, Province of St. Thomas. It is always a treasure to know what the data has for us regarding personal development, institutional growth, and social welfare. Data is something through which one can visualize the future and set objectives to attain the goal. We all know that information is born when the data is processed and to make data process, we need a dedicated human resource team.

As I pen my foreword, I wish to reiterate the words of Hilary Mason, who strongly believed that data helps to visualize a world that is unknown to all. She is an effort to help an individual to understand how important data is in the field of planning and implementation. Today's world is evidence-centric in planning and results-oriented in implementation, and to attain this goal, data are very important and data studies are correspondingly vital. In this manner, I'm proud that the Province of St. Thomas, INM is blessed to have such a team of dedicated staff working day in and out to gather and analyze data. At this moment I'm also reminded of some of the epoch –the making events of this year namely, the release of the flipbook on Home-based care, dealing with Family dysfunction, etc. I wish to record my sincere appreciation for their honest and selfless commitment to designing programs for the welfare of the vulnerable and voiceless. I bless that your service continues in favor of the needy and poor. I believe that INM will continue to stand tall in the days to come with the absolute support of this team. This report will be a real-life experience for those reading, pages will take a tour of you to ministries and services of our Province and therefore I invite you to have a pleasant reading and soulful reflection.



God bless Homelink! God bless INM!

Regards,

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Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj, SDB
Hub Director, INM Province

Yar Coordinator's Message

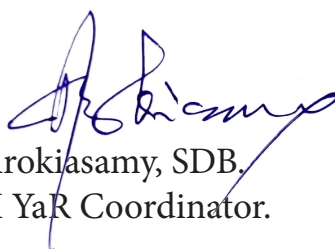
We have completed another year of achievement for children in our state through INM Team for HOMELINK DIGI and I am glad to share my thoughts and thank the Team for their herculean task. Many new activities and reach out trainings have been executed by the Team, sharing about the innovativeness of the software and the App to very many quarters both Government and Non-Government. Keeping to the Campaign theme 'Family is Where I Belong', chosen this year by the 'Don Bosco National Forum for Young at Risk', the Homelink Network had released many flip books and snippets to benefit the NGO's and the children.

I was glad to hear of newer versions and added fields to the software. Getting to know of the enormous investment made in preparation of the same reveals the fact that 'Don Bosco Forum' trusts in technology and makes full use of it, providing timely responses, keeping to the modern times of the society. The full version of the App is eagerly awaited when it will be ready in the hands of the Social workers, who will be able to provide data in real time and also use the same for quick documentation and research in the organizations and to better the lives of children and their families in the country and worldwide.

We are also glad to know that Homelink is also taking care to go in hands with the demands placed by other Laws of the Government such as the 'DPDP Act' etc (Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023). Thus our 'Don Bosco National Forum for YaR' is found to go hand in hand with the Laws of the Government in a proactive way and is able to assist the Government and also utilize the facilities available with the Government. Such collaborative work stands to support and benefit all the stakeholders.

It is also very visible and noteworthy that our Homelink Team is sought after by many other NGO's and agencies. I was glad to know that our software is also appreciated by countries outside India. The credit goes to our hardworking Team and office bearers at all levels who can think and design creatively. The Team has been travelling to many places showcasing the product, and it has been well received and appreciated wherever it went. On my behalf, I thank and congratulate all the INM Team members of HomeLink for their hard work during this year and their success. I wish you all the best and enjoyable teamwork in your future endeavours. May the underprivileged children we serve enjoy their childhood and become happy adults with a bright future. Wishing you well and every success in your works.

With regards,


Fr. Arokiasamy, SDB.
INM YaR Coordinator.



Hub Coordinator's Message

The Power of Data and Its Importance

In today's world, data is more than just numbers—it is a powerful tool to change, impact, and progress. For organizations in the social sector, data plays a crucial role in decision-making, program effectiveness, and long-term sustainability.

Data is the foundation of NGO's interventions. From identifying vulnerable communities to monitoring program outcomes, data helps us create targeted solutions, measure impact, and ensure transparency and accountability. By systematically collecting, analyzing, and utilizing data, we can adapt to emerging challenges, advocate for policy change, and empower individuals and communities with evidence-based solutions.

The importance of data extends beyond documentation; it fosters collaboration, strengthens donor confidence, and amplifies the voices of those we serve. In this digital era, leveraging technology for data-driven insights enhances our efficiency and allows us to reach more lives with meaningful interventions.

As we move forward, we remain committed to strengthening data systems in Homelink DIGI (Data Intelligence for Global Interface) and harnessing its power to build a future where every child, youth, and community member receives the care, protection, and opportunities they deserve. Together, through data-driven action, we can create lasting social transformation.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the National Director and Team, Hub Director, Node Directors, Node Coordinators, and Staff for their invaluable support in achieving our collective goals. Your dedication and encouragement have played a pivotal role in elevating the Chennai Hub to new heights, particularly in systematic documentation.

From the bottom of my heart, I sincerely appreciate the unwavering support that has empowered me to grow and excel. Your guidance has made my journey smoother and a deeply enriching learning experience. I am truly grateful to each of you for your kindness, collaboration, and commitment.

Thank you for being an integral part of this journey.



Ms. Jyothi Priya
INM Hub Coordinator



Article on Family is Where I Belong

Family is the cornerstone of our lives, the place where we find our greatest strength and deepest love. It is where we are accepted for who we are and nurtured into who we are meant to become. Family is not merely a connection by blood, but a bond of unconditional love, trust, and support. It is the foundation upon which our lives are built and the place where we truly belong.

As Michael J. Fox once said, “Family is not an important thing, it’s everything.” This powerful statement highlights the irreplaceable role that family plays in our lives. Our family is our first source of comfort, the hands that guide us, and the hearts that never stop loving us. No matter how far we journey or what challenges we face, our family remains our safe haven. Family teaches us the values of compassion, patience, and selflessness. It is where we learn to share, forgive, and uplift one another. “The strength of a family, like the strength of an army, is in its loyalty to each other,” said Mario Puzo. This loyalty binds us together through thick and thin, giving us the courage to face life’s hardships with confidence.

In the arms of family, we find a sense of belonging that no other place can offer. It is where our dreams are encouraged, our failures are understood, and our successes are celebrated. Family gives us the courage to dream big and the reassurance that we are never alone. The support of family empowers us to reach heights we never thought possible. Moreover, family is a circle of love that grows with every act of kindness and every shared moment. It is a place where memories are made, laughter is shared, and love is multiplied. As Barbara Bush wisely said, “To us, family means putting your arms around each other and being there.” This closeness creates an unbreakable bond that strengthens with time.

Even in difficult times, family remains a constant source of strength. They stand by us, offering encouragement and hope when we feel lost. Family teaches us the power of forgiveness and the beauty of second chances. It is within the family that we learn the importance of unity and the true meaning of unconditional love. Family is not perfect, but it is where life’s most valuable lessons are learned. It is where we are loved without judgment and supported without conditions. As George Bernard Shaw once said, “A happy family is but an earlier heaven.” Indeed, family is a glimpse of heaven on earth, reminding us of the beauty of love and togetherness. In this spirit of love and belonging, Anbu Illam stands as a wonderful home where children and young individuals grow, learn, and develop. It is an extended family for those who seek love, care, and protection. At Don Bosco Anbu Illam, individuals experience the warmth of a supportive community that nurtures their dreams and strengthens their aspirations. It creates a sense of belonging to a larger family, where bonds are formed, friendships are made, and lives are transformed. Here, every individual is valued, cherished, and allowed to thrive in a loving environment.



Fr. Albert Nelson, SDB
Asst. Director
Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Chennai

In conclusion, family is where we belong—a place of warmth, acceptance, and unwavering support. It is the heartbeat of our lives, shaping our identity and guiding us with love. Let us cherish our families, for they are the greatest gift life has to offer. No matter where life takes us, family—both our own and the extended family of Anbu Illam—will always be our home, our refuge, and our greatest treasure.

Chennai Hub Overview

The Chennai Hub operates through seven Nodes, implementing targeted initiatives and programs to support and uplift children, young individuals, women, and senior citizens facing vulnerabilities or adverse circumstances. The Hub has significantly impacted, reaching over **479** children through childcare facilities and more than **10,493** individuals through street outreach programs.

With a strategic and structured approach, the Hub addresses key Social challenges, including Homelessness, Substance Abuse, Mental Health Concerns, Residential Care, Hostel Facilities, Aftercare Support, Outreach Initiatives, Women's Empowerment, and Reintegration of young individuals released from the criminal justice system.

Purpose:

The Chennai Hub is committed to accompanying and empowering children and young individuals, ensuring their care, protection, and holistic development in safe and nurturing environments. The Hub advocates for strong social and legal safeguards to prevent neglect, exploitation, and violations of rights, fostering spaces that uphold dignity, participation, and social justice.

The Nodes of the Chennai Hub

Sl. No	Name of the Node	Node Director's Name	Working Areas
1	Don Bosco Anbu Illam - Chennai	Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj	Children's Home, Open Shelter, Aftercare, Police Boys and Girls Club, Sports, Scouts and Guides, Study Centres, Skill Development Centre, and Women Empowerment
2	Don Bosco Anbu Illam - Kavarapettai	Fr. Arokiasamy Arputharaj	Children's Home and ITI
3	Don Bosco Beatitudes - Vyasarpadi	Fr. Prasath Gnanamani	Children's Home, Day Care Centre, Vocational Training Centre, Old Age Home, Study Centre
4	Marialaya - Chennai	Sr. Sujatha Mary	Children's Home, Aftercare, Open Shelters, Study Centres, Vocational Training Centres, and Women Empowerment
5	Anbagam - Pope Johns Garden - KK Thalazhai	Fr. Dominic Sagayaraj	HIV Home-based and Residential Care, Leprosy Rehabilitation Centre, Old Age Home, and Study Centre
6	ANAT Farm - Kosapur	Fr. Pitchai Muthu	Released Young Prisoners, Aftercare and Community Centres
7	WeLive Foundation - Chennai	Ms. Ramya	Aftercare and Women Empowerment

Annual Report Data from April 2024 to March 2025

Institutional Based Care			
Name of the Node	Male	Female	Total
Don Bosco Anbu Illam - Chennai	69	44	113
Don Bosco Anbu Illam - Kavarapettai	06	-	06
Don Bosco Beatitudes - Vyasarpadi	50	35	85
Marialaya - Chennai	-	134	134
Anbagam - Pope Johns Garden - KK Thalazhai	12	17	29
ANAT Farm - Kosapur	47	51	98
WeLive Foundation - Chennai	0	14	14
Grand Total	184	295	479

Outreach Based Care			
Name of the Node	Male	Female	Total
Don Bosco Anbu Illam - Chennai	2433	1617	4050
Don Bosco Anbu Illam - Kavarapettai	53	27	80
Don Bosco Beatitudes - Vyasarpadi	108	1065	1173
Marialaya - Chennai	92	4003	4095
Anbagam - Pope Johns Garden - KK Thalazhai	378	329	707
ANAT Farm - Kosapur	256	82	338
WeLive Foundation - Chennai	22	28	50
Grand Total	3342	7151	10493

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND NETWORKING



Node Visits and Trainings

Each visit is made monthly through pre-scheduled appointments. These visits are essential for monitoring, evaluation, and capacity-building. The key objectives of each visit include:

- Regular monitoring of performance metrics to assess progress and identify areas for improvement.
- Compilation of reports providing insights into node activities and outcomes, ensuring transparency and accountability.
- Develop and update formats as needed for documenting processes and data collection.
- Creation of process flowcharts to improve understanding and streamline project execution.
- Ensuring proper maintenance of all registers and documentation.
- Facilitating technical support, including potential interventions from a national technical team, to resolve operational challenges.
- Identifying emerging challenges within nodes and strategizing appropriate solutions.
- Conducting training sessions on report creation, including snippets and infographics, to enhance communication and outreach efforts.
- Ensuring compliance with Don Bosco's Standards of Care, promoting consistency and quality.
- Investing in continuous learning and skill enhancement of team members.

Collaboratively formulating clear action plans for the upcoming month, defining key tasks and objectives. After discussing and planning the above points with the Node Director and the Coordinator, a follow-up mail is sent to the nodes to provide a summary of the visit and to reinforce the discussed plans and actions.

Node visits made during April 2024 to March 2025

Sl. No	Name of the Nodes	No. of visits
01	Don Bosco Anbu Illam – Chennai	8
02	Don Bosco Anbu Illam – Kavarapettai	6
03	Marialaya – Chennai	8
04	Don Bosco Beatitudes – Vyasarpadi	9
05	Anbagam - Pope Johns Garden - KK Thalazhai	10
06	ANAT Farm - Kosapur	4
07	WeLive Foundation - Chennai	3
Total		48

Training Programme at Node level



Major Events



Orientation on Homelink DIGI Tool & Release of Don Bosco Standards of Care Documents at YaR Commission Meet – INM Province

On 1st April 2024, Mrs. Jyothi Priya conducted an orientation session for all YaR Commission members of the INM Province to introduce the Homelink DIGI tool. The session provided valuable insights into how the tool can enhance data analysis, decision-making, report generation, and organizational visibility.

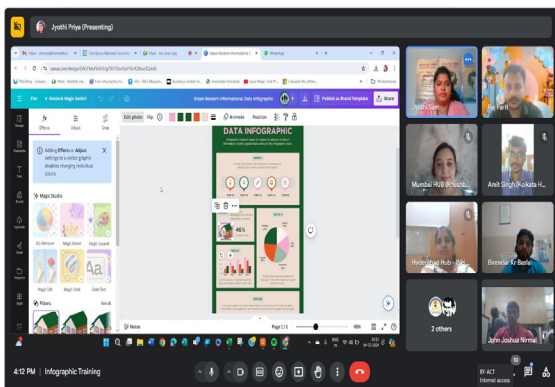
Following the orientation, the Don Bosco Standards of Care (Social Audit) documents were released by Rev. Fr. Don Bosco, Provincial, and Fr. Joe Prabu, Executive Director of DBYaR Forum, New Delhi.



Hostel Act Training at Jawadhi Hills

On 13th April 2024, a training session was conducted at Jawadhi Hills, focusing on the Hostel Act and the associated documentation procedures. The session aimed to enhance participants' understanding of the legal framework and strengthen their capacity for effective implementation.

Key discussions included the mandatory registers to be maintained, ensuring compliance with the relevant legal provisions, and the adoption of structured documentation systems. This training empowered hostel management with the necessary knowledge and guidance to uphold regulatory standards and improve documentation practices. Fr. Majella, the Director of the institute, shared his insights and experiences regarding the implementation of Hostel Act procedures.



Infographic Training

On 14th May 2024, Mrs. Jyothi Priya conducted an Infographic Training session for all Hub Coordinators representing the 8 Hubs. The training focused on leveraging Canva, an intuitive graphic design tool, to create visually compelling reports and presentations. Participants received in-depth guidance on:

- Utilizing Templates Effectively
- Enhancing Report Presentation
- Visual Representation of Data

This session aimed to equip coordinators with essential skills in visual storytelling, enabling them to present data-driven insights more effectively and enhance the overall visibility of their reports.



Homelink DIGI Training Program at Hub Level

From 4th – 6th July 2024, the Homelink DIGI-INM Province Training Program was held at Deebagam Hall, Don Bosco Province House, Chennai, with participation from 6 Nodes. The inauguration was honoured by Thiru. Mathiyalagan (DCPO, Chennai), Fr. Joseph Leo (Director, Surabhi), Fr. Joe Prabu (Executive Director, DBYaR, New Delhi), Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj (Hub Director), and Fr. Arokiasamy (YaR Coordinator). The dignitaries emphasized holistic, child-centric documentation to support fostering goals. They stressed professional documentation, regular follow-ups, and timely updates.



The DB YaR Form National Team and Hub Coordinators led sessions on Homelink DIGI's hierarchy, data security, AI integration, and real-time monitoring. Participants received hands-on training in child flow, foster care, adoption, and the DPDP Act (2023) compliance. The event featured Power BI dashboards, Mobile app features, and service documentation tools. Fr. Don Bosco Lorudusamy released the Mini Research on Aftercare and the Hub Annual Report 2023 - 2024. The program emphasized Node guidelines, half-yearly planning, and financial sustainability. Certificates were awarded to participants for their commitment to strengthening child welfare services.



Closing & Inaugural of the National YaR Campaign

On 31st August 2024, the National YaR Campaign concluded with a virtual closing ceremony, attended by YaR Centres, children, young adults, staff, and management. A key highlight was the unveiling of the new YaR theme poster, “Family is Where I Belong,” emphasizing the vital role of family in a child’s growth and well-being. The theme’s importance was shared with participants, stressing family-based care, reintegration, and emotional support. The event reinforced a collective commitment to ensuring every child finds a safe and nurturing home.



National YaR Seminar at Kochi

The DB YaR Forum held its Annual Seminar on 3rd - 4th October 2024 at the Alpha Pastoral Centre, Kochi, focusing on “Empowering Families and Communities Towards Caring for Children and Young at Risk.” The event gathered child welfare experts, policymakers, and stakeholders to discuss family-based care for vulnerable youth, followed by addresses from Fr. Joe Prabu and Fr. Santiago Thomas, and a keynote by Dr. M.P. Antony on community partnerships in child protection. A key highlight was the release of the survey report “Vulnerability to Empowerment: A 50-Year Impact Journey of Don Bosco Sneha Bhavan Institutions, Kochi.” Expert sessions covered child-centric family empowerment, legal frameworks for alternative care, and challenges faced by vulnerable children. A panel discussion and the launch of the “Family is where I Belong” campaign emphasized family-based care. The second day focused on practical applications, with insights from Kerala’s Legal cum Probation Officer Aneesha V L and UNICEF’s Sony Kutty George, along with a presentation on the Homelink (DIGI) network. The seminar concluded with a valedictory address by Fr. Santiago Thomas, a vote of thanks by Fr. Joe Prabu, and special awards presented by Fr. Rafael Bejarano Rivera. The event reaffirmed a strong commitment to family-based care and community empowerment for at-risk children.



Fr. Rafael visits to YaR Centres of INM Province

On 10th October 2024, Fr. Rafael Bejarano SDB, Coordinator of Social Works & Services, Youth Ministry Department, Rome, along with Fr. Joe Prabu SDB, Executive Director of DBYaR, New Delhi, visited three YaR Centres under the INM Province: Don Bosco Beatitudes (Vyasarpadi), Anbagam - Pope John’s Garden, and Don Bosco Anbu Illam (Saranalayam & Bosco Illam). They toured Children’s Homes, Day Care Centres, Vocational Training Centres, and the Old Age Home, commending the management and staff for their dedicated efforts in child welfare. Fr. Rafael reviewed all 23 registers as per the JJ Acts, ensuring accuracy and timely updates, and congratulated the team for their diligence. Certificates for the National YaR poster-making



competition were distributed to the children. In the evening, Mrs. Jyothi Priya, Chennai Hub Coordinator, presented Homelink DIGI, emphasizing its role in digital documentation and operational efficiency. Fr. Rafael praised the tool’s potential and expressed interest in future collaboration.

Session on influence of Online and Social Media at Marialaya



On 19th October 2024, a Session on influence of Online and Social Media at Marialaya, Chennai, with 52 participants, including youth from eight intervention areas, Marialaya Girls Home, and eight women group in-charges. The session provided in-depth insights into digital safety, cyber threats, privacy protection, and ethical social media use, equipping participants with strategies to combat cyberbullying, online grooming, and exploitation. Engaging discussions, case studies, and interactive Q&A sessions fostered critical thinking on digital footprints and cybersecurity measures. The session concluded with a call to action, promoting responsible online behaviour, peer awareness, and proactive digital literacy initiatives, empowering participants to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly.

Tamil Nadu Consultation Meeting – Reform India Project

On 26th October 2024, the Tamil Nadu Consultation Meeting was held at the Commissioner's Office, Avadi, bringing together CWC and JJB members from Chennai, government officials, professors, researchers, advocates, and civil society representatives. The consultation, attended by retired IAS officers, organizers, and the Commissioner, focused on the Reform India Project, discussing the treatment of custodial victims, children, and women by law enforcement. Participants actively engaged in structured discussions, providing insights and sharing best practices to enhance policing and victim



support mechanisms. Additionally, questionnaires were completed by 13 civil society representatives, capturing critical feedback on existing procedures. The meeting concluded with participants offering key suggestions to improve police protocols, promote child-friendly approaches, and strengthen safeguarding measures, reinforcing collaborative efforts towards an inclusive and effective justice system.

Training on Individual Care Plan (ICP) – Enhancing Child Care Institutions

On 8th November 2024, an orientation session on the Individual Care Plan (ICP) framework was conducted by Mrs. Jyothi Priya for eight staff members of Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Chennai. The training emphasized the purpose, benefits, and legal mandate of ICP under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015,



ensuring structured, child-centric care. Participants were introduced to the four critical components of ICP: Child's Background Information, Rehabilitation and Restoration Plan, Progress Assessment and Follow-up, and Final Review and Recommendations. Practical demonstrations and real-life case discussions enhanced their understanding, followed by an interactive Q&A

session to address challenges. The session reinforced the importance of individualized planning for each child's holistic development and effective rehabilitation.

Staff Capacity Building Program – Strengthening Professional Standards in Child Care Institutions

On 12th November 2024, a Staff Capacity Building Program was conducted at Don Bosco Anbu Illam (DBAI) for team members from Bosco Illam and Saranalayam, focusing on enhancing their understanding of institutional child care protocols and professional standards. The session was inaugurated by Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj, Director of DBAI, who emphasized the significance of continuous learning in ensuring quality care and professional integrity. Facilitated by Mrs. Jyothi Priya (Hub Coordinator, Homelink), Ms. Priyanka (Program Manager), and Mr. David (Outreach Worker), the training covered procedural documentation, staffing patterns, child flow management, and compliance with the



Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act. Practical examples and best practices were shared to reinforce systematic documentation, accountability, and service efficiency. Staff actively engaged in discussions on field challenges, team collaboration, and safeguarding children's rights, committing to implementing their learnings in daily operations. The program concluded with recommendations for regular follow-ups and periodic training to address evolving challenges and maintain high professional standards in child care services.

Empowering Children Through Family Values and AI Awareness at Anbagam

On 23rd November 2024, a session on “Family is Where I Belong” and an introduction to AI tools was conducted at Anbagam, engaging 32 children and staff members. The session on “Family is



Where I Belong” emphasized the significance of family as a foundational support system, fostering emotional security, values, and a sense of belonging. Discussions focused on strengthening familial relationships, responsible communication, and creating a nurturing environment for holistic development. Additionally, the AI tools session introduced children to the basics of artificial intelligence, demonstrating its practical applications in daily life and its growing role in various fields. Interactive activities and hands-on demonstrations helped participants grasp key AI concepts, making the session both informative and engaging. The event successfully encouraged critical thinking, digital literacy, and a deeper understanding of family values among the participants.

Strengthening Child Protection and Reintegration: CSOs Meeting at Bosco Illam

On 13th December 2024, a Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) Meeting was held at Bosco Illam, bringing together representatives from 24 NGO's with 34 members actively participating. The meeting focused on key child welfare and protection themes, including family-based care, reintegration approaches, child safeguarding policies, and protection mechanisms. A significant



highlight of the event was the presentation on the Homelink DIGI tool, which showcased its functionalities and role in strengthening digital documentation and case management for vulnerable children. The session facilitated open discussions and collaborative engagement, encouraging participants to share insights, best practices, and challenges in implementing child-centric programs. This interactive platform reinforced networking and knowledge exchange among stakeholders, contributing to enhanced child protection strategies and service delivery within the sector.



National Director's Annual Visitation: Strengthening Collaboration and Digital Innovation at Chennai Hub

On the 3rd and 4th of January 2025, Fr. Joe Prabu National Director, conducted his annual visitation to the Chennai Hub, assessing the progress and effectiveness of ongoing programs. During his visit, he engaged in detailed discussions with representatives from Anbagam, DBAI Saranalayam, and ANAT Farm, focusing on the operational status, challenges, and future strategies to enhance impact. Additionally, he held consultative meetings with key stakeholders to strengthen collaborative efforts and ensure the sustainability of intervention programs. A significant part of his visit included a meeting with Aruwyne NGO, where he actively promoted the Homelink DIGI tool, highlighting its potential in improving digital documentation, case tracking, and child protection interventions. The visit served as a platform for strategic planning, knowledge-sharing, and reinforcing commitments to the welfare and rehabilitation of vulnerable individuals.

Homelink National Conference at Trichy

The Homelink National Conference was successfully conducted from 20th to 23rd January 2025, in Trichy, serving as a pivotal platform for all 11 Province Directors and Coordinators to engage in in-depth discussions on child care, protection, and rehabilitation strategies. The conference aimed to enhance structured interventions for children in need by focusing on key aspects such as the Indicators of the After Care Programme, Individual Care Plan (ICP), and various Centre Types and Services. A comprehensive panel discussion featured the participation of the Director alongside industry experts, fostering insightful deliberations on project proposals, execution methodologies, and the integration of AI-driven solutions to streamline documentation, monitoring, and rehabilitation processes. This conference facilitated interdisciplinary collaboration, best practice sharing, and strategic planning, strengthening the collective efforts of child welfare organizations to ensure sustainable and effective support systems for vulnerable children.

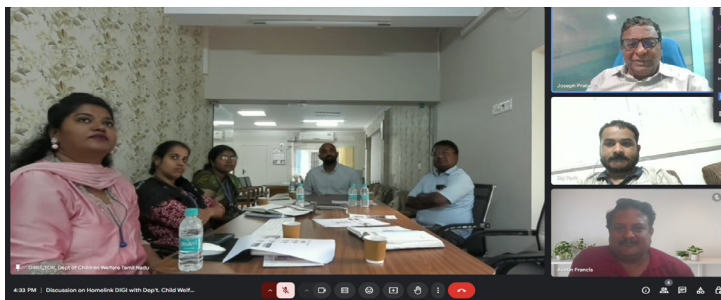


INM YaR Day 2025

On 2nd February 2025, the Young At Risk Day - Chennai Province was celebrated at Don Bosco Beatitudes, Vyasarpadi, bringing together 296 participants from various child welfare organizations, including Don Bosco Anbu Illam (Chennai & Kavarpattai), Don Bosco Beatitudes (Vyasarpadi), Anbagam – Pope John's Garden, ANAT Farm, WeLiveFoundation (Chennai), St. Thomas Orphanage, Marialaya (Chennai), and Pothur. The event, themed “Family is Where I Belong,” underscored the importance of family unity, support, and a sense of belonging within communities. The inaugural ceremony, led by Fr. Joe Andrew, Fr. John Christopher, and Fr. Arokiyasamy, emphasized the need for dedication and wholehearted efforts in serving young individuals at risk. The event featured theme-based competitions, where Marialaya, Chennai, secured First Place, Don Bosco Anbu Illam (Boys Home) won Second Place, and Don Bosco Anbu Illam (Girls Home) earned Third Place, with Anbagam – Pope John's Garden being recognized for its discipline. The valedictory function, attended by Mr. Churchill (CWC Member) and Mr. Daniel (Protection Officer, DCPU Chennai), honoured both competition winners and top academic achievers from the 10th and 12th grades (2023-2024) at the province level. The celebration concluded with a fellowship meal, reinforcing the values of commitment, excellence, and inclusivity, fostering a stronger support system for at-risk youth.



Discussion on Integrating Homelink DIGI with the Department of Child Welfare and Services



On 26th February 2025, I attended a strategic meeting at the Directorate Office with Ms. Kasturi, Deputy Director of the Department of Child Welfare and Child Services, along with Fr. Joe Prabu, Fr. Andrews, and Mrs. Jyothi Priya. We demonstrated the Homelink DIGI tool, highlighting its features and potential benefits for documentation, tracking, and case management within the department. The discussion focused on how the tool could be integrated into existing systems to improve efficiency and streamline data management.

Ms. Kasturi responded positively and suggested a follow-up meeting with the Technical Team to analyze the compatibility between CPIMMS (Child Protection Information Management and Monitoring System) and Homelink DIGI.

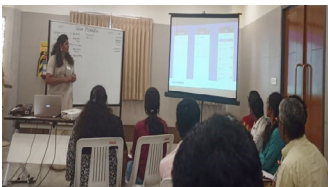
The follow-up meeting took place on 19th March 2025 with Thiru. Johny Tom Varghese, IAS, Director of the Department of Child Welfare and Special Services, the Technical Team, and our National Team. We presented a comparison between CPIMMS and Homelink DIGI. The officials appreciated our tool and discussed how it could be integrated into the government's online platforms. The next steps will involve formal communication between both parties to proceed with implementation discussions.

Orientation on Staffing Patterns, Roles, and Responsibilities at Child Care Institutions

The orientation sessions on staffing patterns, roles, and responsibilities at Child Care Institutions (CCIs) held with the Homelink Network Partners of the INM Province was a pivotal professional engagement aimed at ensuring compliance with the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015. Directors, staff members, and the stakeholders convened to gain a comprehensive understanding of the mandated staffing structures and individual responsibilities outlined in the JJ Act. Through detailed presentations and interactive discussions, participants were equipped with the knowledge and tools necessary to effectively fulfill their roles within CCIs. Emphasis was placed on the critical need for adherence to legal regulations to uphold the quality of care provided to children under the institution's guardianship. By fostering a culture of collaboration and continuous learning, this session served as a foundational step towards enhancing the professionalism and efficacy of childcare practices within the INM Province's Homelink Network.



Workshop on Aftercare



The WeLive Foundation conducted a workshop at MMDA, Chennai, focusing on the transition to aftercare for children and young adults leaving institutional care. The session brought together 27 participants from nine organizations, where the Homelink DIGI tool was demonstrated by Ms. Jyothi Priya as a digital solution for monitoring, tracking, and reintegrating at-risk youth into society. Participants engaged in insightful discussions on leveraging technology to strengthen aftercare systems. This workshop marked a significant step toward empowering organizations with digital tools to better support vulnerable youth in their journey toward independent living, reinforcing a collaborative approach to child welfare through technology-driven solutions and community partnerships.

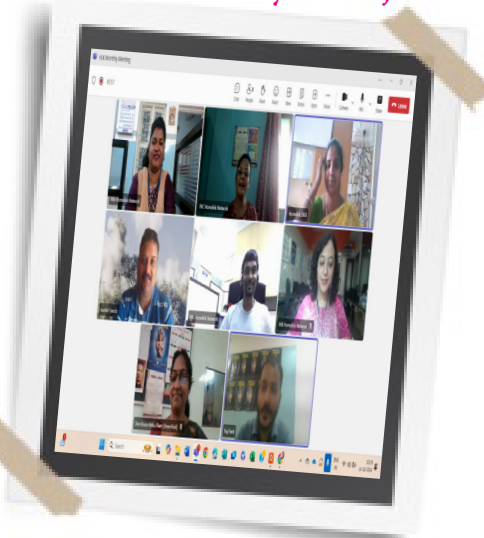
Digital Documentation Meetings at Node Level



The meeting centered on digital documentation at the node level and was marked by significant progress and strategic initiatives. A meticulous review of mandatory registers revealed a commendable standard of maintenance, reflecting the team's dedication to upholding organizational protocols. A pivotal outcome was the preparation of a comprehensive report, meticulously compiled to encapsulate pertinent data, subsequently entrusted to the data entry staff for diligent updating. Furthermore, the training sessions that were conducted, meticulously tailored to cover essential modules such as child services, caring community, follow-ups, and events, underscored the commitment to proficiency and uniformity across operational domains. This proactive approach ensures the integrity of our documentation and reinforces a culture of excellence within the organization.

Other Trainings and Meetings Attended

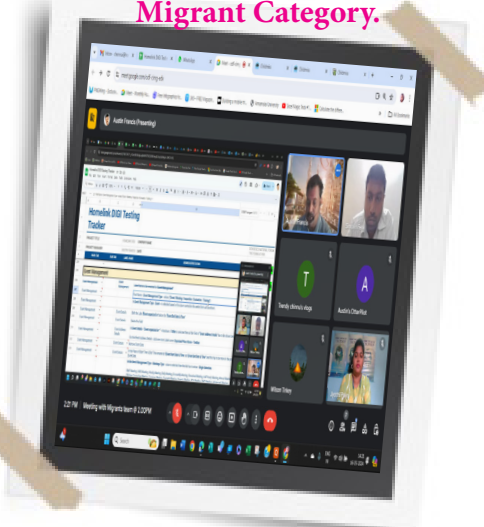
Participated in DPDP Act training conducted by Mr. Raj.



Provided Power BI dashboard training to Guwahati Hub.



Attended a meeting with the Migrants team to discuss the Migrant Category.



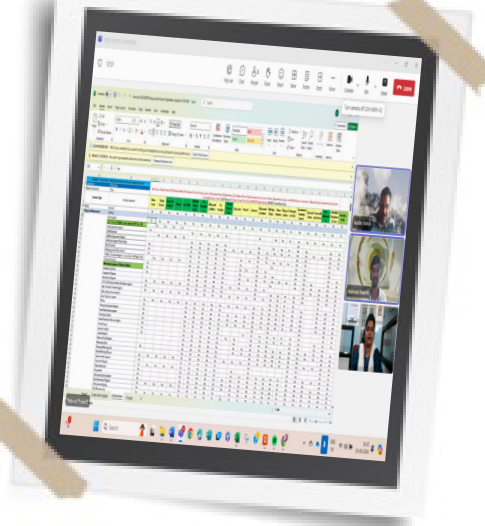
Participated in Children Parliament training led by Mrs. Jacqueline.



Trained new Hub Coordinators from Delhi and Kolkata provinces on the Homelink DIGI tool and its future directions.



Supported the Development of the Homelink DIGI Implementation Tool



Participated in Child Safeguarding Policy training led by Mrs. Jacqueline and Ms. Khushboo.



Trained on the Hostel Act to all the Hub Coordinators.



Orientation for new NGOs interested in implementing Homelink DIGI by Mrs. Jyothi Priya to all the Hub Coordinators.



Attended the Hub Monthly meeting via Microsoft Teams.



Supported Bangalore, Trichy, and Guwahati Hubs with Homelink DIGI tool demonstrations and Power BI Dashboards.





National YaR Awards at Kochi



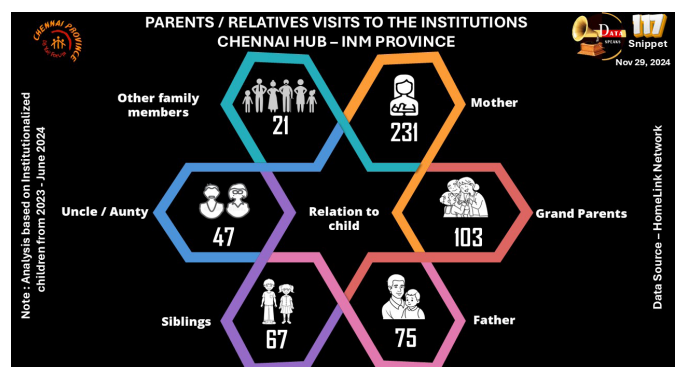
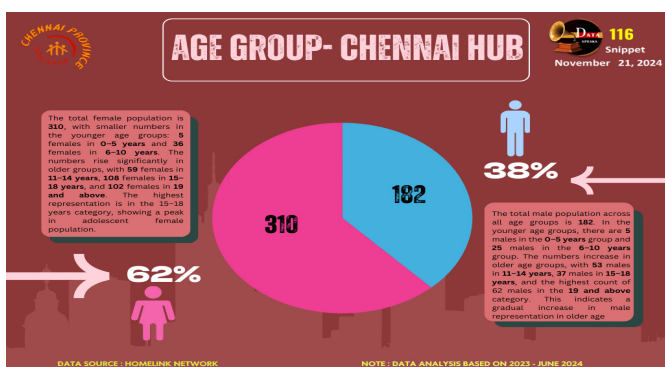
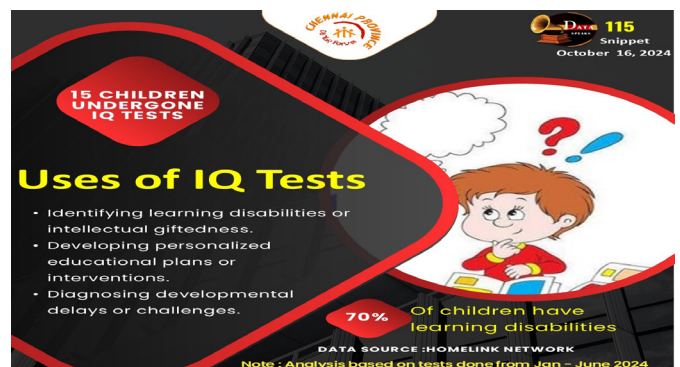
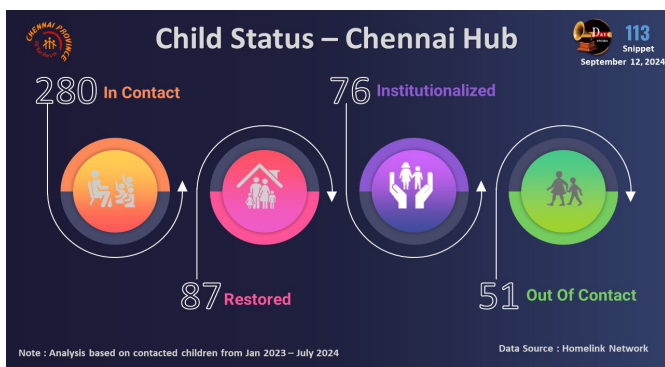
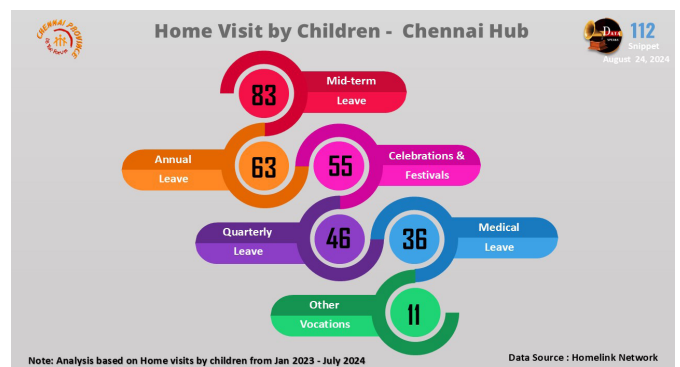
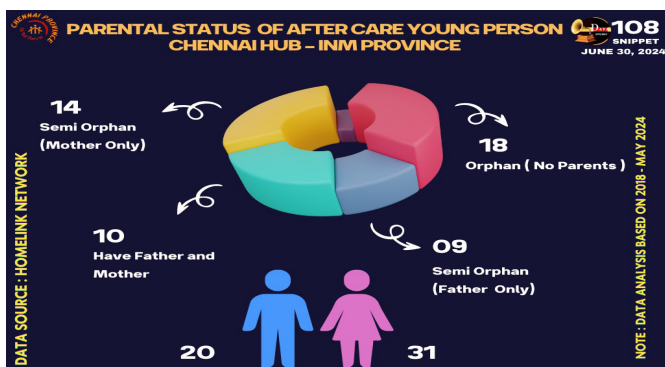
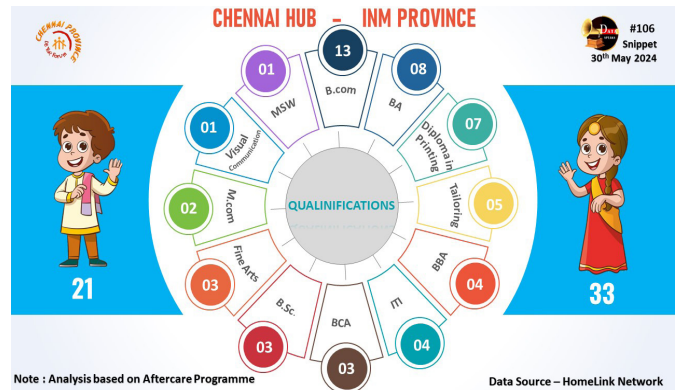
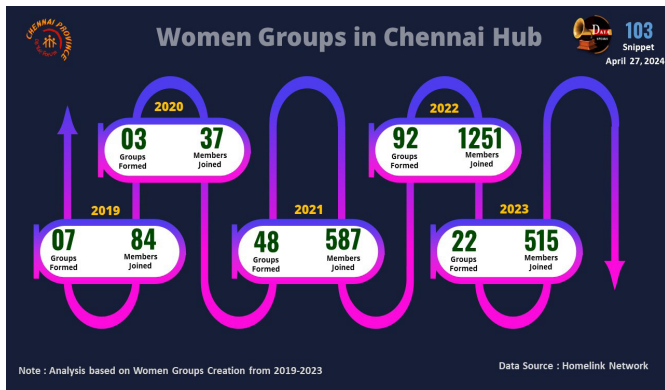
1. Children Award below 18 – DBAI Chennai
2. Best Youth Award – DBAI Chennai
3. Social Media Award – DBAI Chennai
4. Best Node – Mariyalaya Chennai



Snippets

This initiative focuses on analyzing statistical data, particularly concerning children in Child Care Institutions and those in street situations. The data is sourced from the Child Management Information System and Services (Child MISS) tool of the Homelink Network.

Through the Data Speaks initiative, key statistical insights are published to enhance awareness and visibility of the ongoing efforts for young people in the Chennai Hub. These snippets highlight significant trends and critical issues related to the well-being and support of vulnerable children. Chennai Hub has released 14 Hub JPEG snippets ,03 Video snippets and 06 node level snippets successfully. Here are a few highlighted snippets for your reference.



Flipbook

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Dealing with Family Dysfunction and Conflicts



FLIPBOOK - INM PROVINCE

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Navigating family dysfunction and conflict can be challenging. This flipbook provides effective strategies and guidance to help individuals work towards healthier relationships and personal well-being. Healing takes time and patience, making self-care, open communication, and professional support essential. With persistence and the right approach, individuals can overcome these challenges and build a more fulfilling future.

Introduction

Family dysfunction and conflicts are unfortunately common experiences. While it can be emotionally challenging, understanding these dynamics and implementing effective strategies can help navigate these situations with greater ease.

“Understanding Family Dysfunction”

American Psychological Association quoted that “Family dysfunction and conflicts are unfortunately common experiences. While it can be emotionally challenging, understanding these dynamics and implementing effective strategies can help navigate these situations with greater ease”.



Conclusion

Navigating family dysfunction and conflict can be a challenging process. By implementing these strategies and seeking appropriate support, individuals can work towards healthier relationships and personal well-being. It is essential to remember that healing takes time and patience. By focusing on self-care, effective communication, and seeking professional help when needed, individuals can overcome these challenges and build a more fulfilling future.



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Success Stories

“From Adversity to Athletic Glory”

Poomiga's journey is a remarkable testament to resilience, determination, and the power of a supportive community. A spirited 14-year-old from the Anbagam Children's Home in Pope Johns Garden, Madhavaram, she has faced numerous challenges alongside her family. Her parents and siblings—elder sister Priyadharshini and younger brothers Kirthik Roshan and Vetri Velan—have endured financial struggles, compounded by her mother's visual impairment due to a tragic accident. Additionally, the



entire family is on ART (Anti-Retroviral Therapy) medication, battling adversity with unwavering strength. In June 2023, Poomiga and her mother arrived at Anbagam Children's Home with the help of Fr. V. Manizlavier. Welcomed with warmth, she quickly embraced the nurturing environment and developed a passion for athletics, particularly running. Her dream of becoming a runner took shape when the Rishi Foundation visited Anbagam, where she was trained in running techniques, discipline, and goal-setting. With the encouragement of Fr. Dominic, Br. Kulandai Yesu, and the Rishi Foundation, she set her sights on competing in a marathon.

Poomiga's breakthrough came on December 29, 2024, when she competed in the Ranipet Marathon, impressing everyone with her talent and determination. Inspired by her performance, she trained rigorously for months in preparation for a bigger challenge. With the support of the Rishi Foundation, she qualified for the prestigious Delhi Marathon and traveled to the capital on February 18, 2025. On February 23, she competed and won a medal, marking a defining moment in her life. Her success not only signified a personal triumph but also became a beacon of hope for many underprivileged children. Poomiga's journey exemplifies the power of perseverance, the impact of a strong support system, and the belief that dreams can be realized through dedication and hard work. With her relentless spirit, she continues to inspire others, proving that no obstacle is too great and no dream is beyond reach.

A Journey of Resilience and Transformation

Anitha, a bright and talented student from the DBAI Chennai, Kannagi Nagar Police Boys & Girls Club, her father earned daily wages by selling sanitary cleaning materials, while her mother worked as a housekeeper. Despite their hardships, Anitha excelled in both academics and sports, emerging as a school topper in her 10th and 12th grades. However, her family situation, especially her father's Alcohol Addict, weighed heavily on her. It was during this time that Mr. Siva Kumar, the Inspector of Police at Kannagi Nagar, noticed her distress during one of his frequent visits to the club. Upon learning about her struggles, he took a keen interest in supporting her, providing financial assistance for sports equipment and travel expenses. He even visited her home, encouraging her father to curb his drinking and support his daughter's aspirations.



In 2017, Anitha got the opportunity to participate in the Khelo Sports event in Delhi. To inspire her father, Mr. Siva Kumar arranged for the match to be broadcast live in an open theatre, ensuring her father watched from the front row. Witnessing Anitha's outstanding performance and victory, her father was deeply moved. Overwhelmed with pride and regret, he decided to quit drinking and stand by his daughter's dreams. With his newfound support, Anitha went on to compete in three National Matches, three All-India Matches, and 18 State Matches. Her journey is a testament to how a single person's encouragement can transform a life. For Anitha, Mr. Siva Kumar was that special person who changed her world through unwavering care and belief in her potential.

Unlocking Doors to Success

With the support of the DBAI Chennai HCL Foundation, Gayathri R., a dedicated student at the Arumbakkam Police Boys and Girls Club, is currently studying at Government Model Hr. Sec. School. In her 10th standard examinations, Gayathri showcased exceptional academic prowess, scoring an impressive 488 out of 500, which translates to a remarkable 98%.

Despite facing financial limitations, Gayathri has set her sights on pursuing Computer Science with Mathematics in the 11th standard. Her resilience and commitment to excellence exemplify the belief that with determination, hard work, and community support, any obstacle can be overcome on the path to success.



Gayathri's story serves as a cornerstone for highlighting the potential for achievement regardless of one's background or circumstances. Her journey not only inspires her peers but also reinforces the positive impact of educational initiatives supported by the HCL Foundation, demonstrating how access to resources and encouragement can empower students to reach their full potential. With continued support, Gayathri is poised to pursue her dreams and make a significant impact in her chosen field.







HOMELINK NETWORK

Meet Our Team



Homelink Network is an ongoing initiative started by DB YaR Forum in 2002, to ensure appropriate, timely and real-time response to the needs of the young at risk, based on accurate documentation and data analysis supported by the best of technologies available today.

We work towards

- Developing data driven child care system through documentation, research, and networking
- Systematically documenting the systems, processes, and workflow of the organizations
- Data led intervention planning in organizations
- Data driven advocacy and engagement with stakeholders and government on children's issues
- Harnessing current advances in digital technologies in the service of the work with young at risk

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