

SAP (SAFETY, AWARENESS, PREVENTION) –CHILD CENTERED AND COORDINATED APPROACH TO SAFE GUARD YOUNG CHILDREN

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Abstract

India is home to the largest number of children in the world. The country has 20 per cent of the 0- 4 year's child population of the world. India experiences child rights deprivations in greater absolute numbers than any other country. The National Study on Child Abuse report and the statistics of Indian National Crime Records Bureau data establishes beyond a doubt that child abuse exists in India and the incidence is much higher than generally perceived.

SAP (safety, awareness and prevention) is an initiative taken with care givers and preschool children in a local school of Mumbai, India at suburban area. The SAP Model is designed as a three pronged approach to develop awareness knowledge and understanding, in parents and teachers regarding personal safety.

The SAP model aims at interactive sessions & workshops with the primary stakeholders -the parents and also the teachers. Emphasis on developing an understanding about their roles and responsibility in child safety, awareness regarding needs and rights of child, existing laws and reforms for child safety. Through this, we would like to help them realize how a safe, stable, nurturing relationship and environment is essential to prevent child abuse and neglect and aid children to reach their full potential.

Sessions with preschoolers is intended to explain safe, unsafe and uncomfortable touch. Teaching safety rules through puppet shows, story, worksheets, role plays, modeling behavior and songs will be intrinsic to the model designed.

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