

Amala Annai Anpaham

Mannar Road, Mulankavil

The outreach program for 80 children

Introduction

Amala Annai Anpaham is a children home at Mulankavil in Kilinochchi District. It is one and only home at Poonahary division. It is run by the Congregation of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Jaffna province. Most of the families are in abject poverty, unable to overcome from their difficulties because they don't have any means to earn for their children and for the children's education. So that the children are mostly affected and there are tendencies for the juvenile delinquency. Some of the children have lost their both parents and many of the families are women headed families.

Outreach Program

The outreach program of the Anpaham is for the manmade and natural disaster affected Children, it is with the updating knowledge of techniques we are able to give priority to the reunion of the family to the Children, the victims. In this effort we are very successful in our mission to find out the most affected children in the near area. They will be catered to ventilate their stress and trauma by coming together at Anpaham. We can say it as one of the semi orphanage system. The members of the staff will be given chance to learn how to integrate with the clients, and they will be also able to know themselves as well as others. The way the members of the staff will be very simple and their way of relating to the students will be very attractive and lovely. It can make many of our children to feel free from all bondage of fear and make them to become new persons with new ideas about the human society.

To know each client, the members of the staff will visit the person in situation such as Society, Home, Schools and peer groups to collect the data about them. The collection of data helps them to identify the needs of the children and plan out the strategies to take out the trauma of the children. We identified more affected children not only from among the victims of war but also from the most poverty stricken families in the districts of Kilinochchi.

We are also unable to have the residential program for the children because there should be a legal sanction from the government to do the residential program. Though there are pros and cons we could be able to bring some good out come and a hope to our children for the future.

Staffs

The Director, Accountant to scrutinize the financial matters, field officers according to the number of the children, Gardener and house parents are the immediate members in the family of Anpaham. We expect to have 24 children in the initial stage and then can cater more student in future. They are divided into four groups so that once a week we can have residential training for the children as well to the guardians of the children. The purpose of grouping is to make them learn how to integrate with the family and the society. In fact, the number of the individuals in a group is twelve but we plan to have 20 in each group. The sacrificial aspects of the staff make all of us accept it and work for the betterment of the children and the society. Each child will get 2000/= per month. The main purpose of giving the amount of money to the children in their hand is to use for the food, shelter and for the education and also the money is given to each one of them to observed their trustworthiness and they will be asked the account to know how the money is spent. Thus they are given freedom to learn more about how they can manage their lives in future.

Person in Situation

To know more about the client and to make a change in his difficulties, the staff members have to know individually as well as their situation in the society. The diagnostic process consists of a critical scrutiny of a client- situation complex in which the change can be made.

Individual interview

Each individual has the right to self-fulfillment to the extent that it does not encroach upon the same right of others, and has an obligation to contribute to the well-being of society. With the discipline our staff members are trained to interview the individuals by valuing them as part of the human society and collect the data about them for the future planning.

The individual client is valued and accepted with one's untold struggle and weakness and facilitated by the interviewee. This is the way; the clients place the trust in the interviewee. To maintain the interaction with the clients the facilitator places the confidentiality to know more about him/her.

- To show the concern, having the eventual meeting with the client and Anpaham staff members are given more importance to that.
- The clients are made known that they are accepted by the facilitator(staff) with their weakness and with their own problems
- Able to know about the clients' problems and with the consent of the client we can plan out to direct the client for the self-fulfilment.
- Twice a month individuals are called for evaluation;
- Once a month, Groups according to the areas and the Animators are called for animation and evaluation. It can be residential with parents or guardians.
- When the children are in need they are called for informal meetings.
- To make the children's minds to be free from their blocks and to continue their studies.

Group meeting

The children are provided with group experiences that are intended to help them learn or re-learn positive attitudes and values and be motivated to give up all the negative thinking and behaviours.

- Ability to recognize the problem and accept and motivate for change from their loss.
- The interactions make them to ventilate and to get them out from their trauma.
- Behaviour/conditions associated with the problem presented.
- Once a month we, all come together. There, we build up the family spirit and make the children to experience the human societal structure.

Home visit

To a child to be nurtured, his/her family plays a big role, and he/she gets the foundation model from his/her members in the family. So, it is important to us to know the background of the children. We collect the data from the children, and with their consent we visit their houses. In fact many of our clients are coming from 12 or 13 km away from our place. Our facilitators, to have the inter connectedness with the children, use their own way and travel to their homes and collect the background of the children's data. It helps us to know the family background and make the referral to solve their poverty. Thus we can go for a proposal of the project for the income generation of the families. This is one of the techniques to solve the problems of our children. In this, we will be able to create the client's trust and able to bring some change in the client's negative ideas. Families also come to know about their children, and the children are also able to re-unite and to understand the family. We also plan to have program for the parents or guardians and to have the awareness programs for them to understand the children's needs and train them to have concern for their future.

School visit

The school is one of the main places to a child to be nurtured. There, the child meets his/ her peer group and other resource people to learn about the human society and to interact. He/she learns about the customs, culture and other ethical aspects. Here we come to know about their behaviours and about their educations. We build up a rapport with their principals, teachers and their peer groups. The members of the school society can also support us to up lift the children for their future healthy society. Our staff interviews the teachers, peer groups and principals to collect more data about our children's education. Sometimes, if there are remarks about our children they can also communicate with our staff and come to a solution. The attendance and attention in the schools are also observed, and the growth of their educational careers are observed and interviewed. Thus, when we find any hindrance to their education, we help them to solve those problems and make them to concentrate on their education career.

