

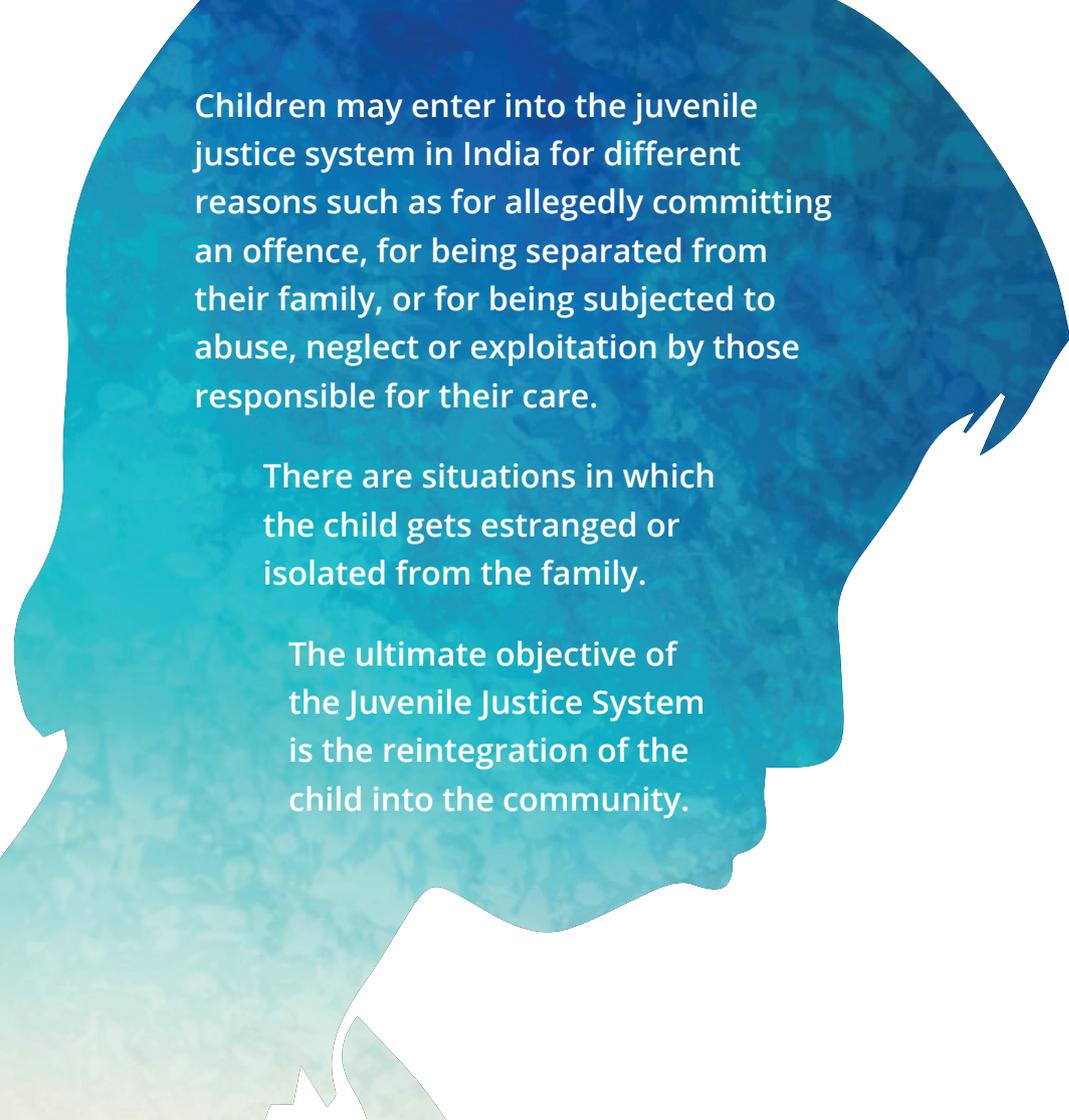


# REINTEGRATION CIRCLES

with Children, Families & Communities



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Children may enter into the juvenile justice system in India for different reasons such as for allegedly committing an offence, for being separated from their family, or for being subjected to abuse, neglect or exploitation by those responsible for their care.

There are situations in which the child gets estranged or isolated from the family.

The ultimate objective of the Juvenile Justice System is the reintegration of the child into the community.

Trained facilitators at Enfold will work with children and their families to understand their needs, concerns, and difficulties, and identify the support required for family and community reintegration. Efforts will be made to try and bring the child and the family together for a dialogue in the form of a Reintegration Circle, with participation of members of their community.

# Who can approach Enfold?



Children and their families can approach Enfold directly if they desire to repair and rebuild familial relationships.

Juvenile Justice Boards or Child Welfare Committees or any organisation working with children can refer children and families to Enfold to support the child's reintegration into the community.



Reintegration Circle will be initiated only with the **informed consent** of the child and the family, even if it has been referred by authorities. **Parties cannot be compelled to participate. They can withdraw at any time, even after giving consent.**



Reintegration Circles may not be appropriate in all cases. **Suitability** will be determined in every case.





Reintegration Circle processes will be facilitated in keeping with **existing laws** and will supplement processes under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.



**Confidentiality** of the process shall be maintained.



The **best interest** of the child will be a **primary consideration** in the facilitation of Reintegration Circles



**A risk and safety assessment** will be done to determine if it is safe for the child to participate in a Reintegration Circle. Measures to mitigate the risk, if any, will be identified and discussed with the parties in advance. If safety cannot be assured, the Circle will not be facilitated.



# What happens in a Reintegration Circle?

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## INITIAL CONTACT

Facilitators will contact the parties and request for an in-person meeting.

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## FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING

Facilitators will explain the nature of the process and the principles that will be followed and clarify questions and doubts of the parties.

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## INFORMED CONSENT

Facilitators will ensure that parties have necessary information to make an informed decision to participate.

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## PREPARATORY MEETINGS

After receiving informed consent from the parties, Facilitators will work with them to identify their needs, questions and concerns they may have, and the support they may require to participate meaningfully in the dialogue. Preparation may entail at least 3-4 separate meetings with each person involved.



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### **SAFETY & RISK ASSESSMENT**

Facilitators will assess whether it is safe for parties to come together for a dialogue.

Measures to mitigate the risk, if any, are identified and discussed with the concerned party in advance. If safety cannot be assured, the dialogue will not be facilitated.

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### **FOLLOW-UP**

Facilitators will follow-up and extend support to the child and the family to fulfill the Plan.

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### **REINTEGRATION CIRCLE**

- » **A Safe Space** is created before a Reintegration Circle is facilitated, including through the identification and commitment to enabling shared values and guidelines for the process.
- » **Venue** is decided based on the mutual consent of parties and in consideration of safety, neutrality and confidentiality.
- » **Guided dialogue** is based on questions discussed during the preparation. All parties are guided to share what is needed for effective and meaningful reintegration of the child into the family and the community. Facilitators provide support, if parties decide they need to meet in additional Circles to continue the dialogue.
- » **Reintegration Plan:** Facilitators support the participants to collectively arrive at a Reintegration Plan to support the child's reintegration. Parties can, however, decide that the dialogue satisfies their needs and they may not require a plan. The facilitators do not impose any agreement or pass any decision.



# What can one expect from the Facilitator?

**Non-judgmental attitude, patience and respect**  
**Impartiality and equal concern for all parties.**



**Necessary information to make an informed decision to participate.**

**Honest responses to the questions, fears and concerns parties may have. No false promises.**

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**Utmost concern about the safety of all parties.**  
**Demonstrable measures to mitigate risk, if any.**



**Support during the preparatory process and the dialogue to ensure that needs are addressed where possible and no further harm is caused.**

**Support to develop a Reintegration Plan that is reasonable, fair and realistic, is not degrading or humiliating, and is time bound. Facilitators are not decision-makers, they enable parties to arrive at a decision.**



**Follow-up with and support to the child and the family to enable compliance with the Reintegration Plan.**

**Refer the persons involved to mental health professionals or other services, if the need arises.**



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