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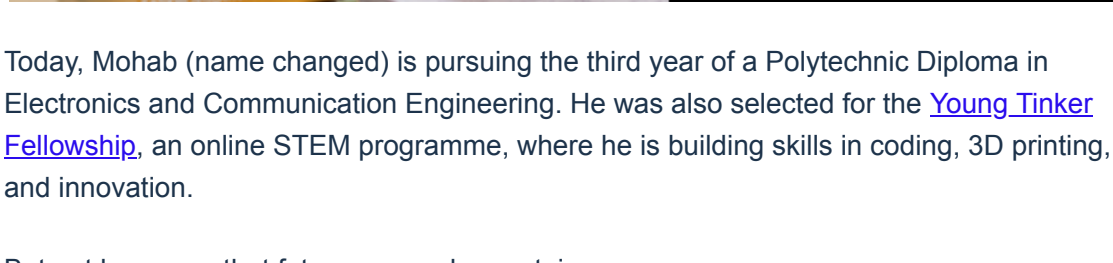


Every story in these pages begins with possibility, a family finding hope, a young person discovering their potential, or a partnership creating lasting change. Together, they illustrate how sustained collaboration and a shared commitment to children are helping build stronger families and communities. We hope these stories leave you inspired by what is possible when we work together towards a common purpose.

Thank you for your continued solidarity and support. Your commitment makes it possible to create brighter futures for children and families, bringing us closer to our shared vision of *A Family for Every Child in Our Lifetime*.

Warm regards,
Kusum Mohapatra
CEO & Regional Director
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Family Strengthening for Better Outcomes for Children



Today, Mohab (name changed) is pursuing the third year of a Polytechnic Diploma in Electronics and Communication Engineering. He was also selected for the [Young Tinker Fellowship](#), an online STEM programme, where he is building skills in coding, 3D printing, and innovation.

But not long ago, that future seemed uncertain.

When Mohab was a young child, his father passed away due to an HIV-related illness. His mother, who was also living with HIV, struggled to provide for Mohab and his younger sister. With no family support and the burden of stigma, she could no longer meet her children's needs or continue Mohab's education. A social worker referred the case to the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), and in January 2015, the Committee facilitated his admission to a Child Care Institution (CCI) in Telangana.

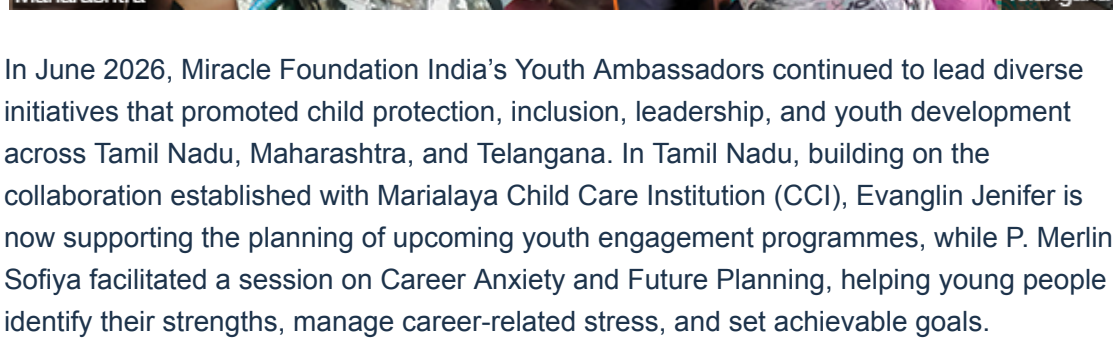
Although the CCI ensured Mohab's safety, education, and care, it could never replace the love and belonging of a family. Over the years, the CCI team and Miracle Foundation India worked together to prepare Mohab and his mother for a safe and sustainable reunion.

When the time came, Mohab's mother was hesitant. Years of living with HIV, financial hardship, and stigma had left her uncertain about her ability to care for her children. Through regular counselling, home visits, and sustained emotional support, she gradually regained confidence. The team also worked with the family and community to build a supportive environment for their return. Mohab's mother was enrolled in the *Aasara Widow Pension Scheme* which, together with her income from domestic work, strengthened the family's financial stability. The family also received educational assistance and support for essential needs, helping them establish a stable home environment. With this support in place, and following approval from the CWC, Mohab was successfully reintegrated with his family in August 2024.

Today, Mohab is thriving, and the family is rebuilding their lives together. Between 2021 and 2026, their overall well-being improved significantly, with stronger family relationships, better educational outcomes, improved living conditions, and greater household stability. The team continues to provide follow-up support, counselling, and guidance while ensuring the family remains connected to community resources and social protection services. This ongoing support is helping the family sustain long-term stability, enabling both children to grow up in a safe, nurturing environment.

Mohab's story highlights that reintegration is a gradual process built on trust, preparation, and partnership with families. While every child's journey into family separation is different, our commitment remains the same: every child deserves to grow up in a safe and loving family. Through counselling, social protection, and community support, Mohab's mother regained the stability to care for her children, transforming what began as uncertainty into a renewed future for the entire family.

Youth Ambassadors Driving Change Across Communities



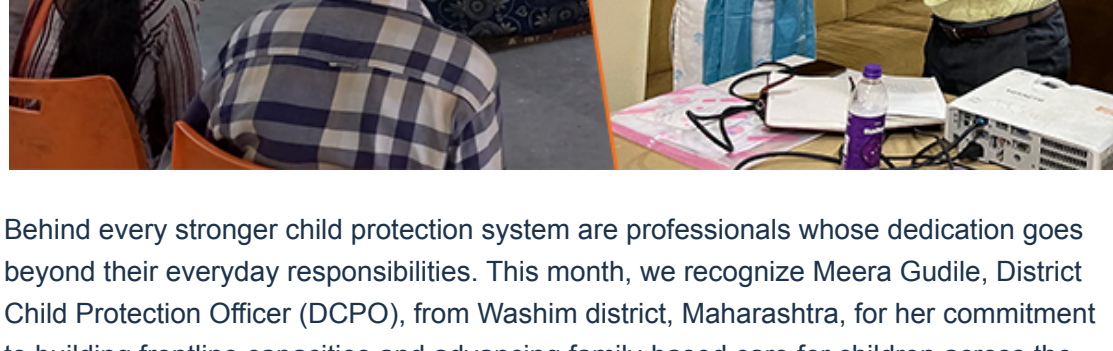
In June 2026, Miracle Foundation India's Youth Ambassadors continued to lead diverse initiatives that promoted child protection, inclusion, leadership, and youth development across Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, and Telangana. In Tamil Nadu, building on the collaboration established with Marialaya Child Care Institution (CCI), Evanglin Jenifer is now supporting the planning of upcoming youth engagement programmes, while P. Merlin Sofiya facilitated a session on Career Anxiety and Future Planning, helping young people identify their strengths, manage career-related stress, and set achievable goals.

In Maharashtra, Sadhana engaged 20 young people in an awareness session on LGBTQI+ rights and inclusion, promoting empathy, equality, and respect for diversity. Ritesh conducted a child labour awareness session with 18 youth, highlighting children's rights and the importance of education. Simran organized a cultural event and facilitated engagement activities with Bal Panchayat members, creating opportunities for leadership, confidence-building, and career discussions. In Nagpur, Uma and Suhani conducted interactive sessions on bullying and cyberbullying, equipping children with practical strategies to identify unsafe behaviour, seek support, and create safer peer environments.

T. Anitha from Telangana visited Uttoor village in Narayanpet district to better understand local challenges related to education, career guidance, and menstrual hygiene. She also interacted with the local Child Welfare Committee (CWC), gaining valuable insights into child protection mechanisms and child reintegration processes. Similarly, Somnath conducted a field visit that highlighted issues such as classroom discrimination and gaps in aftercare support for care leavers. Through interactions with the District Child Protection Unit, CWC, and frontline functionaries, he deepened his understanding of the child protection ecosystem and the support systems required to enable successful transitions for care-experienced young people.

These initiatives reinforce the value of investing in young people as leaders of change within their communities. Youth Ambassadors are beginning to drive dialogue on children's rights, engage communities, and shift attitudes towards safer, more supportive environments for children. As they continue to grow in confidence and leadership, their influence has the potential to strengthen child protection efforts and inspire lasting change across communities.

Celebrating Meera Gudile



Behind every stronger child protection system are professionals whose dedication goes beyond their everyday responsibilities. This month, we recognize Meera Gudile, District Child Protection Officer (DCPO), from Washim district, Maharashtra, for her commitment to building frontline capacities and advancing family-based care for children across the district.

Since 2021, Meera Gudile has served in this role, overseeing one of Maharashtra's most complex urban child protection landscapes. With 32 Child Care Institutions (CCIs) across densely populated neighbourhoods and informal settlements, she plays a pivotal role in strengthening systems that help children grow up in safe and nurturing families.

Having been associated with the Family Strengthening and Family-Based Alternative Care initiative since 2019, Meera says the experience transformed her approach to child protection. She leads capacity-building sessions for CCI staff, equipping them to identify risks, strengthen case management, prepare children and families for reintegration, and address complex child protection concerns, including POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012) related cases. She also convenes convergence meetings with CCIs, government departments, and civil society organisations to ensure coordinated support for children and families.

Beyond institutional strengthening, Meera has been instrumental in expanding community-based child protection. Under her leadership, Ward Child Protection Committees (WCPCs) have been established in 121 of the district's 171 wards. Led by elected representatives and supported by Anganwadi workers, NGOs, and community stakeholders, these committees identify local child safeguarding concerns, facilitate referrals, and strengthen community-based response.

For children preparing for reintegration, Meera's team works closely with families through counselling, home visits, and case planning. Families are linked to government schemes such as the *Bal Sangopan scheme* that provides ₹2,250 per month to help children in need of care and protection grow up in family care when their families are facing difficult circumstances. Partnerships with NGOs and Self-Help Groups further strengthen livelihoods, improve household incomes, and reduce the risk of family separation.

Reflecting on the journey, Meera believes that continued investment in capacity-building is essential. She champions for more district, regional, and interstate learning opportunities that enable child protection professionals to exchange experiences, strengthen collaboration, and improve outcomes for children across the country.

Strengthening Child Protection and Family Reintegration in Tamil Nadu



As an active member organization of the District Child Welfare and Protection Committee (DCWPC) in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, Miracle Foundation India participated in a comprehensive district review chaired by District Collector, Ms. Malathi Helen, IAS, on June 19, 2026. The meeting reviewed ongoing child protection initiatives across the district, with a focus on strengthening legal systems and care frameworks for children in need of care and protection.

A key highlight of the review was the collaborative progress on Individual Care Plans (ICPs), a cornerstone of Miracle Foundation India's efforts to transition children from institutional care to safe, permanent family environments. ICPs help stakeholders better assess each child's needs and make timely, informed decisions that support safe and sustainable family reintegration. The District Child Protection Officer also shared updates from the joint review meetings and online capacity-building sessions conducted in collaboration with Miracle Foundation India, highlighting ongoing efforts to enhance child protection services across Chennai.

Through its representation on the DCWPC, Miracle Foundation India remains committed to connecting grassroots practice with district-level policy implementation. By working closely with local government leadership, it continues to advance systemic changes that enable timely decision-making and promote sustainable family-based care for every child in Chennai.

Resource Links

- [\[Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India\] Invitation of comments/suggestions on the Juvenile Justice \(Care and Protection of Children\) Act, 2015](#)
- [PM-Family Care Tracker will ensure no child is left out of welfare schemes: HM Amit Shah](#)
- [Press Release on 379th Report of Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports](#)

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