

State level Meet for NGOs

Seva-in-Action, SNAC-Karnataka organized a State level Meet for NGOs on March 28, 2012 at NGV Club, Koramangala, Bengaluru to discuss the current issues and way forward in reaching the services to PWDs and their families. Totally 75 participants from registered NGOs under NT, non-registered NGOs, LLCs, parents & Special School teachers participated and gave specific suggestions for looking way forward in inclusion of PWD and their family members in the society.

Seva-in-Action, SNAC-Karnataka organized a State level Meet for NT registered NGOs on 27th & 28th Feb 2013 at Vishranthi Nilayam, Infantry road, Bangalore to discuss about the new programmes of NT in 2013 and current issues. The state level meet also had the training programme for Mentors on Self Advocacy in order to enhance advocacy skills of Person with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities to become Self Advocates. The trainer expected the mentors from ROs to take the training to enhance advocacy skills in person with developmental disabilities to become self advocates and form self advocacy group in the respective districts. Totally 39 participants participated and planned for the Self Advocacy training in their districts.

Inauguration of State Level Meet for NGOs:

Mrs. Ruma Banerjee, Director, Seva-in-Action welcomed the participants and purpose of the meeting with the following specific objectives:

1. To discuss on new programmes initiated by National Trust in order to reach unreached districts and we are also expecting to provide specific suggestions.
2. Training to Mentors on Self Advocacy to train group of Person with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities in their respective districts to create state level Self Advocates Forum under Parivaar.



Mrs. Jayanthi Ramanan, Nutrition counselor from USA working with people with disabilities shared about the importance of nutrition to PWIDDs. Especially, she shared the foods which has rich in gluten should be avoided to persons with autism.

Then, Ms. Thulasi, SNAC coordinator shared about the New programmes of National Trust in 2013 -14

1. Training of Self Advocates

- a. To develop Person with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities to raise their voices to ask for their rights and to empower them to take their own decisions and if necessary to seek support from others whom they trust. NT wanted to create more self advocates across the country. SNAC organised 6 weeks training to SA in Seva-in-Action to enhance advocacy skills in PWIDDs.



2. Training on Early Intervention

- a. NT trained two master trainers from Karnataka on early intervention. SNAC is planning to organize this training to NT ROs in Karnataka. We are also planning to meet health secretary to develop early intervention centers in the PHC level.

3. Training to Legal Guardians

- a. We are planning to organise one day training programme to legal guardians on their roles & responsibilities and paradigm shift & UNCRPD. In the training we are also asking them to select the right person to become legal guardian apart from parents.

4. **Niramaya Health insurance** – NT introduced Niramaya E-card in place of Health Card from last year. Further untraceable cards will be placed on website so that if anyone approaches SNAC/NT will give them clarity. Renewal of Niramaya cards has to be renewed yearly once and with bank details because the claim amount will be transferred to their accounts. Now incentive per enrollment is increased to Rs. 40/-

5. **Registration & Renewal of organizations** - NT registered organisations should renew their organisations before 3 months in advance, otherwise their names will be deleted from the NT list. Registration of organisation in the uncovered districts is necessary to reach out to unreached.

6. Networking within the districts by NT ROs & SNAC will be a great support for other organizations to refer the PWIDDs and to disseminate information to the families of PWDs.

7. **Arunim** strives to create livelihood opportunities and enhance the earning capacities of its members by converting & utilizing the existing resources & skills. It is providing training in product development and gave new designs to the organisations registered under them. It also hopes to expand its reach to more & more organisations and create marketing opportunities across India.

8. Local Level Committee and NDLGC

- a. New guidelines are available for LLCs to organise the meetings in the districts.
- b. National Depository of Legal Guardianship Certificates (NDLGC) is operational. All LLCs are expected to use on-line module available on MIS for processing of applications for appointment of LG. Rs 200 will be paid for each LG by NT to LLCs
- c. Parents can use offline module available for processing of applications for appointment of LG.

9. **Care givers cell** – NT called for a proposal for care giver cell in the website. NT register organisations can apply for care giver cell to take up this training.

10. Follow up of Action plan 2012

- a. We shared last year action plan taken and the follow up done by the SNAC.

Objectives	Action Taken
To ensure establishment of LLCs & activate DCs role in full implementation of NT Act	We have taken consent from NGOs in 15 districts to nominate LLCs and sent letter to the Dept of ED&SC for further action.

<p>To achieve Early identification & enrolment of NT disabilities under ICDS, Health, Education & Livelihood (includes data collection)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NT to organize regional level sharing workshops/ capacity building for partners 2. NT to standard the tools for early identification & intervention 	<p>NT trained two master trainers from Karnataka on early intervention. SNAC is planning to organize this training to NT ROs in Karnataka. We are also planning to meet health secretary to develop early intervention centers in the PHC level.</p>
<p>Formulation of working committee under the leadership of SNAC (10-12 members)</p>	<p>The core committee is formed with 17 members and organized one meeting. Two meeting were organized with chief secretary, principal secretary of WCD & Director of Dept of ED & SC.</p>
<p>Organise one state level meet under the leadership of chief secretary with all DCs</p>	<p>Chief secretary asked PS of WCD to organise meeting with Dept of Education, Health, Labour & Information & communication.</p> <p>CS told after the discussion with all the depts. the issues can be taken to the DCs meeting.</p>

Then, Ms. Manjula Nanjundaiah, DD, SIA shared about Right to Education Act, 2009 & NT related Disabilities.

She did presentation on RTE act 2009, the presentation had the act main features, the Admission procedures, Infrastructure, Provisions for children in school, Teachers & Teaching related, Curriculum & Evaluation, SMC, Private schools, recent amendment to the RTE act on 9th May 2012, the Lok Sabha passed the amendments to RTE act 2009, Defination of the CWDs and An option of HBE for CWDs. The present education system in Karnataka has the provision in Preschool/anganwadis, regular schools, special schools and Home based education programme. She concluded with asking them their role in implementation of RTE in Karnataka.



We concluded the meeting by saying that yes all the children under home based education need to bring them to inclusive society and NGOs should start implementing RTE act in their districts and give awareness to other organizations and parents. So that, the education provisions can be access by all the children in the society. The situations of the children at home are getting worse. So, we all need to raise our voices and empower parents to ask their rights.