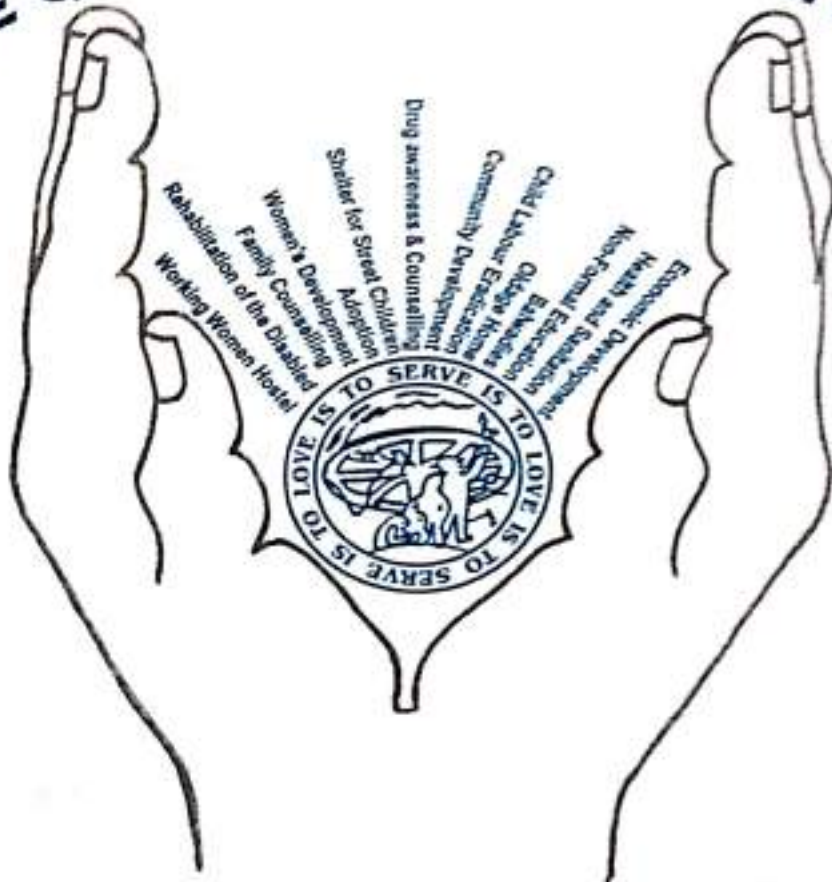


SOC SEAD

WE CHANGE LIVES FOR THE BETTER



Annual Report
1998 - 1999



IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAR SISTER



TRYST WITH DESTINY

DESTINED

*Was your 'BIRTH'
on this 'EARTH'
How could it be changed?
Oh! its 'PERFECT'*

DESTINED

*Was your 'SUBMISSION'
For His 'MISSION'
How could it be changed?
Oh! its 'PERFECT'*

DESTINED

*Was your 'VISION'
For Social 'ACTION'
How could it be changed?
Oh! its 'PERFECT'*

DESTINED

*Was your 'ESTABLISHMENT, (SOC SEAD)
For 'HUMAN UPLIFTMENT'
How could it be changed?
Oh! its 'PERFECT'*

DESTINED

*To be an 'ACHIEVER'
Lasting 'FOREVER'
How could it be changed?
Oh! its 'PERFECT'*

DESTINED

*Was your 'JUBILEE CELEBRATION'
Ended with 'JUBILIATION'
How could it be changed?
Oh! its 'PERFECT'
ALAS!!*

DESTINED

*Was your 'JOURNEY'
Towards 'DESTINY'
that your sudden 'DEMISE'
In your 'PREMISES'
Great is Our Loss!!
How could it 'PASS'
Oh! We're 'LOST!'*

J. REBECCAL
Family Counsellor
(SOC-SEAD)

Our Director Speaks



We live in a historical moment, because mankind is leading towards a new century with hopes and dreams. The people of India are stirred and are slowly awakening to their legitimate rights as human beings, but still something hampers the growth of our country.

The modern world with its emphasis on materialism has brought lack of time and loss of spirit in humanistic ways. As a result, children have been forced into labour, illiteracy, poverty, social harassment on human beings by Aids, Alcohol and health problems. The disabled are neglected without care.

To serve this target population, SOC SEAD is a boon to people of Trichy extending its services with love specially in slums and remote villages.

Having made indelible footprints on the sands of time, we step forward into yet another year with unshakable grit and determination to mould and shape our children in whose hands lie the destiny of our motherland.

SOC SEAD implements various programmes such as Tailoring institute, home for the aged, Family Counselling Centre, De-addiction Centre, School for the child labourers, Mahalir Mandrams, Orphanage, Adoption, Shelter for Street Children etc., to achieve its mission.

SOC SEAD gives a soothing hand and a healing touch to each and everyone in need of help and support, the poor, the disabled, the neglected, the deserted and the disadvantaged.

We express our sincere thanks to our donor agencies abroad, the Central and State Welfare Board, Ministry of Social Welfare, Ministry of labour, Ministry of education and local government organisations for their support and encouragement and also for their whole hearted co-operation in all our endeavours.

The vision and mission of SOC SEAD have been taken up by our staff, teachers, organisers and animators. Their hard work and commitment needs a mention to work upon the innovative challenges.

Finally, we raise our heart and mind to thank the Almighty for all the Graces that he has showered on SOC SEAD in the right path in our attempts to empower the downtrodden.

Indeed with great pleasure we present the Annual report for the year 1998-1999.

*"Nothing is permanent except change
Change is a continuing process not an event"*

Dr. Maria Kamalam

(Dr. (Sr.) Maria Kamalam)

FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE

(Aided by Central Social Welfare board Government of India)

"Towards Enlightenment of Broken Family"

"A good family relationship enhances harmony in the family"

Today's mankind faces multifarious problems in all spheres of daily life. People are constantly in search of ways and means to overcome their troubles. SOC SEAD Family Counselling Centre is one of the instruments in God's hand to wipe the tears of people in distress.

SOC SEAD has helped many families to see the light of harmony and happiness in family life.

Awareness to Members of
Mahalir Mandram, Alam St.



FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE ACTIVITIES

Awareness
Programmes

Counselling
Service

Rehabilitating
& Referral

Followup

"Prevention is better than cure" is one of the concepts of FCC. To achieve this the centre had conducted awareness programmes for higher secondary school students, members of Mahalir Mandrams, women of rural and urban areas, mothers of Balwadi children, ICDS Workers and general public.

The clients with family problems, marital and individual were rendered counselling services to promote their psychological, social, and emotional well being. Thereby to cope with the crisis adequately.

The clients who were in need of professional and rehabilitative services were referred to experts and departments concerned for assistance. As a post counselling measure, the progress of the clients was assessed through a periodical follow-up.

This year 7 legal literacy camps were conducted in remote, rural and slum areas. Through these programmes the centre's services are made known to the people.

Family counselling centre has processed 111 cases in the period of 98-99 of which '95' cases have been settled, '13' cases are being processed and '3' cases are dropped.

Family is an influential unit in promoting a person's happiness. Not only that, it is the primary factor in the formation of an individual's personality.

The family is the unit of the state, it is the cell that makes up the formation of life. Therefore our sole aim is to preserve this system from disintegration.

Cases registered during the period of April '98 to March '99 :

S.No.	Month	No.of. Cases
1	March '98	8
2	April '98	10
3	June '98	7
4	July '98	12
5	August '98	10
6	September '98	9
7	October '98	9
8	November '98	9
9	December '98	7
10	January '99	8
11	February '99	12
12	March '99	10
Total No.of. Cases		111

LEGAL LITERACY PROGRAMMES

S.No.	Date & Place	Resource person
01	20.05.98 Mudukkupatty	Mr. Martin, Advocate Ms. Sumathy, Counsellor
02	26.5.98 Meladevadhanam	Mr. Chelladurai, JRO Ms. Jeyanthi Rani, Advocate Mr. Vasudevan, Counsellor
03	16.6.98 Thanner Pandai	Mrs. Saraswathy, DSWO Mr. Krishnamurthy, P.O
04	24.6.98 Kalliamman Koil Street	Ms. Sumathy, Counsellor Ms. Salomy, Counsellor
05	9.7.98 Sathiyamurthy Nagar	Ms. Indirani, Advocate Mrs. Kalavathy, GBO, Arasu

MAJOR EVENTS OF FCC

- 19-06-98 - AIR programme
- 04-11-98 to 07-11-98 - 'Refresher course for family counsellor' by State Social Welfare Board at Madras School of Social Work
- 23-11-98 to 30-11-98 - One week awareness programme on 'Problems of Adolescents and family life education' at 'Seva Sangam Girls Hr.Sec.School
- 10-03-99 - "Women's Day" celebration at SOC-SEAD Seminar Hall
- 26-04-99 - Awareness on STD & AIDS at Draupathy Amman Koil street.

MULTIPURPOSE HEALTH WORKER'S SCHEME : MHWS

"HEALTH WORKER'S ARE GOOD WORKERS AT THEIR JOBS "

An effective community health programme demands a team of people working together towards a common goal. The term in its broadest sense includes all the village people, leaders as well as the village health workers from the voluntary or governmental organisation.

This programme aimed at selecting and training the voluntary health workers (VHWs) to impart health care services to their own community people. Hence the priority is given to local women. The selection of VHWs is made by the SOC SEAD Committee.

So far SOC SEAD selected women as VHWs from the following 30 villages.

VILLAGES COVERED UNDER HEALTH WORK PROGRAMME

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 01. Ayyampalayam (East) | 16. Sriperumpudur |
| 02. Ayyampalayam (West) | 17. Poosarikottam |
| 03. Rajampalayam (East) | 18. Konalai |
| 04. Rajampalayam (West) | 19. Irugalur |
| 05. Salakadu | 20. Mettu Irugalur |
| 06. Akkaraipatti | 21. South Irugalur |
| 07. Devimangalam | 22. Mahilambadi |
| 08. Melavangaram | 23. Thathamangalam (North) |
| 09. Keelavangaram | 24. Thiruvarangapatti |
| 10. Thaluthalapatti (South) | 25. S. Pudur |
| 11. Thaluthalapatti (North) | 26. Ayikudi |
| 12. Kanyakudi | 27. Salapatti |
| 13. Kariyamanickam (South) | 28. Valaiyur (North) |
| 14. Kariyamanickam (North) | 29. Valaiyur (South) |
| 15. Palaiyur | 30. Karunkadu |

Health workers of the selected villages were given training by the professionals for 6 months. They were trained in basic medical care, which is considered to be a true practical solution to the problem of inadequacy and ineffectiveness of medical services in rural areas. The VHWs from these 30 villages take every opportunity to pass on her knowledge of health and hygiene to their own community.

The activities of health workers are:

- ❖ Rehabilitation of persons affected with T.B leprosy, and polio.
- ❖ Community health programme
- ❖ Mobile health programme
- ❖ Mini health centre
- ❖ Medical camps
- ❖ Immunization camps
- ❖ Family Welfare camps
- ❖ Population Education
- ❖ Mother and child health care
- ❖ Care of physically disabled persons
- ❖ Imparting knowledge to the people on health education, sanitation etc.

- No. of main centres - 1
- No. of sub-centres - 5
- Total No. of population covered - 20,000
- No. of villages - 30
- No. of cases identified - 350
- No. of cases referred & treated - 275

CHILD LABOUR ERADICATION PROGRAMMES

"Is there any place for me without work?"



The phenomenon of child labour which is a consequence of the exploitative systems operating at the national and international levels, not only wipes away the future of millions of children, but also restricts the development prospects of the society as well. The existence of child labour is a threat to overall global development. Eradication of child labour is, therefore, an important goal which must be

achieved. Poverty, illiteracy, ignorance are the major causes of child labour.

Children between 8 to 14 years come under this category. Through NFE and some play materials these children are taught. Picnics, outings and medical camps are arranged for them.

SOC SEAD encourages these children to join the formal schools (run by the volunteer organisations) with a view to inculcate proper education to those child labourers by encouraging them to continue their education. Moreover this scheme gives compensation to the parents so that they will not undergo any financial crunch, SOC SEAD introduced this scheme in Trichy Municipal areas by taking survey in places where especially Beedi factories exist in large numbers.

Soc Sead runs special schools for child labourers in the slum areas like Natharasha Pallivasal, Valluvar Nagar and Andakondan.

Achievements of Soc Sead in enrolling the special school children into Regular Schools : (April 98 - march 99)

Area	No. of Boys	No. of Girls	Total No. of Children enrolled in regular School	
			April '98	March '99
Natharasha Pallivasal	25	25	18	20
Valluvar Nagar	25	25	10	16
Andakondan	25	25	16	12
Total			44	48

SHELTER FOR STREET CHILDREN

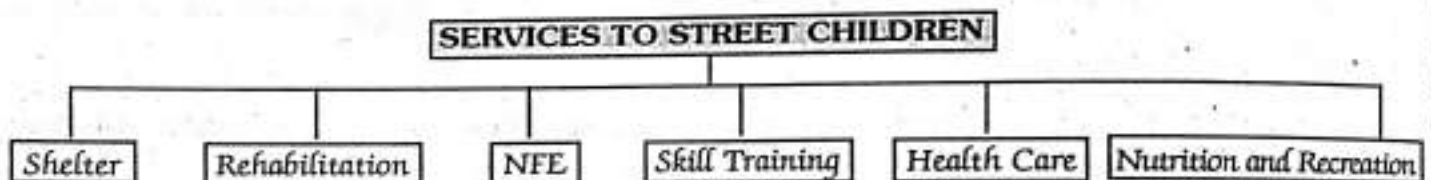
(Sponsored by Department of Social Defence Govt. TN)

"Born to live. Let's lead them not to live in the streets".

Street children are those who live on the streets, pavements or in the slums. They spend most of their time on the street engaged in various activities like rag picking and doing odd jobs like selling tea and snacks in cinema houses, hotels etc., These children are on the streets for various reasons like poor economic condition, family ties, child neglect, abuse and exploitation, broken families etc., Like this, millions of children are wandering in the streets of cities and towns and it is a grim reminder of the failure of society. SOC SEAD has taken steps to give care to these children, nourish them and educate them to be worthy citizens of this country

The main objective of this programme is to protect the children against abuse, and exploitation, and to prevent them from destitution, withdrawal of children from street life and to place them in mainstream. With this aim, SOC SEAD is working with street children in the age group of 8-15 years. 25 boys and 25 girls are the beneficiaries of this programme. SOC SEAD provides NFE education to these children with the help of 2 teachers. Children enjoy learning because they are taught through playway method. For the welfare of these street children, SOC SEAD is rendering day shelter and also provides nutritious food to the individual is one of the highlight of this programme. The street children are also supplied eggs once in a week.

The various services to street children are :



ACTIVITIES OF SOC SEAD

- ✓ Street contact
- ✓ Home placement
- ✓ NFE Enrollment
- ✓ Food & Clothing
- ✓ Sports & Competition
- ✓ Recreation
- ✓ Celebration
- ✓ Public Awareness



Vocational Training

Noon-meal provision to street children



- ✓ Counselling to those who are mentally, emotionally disturbed and frustrated.
- ✓ Vocational training to the children above 14 years.
 - ✓ Binding
 - ✓ Tailoring
 - ✓ Embroidary Card Making

SOC SEAD has been trying to prevent children from running away from their homes.

FREE THE CHILDREN

"The child is the seed of future national growth"

'Children are the pride and future of any nation'. The problem faced by these children in our society are innumerable. The ever deepening crisis of child labour in the villages 'Palaiyur and Kallakudi' prick the conscious attention of SOC-SEAD, a concerned organisation reaches out to extend a helping hand to the cries of these child labourers. Through various activities like NFE, vocational training, adult education, distribution of loans, animals, sewing machines and gem cutting machines, SOC-SEAD has been trying its best to eradicate child labourers in these villages. The major objectives of the programme are:

- ✓ Motivation of parents to send their children to school
- ✓ To provide Non-formal education to child labourers and dropouts
- ✓ To provide necessary funds for buying milch animals, gem cutting machine and distribution of sewing machines to the parents, so that they can get permanent income to help & support their children's education
- ✓ To provide nutritious meal every day for each child and periodic medical check up for the children

Achievements of SOC SEAD in "FREE THE CHILDREN" project in the target villages

Activity	Palaiyur Village	Kallakudi Village
No. of children enrolled in school	25	20
No. of dropouts enrolled in school	5	4
No. of child labourers attending NFE	30	30
No. of children attending supplementary education classes	55	45
No. of children covered by health camps	200	200

Self-Employment Scheme:

SOC SEAD is giving loans to certain unemployed persons in the target villages. They can repay the loan without interest and certain amount of concession to the loan takers.

Distribution of Sewing Machine



Dr. Sr. Maria Kamalam

Distribution of Sewing Machine :

Free tailoring course is offered by SOC SEAD and also sewing machines for those who have completed the course in target villages. 5 sewing machines had been donated people of Kallakudi village and 5 to Thiruvarangapatti. (Palaiyur)

Dairy Units

SOC SEAD has provided bank loans to start livestock developmental activities. It has also provided 3 milch animals to villages like Kallakudi and 4 to Thiruvarangapatti village. (Palaiyur)

Vendor Women

Women in the villages are given loans to start small scale business like selling vegetables, fruits, flowers, edibles, etc.

Goatery Units

This unit has 2 phases

(1) Soc Sead has given goatery loans to 100 women at Ayikudi Village and they have to share the new loan goats with others.

(2) Assisting women to purchase goats.

Mahalir Mandram has been formed in these villages. To create awareness among people awareness camp, awareness meeting, medical camp and Mahalir Mandram meeting has been regularly conducted in these target villages.

'FREE THE CHILDREN PROJECT' and its implementation by SOC SEAD has made a commendable impact on the management of child welfare services for the poorest of the poor covering 185 households in Palaiyur & 160 households in Kallakudi village. The intervention of SOC SEAD is particularly meaningful because it is aimed at building up the human resource, the only resource accessible to the poor.

ADOPTION

(Licensed by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Welfare, CARA (Centre Adoption Resource Agency)

If you won't help me, who will? Please give me a chance in life.

"NEW PARENT - CHILD RELATIONSHIP NEED NOT BE BY BLOOD ANY MORE"

Every child has a right to have a home and family irrespective of the nature of their birth and status, based on this motivation factor SOC SEAD children's home at Mambalasalai is functioning by helping childless couples to adopt the children.



Adoption Parents get together for Christmas at SOC SEAD

"EVERY CHILD DESERVES A HOME OF HIS OR HER OWN"

The present day child adoption service is guided by principles of child welfare and the United Nation's declaration on the right of the child to a family and a secure future.

TOTAL NO. OF CHILDREN GIVEN FOR	ADOPTION FOR 1998
Indian Adoption : 138	Total No. of Adoption - 20
Male : 66	Indian Adoption - 10
Female : 72	Male : 5
Total No. of Children given for	Female : 5
Inter Country Adoption : 138	Inter-country Adoption : 10
Male : 79	Male : 4
Female : 59	Female : 6

"Every new born child brings message that God has not lost hope in man"

BALWADIES

CARE TOWARDS WOMEN AND CHILDREN

"Childhood is the most important and impressionable period of life"

To enable the children to have a good and appropriate mental, physical and moral growth from their early childhood, SOC SEAD established Balwadies in villages of Mannachanallur Taluk.

The main objective of opening the Balwadies is to relieve the parents especially rural mothers from their little children in the age group of 2-5 years during the day when they go out to earn their livelihood.

The services of SOC SEAD to women and children through Balwadies are:

- ❖ Children are psychologically strengthened.
- ❖ Children learn adjustability and patience.
- ❖ Awareness and motivation programmes for parents.
- ❖ Child psychology is taught to teachers.
- ❖ Theoretical and practical inputs regarding the care of the children is given by SOC SEAD physician Dr. John to the teachers.
- ❖ Practical demonstration on the preparation of nutritious food with locally available vegetables and cereals for the mothers.
- ❖ Regular medical check-up twice a month.
- ❖ Cultural programmes – songs, dramas, street plays.

All Balwadies function on all working days except Saturdays and Sundays, from 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. SOC SEAD keeps them engaged by teaching them Games, Chores and rhymes. Play way methods are also used for this purpose. The children are free in afternoons.

Parents meeting is conducted regularly on the 3rd Saturday of every month. SOC SEAD sends evaluation committee to assess the progress of Balwadies.

The kids and the parents are happy and they co-operate with SOC SEAD in all its community based activities.

List of Balwadies run by SOC SEAD

S.No.	Place	No. of Children	Teacher's Name
1.	Akkaraipatti	25	P. Yasodha
2.	S.Puthur	25	R. Alakashu
3.	Meetu Inugalur	25	R. Rosi
4.	Salapatti	25	M. Rani
5.	Keelarangaram	25	M. Ananthi
6.	Sri Peramputhur	25	P. Valarmathi
7.	Annanagar	25	D. Marshal
8.	Karugadu	25	R. Dhanalakshmi
9.	Arayipallam	25	R. Rajakumari
10.	Salakadu	25	T. Tamil Selvi

CRECHES

(Sponsored by Central Social Welfare Board)
(Government of India, New Delhi)

The main aim of creches is to take care of the children of working mothers till they return home from their work.

The children in the group of 2-5 years are being taken care of in the Creches run by Soc-Sead in the following areas:-

Mambalasalai	-	2 units
Kovadakurchi	-	2 units
Oliyamangalam	-	1 units
Palakurichi	-	1 units

Each unit consists of 25 children, 1 teachers and 1 ayah. They are provided with

- ❖ Pre-School education
- ❖ Midday meals
- ❖ Health care & recreation facilities.

All these are provided with free of cost.

NON FORMAL EDUCATION

(Aided by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India)
 " Education is to nurture and cause to grow "



Distribution of Note Books by
 Dr. (Sr.) Annie Xavier

poverty, ignorance, superstition and all other social injustices. In short to fit in the emerging social order and take the right place in society, we need to cultivate the seed of education in the younger minds through non-formal way.

Education is a process of growth, of the eternalisation and actualisation of human potential. Education can change the lives of an individual by developing their competence, capabilities and creativity. Individuals should be educated to develop confidence to take up new enterprises; to develop sensitivity to problems which affect the community, to become sensitive to the complexities of gender issues; to help eradicate illiteracy,



Centre Review team visited our Office

Category	Boys	Girls	Total
SC & ST	364	388	752
OTHERS	370	374	744
TOTAL	734	762	1496

TRICHY - I

Category	Boys	Girls	Total
SC & ST	372	371	743
OTHERS	362	384	746
TOTAL	734	755	1489

TRICHY - II

"EDUCATION IS AN UNENDING QUEST"

SOC SEAD has been running NFE centres in Trichy corporation areas from as early as 1984. The NFE centres are monitored by 2 project officers & 4 supervisors. There are 50 centres of Trichy I & 50 centres of Trichy II respectively. 3000 learners have been qualified and eligible for further studies in the regular stream of education after completing 3rd year study under primary III level during 98-99. This scheme offers an unique help to educationally abandoned children, school drop outs, children below poverty line especially children below 14 years old.

SOC SEAD provides teaching materials to all learners. The animators are given excellent training so as to handle literacy classes efficiently. Some of the NFE students got admitted into nearby formal schools.

Supervision

Intensive supervision is made by the project officers to maintain strict discipline and punctuality in the centres.

SOC SEAD, while endeavouring for the upliftment of the downtrodden with help on literacy schemes it has effected social mobility, social change and eradication of illiteracy.

"If the poor cannot come to educational institution, education must reach them at the plough, in the factory, everywhere".

WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT

"A Bright future ahead for Women"
*"A change in any historical era shall be determined by
the progress of women's freedom"*

Working women's Hostel

SOC SEAD is concentrating on women's development. We have employed many women. We run working women's hostel named "Anaitthi Nilayam" for the benefit of working women, where the women get safe boarding and lodging.

Womens development



Distribution of loans by the Coordinator
to Rev.Sr.Rita Thyveetil

*"As a girl she is the slave of her father
As a wife she is the slave of her husband
As a mother she is the slave of her son"*

To bring together the women living in the urban slums for empowerment by initiating collective actions among them, SOC SEAD has been mobilising women in all its operational areas and forming them into "Mahalir Mandram and self help groups"

"Mahalir Mandrams" help women to understand themselves, their needs and to organise themselves into groups to make them self-reliant and there by to promote voluntary action among them.

Savings and Credit Schemes

All the developmental activities of SOC SEAD are planned and implemented in consultation with the women members of the respective Mandrams. At present 65 Mahalir Mandrams are formed in and around Trichy, and few of them were registered. Loan was given to 20 women for self-employment from nationalised bank. People's Bank was introduced to encourage the habit of saving among them.

Integrated education for the disabled children

*'It is not pity we seek
but a fair opportunity.
Not even mere acceptance
but oneness
with those around us'*

People with disability have the same fundamental rights, freedom and responsibilities as other people of the same age who don't have a disability.

The disabled need to be cared with extraordinary affection and warmth. They need love and care. We help them in mainstreaming by integrated education and rehabilitating them by placing in vocation which is the real need of the disabled person

Integration is when children with special needs learn in the same schools as their non-disabled peers with the support necessary for them to be successful. It is an attempt to meet the unique needs of every child in a regular school setting.

Without imparting education to disabled children, total literacy cannot be achieved. To promote this, SOC SEAD along with the Department of Rehabilitation Science proposes integrated education to disabled children specially in Karur and Kulithalai wherein this population of children can go to regular schools in these districts with peers of the same age and grade.

DRUG AWARENESS & COUNSELLING CENTRE

(Aided by Ministry of Welfare, Government of India)

Drug consumption has become a common problem in the society which destroys the home and the family unit. Easy accessibility, and group pressure are the main causes of drug addiction. The 'Alcoholics' are treated through the counselling centre for Drug Addicts which was started in 1991 at Trichy and Ayikudi to fight this social evil.

Treatment

The professional team consists of a Doctor, project coordinators, counsellors and community workers. By interacting with the addicts through individual, group and family counselling, group therapy and behaviour therapy, the counsellors and the psychiatrists try to eradicate their problem.

This professional team in SOC SEAD has been rendering services in the aspects of preventive, promotive, curative, follow-up and rehabilitation for the past 8 years successfully.

Their preventive service includes conducting awareness programmes in community, college and schools, Mahalir Mandram workers. The path chosen by SOC SEAD for the betterment of Alcoholics is well laid. So the journey is heading forward without any stumbling blocks. Towards laying this levelled road, SOC SEAD has made tireless and dedicated efforts.

Awareness on Wheels

Place :
Chatram Busstand

Date :
9.12.99

Speaks :
Mr. S. Diaz



Counselling Services at
Counselling Centre for Drug Addicts,
Trichy.

**SERVICES RENDERED BY COUNSELLING CENTRE
FOR DRUG ADDICTS FROM 1998-99**

No.	Name of the Activities	No. of programmes In Trichy Centre	No. of programmes in Ayikudi Centre
I	<u>Preventive Services</u> No. of awareness programme	29	21
II	<u>Counselling Services</u> No. of New clients registered	170	152
	No. of counselling services	973	917
	No. of individual counselling	248	310
	No. of family counselling	147	63
	No. of counselling services for children of alcoholics	20	22
	<u>Therapies</u> No. of therapy	12	22
	No. of behaviour therapy	6	23
	No. of Rehabilitative therapy	47	7
	No. of Recovering clients	260	225
	No. of Recovered clients	42	79
III	<u>Referral services</u> No. of Referral services	13	16
IV	<u>Follow-up services</u> No. of home visits for recovering clients	87	328
	No. of visits for recovered clients	88	342
	No. of letters sent	156	195
V	<u>Rehabilitation services</u> No. of clients referred job placement	75	30
	No. of clients trained for self employment	25	85

HOME FOR THE AGED (YEAR FOR THE AGED)

**"Tomorrow's elderly people are today's adults & yesterday's children"
" Man gets old when he feels old"**

Growing old is a natural process of all human beings, animals and plant life. Oldage is not only white hair and wrinkles, it should not bring a feeling of frustration and being left behind by the new generation. It is not correct to believe that oldage makes the mind dull.

If old people involve themselves in some interesting hobbies, they would forget their age and their problems for the time being.

We should not forget that these old people had done a lot of good for our country, for the youth. And now when they have less physical energy to work, facilities should be provided to them, so that they can pass the remaining period of their life as pleasantly as possible.

SOC SEAD extends its helping hand to the older citizens who are in need of care and support to spend the fag end of their lives in peace and harmony. Home for the aged has been functioning at Ayikudi to look after the needs of elderly people.

This year has been declared as the year of the "AGED". What do we really achieve by declaring a particular year towards a certain cause or section of the people?

What progress are we able to evoke in the life of the persons concerned?

An in-depth probe into the reality is needed to understand this phenomenon. When a particular issue is given nation wide importance, are we satisfied with the lip service we do to that issue, or do we really mean to effect a basic change to the concerned reality?

The year for the "AGED" could either be made into a meaningful one or be left just as a gala function. It all depends on how seriously we take the problems of the aged and how immediately we work upon effecting a change in our culture.

SOC-SEAD strives to answer all these questions by creating a conducive environment to the aged in Ayikudi Oldage Home.

The activities of SOC SEAD

- ❖ Provides a "Home away from home" for the aged.
- ❖ Medical Health Care
- ❖ Counselling
- ❖ Recreational & Spiritual activities

AIDS AWARENESS

"AIDS - The dreadful Monster"

AIDS (Acquired immune deficiency syndrome) is the modern day plague that has shattered the entire human family. It has come to pitch its tent amongst the inhabitants of the earth posing the greatest challenge ever to every 'Nature' and the 'Constitution' of one and all human beings.



Aids Prevention and Counselling Centre

SOC SEAD has been conducting Aids awareness programmes and its prevention in many schools, college students, teachers and parents. Now Soc Sead extends its helping hand to HIV affected children.

SOC SEAD is seriously concerned in caring for the children born either with HIV +ve or -ve of the infected mothers.

Objects

*Residential care for children born with HIV +ve or -ve of the infected mothers and ensuring their integrated growth in the spheres of physical, personal, social, emotional and intellectual for a span of 5 years initially.

Either in the presence or in the absence of their parents, we feel the compulsion to extend all care in a homely set up. The proposed "Home for these unfortunates" is located at Mannachanallur block of Trichy District.

ACTIVITIES

To achieve this objective, the following activities are undertaken ;

1. Providing them a decent shelter.
2. Providing them nutritious diet.
3. Providing necessary garments
4. Providing health care, healthy environment
5. Providing good physical exercise
6. Providing healthy social, moral and emotional guidance and support.
7. Providing good education.
8. Entertaining respective parents/guardians.
9. Offering post test counselling to parents.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Home for the Homeless

Everybody needs a shelter to stay. Soc Sead has constructed 99 houses at Melapatty village and 80 houses in Ayikudi village, where there is a home for the aged.

Drinking Water

SOC SEAD provided protected drinking water in the village S.Pudur by supplying borewells with hand pumps.

Community Centre

Community centre at Ayikudi is very useful to the rural people for conducting Training Programme, meetings, festivals etc.

Health Awareness

People never bother about their health. One of the many things people are badly in need of is health awareness. The "Anesvad" health workers have conducted health awareness programmes in 30 villages.

Training Programme & Relief Services

We are specialized in giving training to new entrants in all the fields. The main objective of training programmes is to provide adequate knowledge to the developmental workers, sisters and staff involved/interested in developmental ACTIVITIES

Relief Services

SOC SEAD has been rendering relief services whenever the need arises. Free medical service is given to the affected people. To meet the emergency situation loans are given.

Forgotten Children

"The children of today are the leaders of tomorrow"

Principal of Holy Cross College identified one village namely varakuppai in Pullambadi Taluk where the children lack everything. SOC SEAD gave good nutritious and hygienic food to these children. Parents are given awareness programmes regarding educating the children. SOC SEAD will support and help these children forever and ever.

TRAINING PROGRAMME ATTENDED BY THE STAFF

1998	March	9-12	T.N. Social Service Society (TRI) Women Development Workers Training	Mrs. Rajeswari Mrs. Emelda
		11-15	CHAI (TRI) "Health Workers & Field Workers Training"	
		20-21	Guild of service - Madras " Women & Child Rights"	Mr. J.C. Prince
1998	April	17	Elimination of Child labour Carithas meeting at Salem.	Ms. J.H. Salomy
1998	May	30	Carithas meeting - Tirupur Partners	Mr. N. Jeganathan
1998	June	4-7	Orientation Training Course at Chennai - Madras School Social work	Mr. J.C. Prince
1998	July	22 - 25	Carithas Partners III phase meeting at Kanchipuram	Sr. Rita Thyveettil & Alithya
		30-01	Carithas Animators Training at Dindigul	Mr. Jeganathan & Mr. Jerald
1998	August	06-09	Carithas Executive training II Phase at Chennai	Sr. Rita Thyveettil & Ms. Alithya
		09-11	FCC Peer Review meeting at Sivakangal	Ms. S. Sumathy & Ms. Rebecal
1998	November	4 -7	FCC Madras School of social work 4 day Refresher course	Ms. Sumathy
		5	Carithas II Phase 3 level Training at leisa network at Trichy	Ms. Malini
		17-20	Carithas Training of Co-ordinators at Nagarkovil	Mr. N. Jeganathan & Ms. Malini
		26-28	Carithas Directors Meeting at AREDS - Aravanapet Karur	Mr. N. Jeganathan & Ms. Malini

1998	Dec	7- 9	Social Defence at Chennai Project Co-ordinators meetings	Mr.N.Jeganathan
1999	January	27	CHEERS meeting at Collectorate	Mr.N.Jeganathan
1999	February	2-03	VCA Meeting at Chennai	Sr.Maria Kamalam
		12-13	Social Defence meeting at Trichy	Sr.Rita Thyveettil & Mrs. Janaki.
		17	NFE Meeting at Chennai	Mr.K.S.Krishnamoorthy
		18-20	Carithas III Phase Animators Training at Courttalam	Mrs. Emelda & Mrs. Rajeshwari
		20	District Panchayat meeting at St.Joseph's College, Trichy	Sr.Rita Thyveettil
		24-25	NFE Animators Refresher Training programme at SOC SEAD Seminar Hall	Mrs. Saroja
		27	FCC Marriage Counselling At Bishop Heber College Trichy	Ms. Sumathy
1999	March	2	Carithas Meeting at Madurai	Sr. Rita Thyveettil
		26-27	Carithas Meeting at Deepam, Trichy	Sr. Rita Thyveettil & Ms. Malini
		27	VCA Meeting at Chennai	Ms. Bindhu & Mr. Martin

CELEBRATIONS

1998	December	27	Sr. Rita Thyveettil's Golden Jubilee Celebration at Contonment, Trichy.
1999	January	12	SOC SEAD day, Christmas Day & Sr. Rita's Golden Jubilee Celebration.
1999	March	2	International Women's Day Celebration. Chief Guest Mrs. Saraswathi, DSWO.

A CRY FOR THE WORLD

*There are many a things, I would say
Which routines of life keep at bay
But one little thought I would like to share
To let you know I do care.*

*Peace, Peace says the World,
But it does not exist anywhere, only in world,
With fights and feuds all over the earth
Making life an agony from its birth,
People with painful, Sorrow - filled eyes, weep,
No one could see these tears*

So

*One little prayer let us make
With genuine concern, for those,
To show that we are really ready to share
and care*

*For, the suffering people every where
Praise the Lord*

- Bindhu Joseph.