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To,
The Chief Education Officer,
Vellore District.

Sir/Madam,

Sub: Request for your support for the upcoming online awareness programme on 19th October 2023 from 02:00pm to 04:00pm for the School Principals and the School Headmasters / Head mistresses in Vellore District "Child safety & Well-being and Consensus Building on Project CACA" being organized by Vellore District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) in collaboration with NGO Social Axiom Foundation - Project CACA (Children Against Child Abuse). A need of the hour, Project CACA is an academic safety programme that aligns with the objectives of the Gazette Notification POCSO Rules 2020 and various other government guidelines – Reg.

Ref: 1. Rule 3 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Rules, 2020.
2. Letter received from the Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority, Chennai in TNSLSA.No.5447/S3/2023, dated 03.10.2023.
3. Request of Ms. Harini.S, Advocacy Ambassador, Project CACA - Children Against Child Abuse Social Axiom Foundation (SAF), dated 03.10.2023.

It is with great pleasure that I bring to your kind attention to an upcoming event of significant importance that the District Legal Services Authority, Vellore is organizing in collaboration with NGO Social Axiom Foundation - Project CACA (Children Against Child Abuse):

A two-hour online webinar on "Child safety & Well-being and Consensus Building on Project CACA" covering Legal POCSO Act, Juvenile Justice Act & Legal Services. It is scheduled to take place via the online platform Zoom –

Particulars of the webinar:-

- **Mode:** Online Webinar
- **Webinar Platform:** Zoom
- **Webinar date:** 19th October 2023.
- **Timings:** 02:00pm to 04:00pm
- **Webinar Duration:** 120 minutes
- **No. of participants:** Up to 1000 participants
- **Language of the webinar:** English

Objective of the webinar:

As a capacity-building webinar, it will help principals put together a policy framework to further define the roles and responsibilities of the stakeholders at the grassroots level. The objectives of the webinar:

1. Raise legal awareness as well as sensitize the School Principals and the School Headmasters / Headmistresses of Vellore district on the POCSO Act, 2012 and JJ Act.
2. Raise legal awareness as well as sensitize about different kinds of abuses that children face and their prevention.
3. Help schools formulate a child safety and well-being committee and implement policies to ensure an enabling and empowering environment for the children.
4. Introduction of "Project CACA – A safety programme for schools to keep our students Happy, Healthy and Safe" to all the principals and heads of the schools to build consensus on its implementation under the school safety policy in accordance with the Gazette notification of POCSO Rules 2020.
5. Introduction of DLSAs and various services provided by them.

In the light of this, I request you to issue necessary instructions to the Principals and the Heads of the Schools in Vellore District to participate in the aforesaid online webinar. We solicit the support in form of:

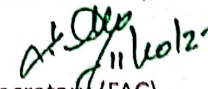
- a) A formal invitation letter from your office issued to the School Principals and the School Headmasters / Headmistresses in Vellore District soliciting their participation.
- b) Providing a list of the School Principals, School Headmasters / Headmistresses in Vellore District along with their names, designation, contact number, WhatsApp, email, etc., from your jurisdictional area at the earliest.

We believe their presence and engagement in this programme will help promote a safer environment for our children and ensure that these essential laws are well understood and implemented. Furthermore, their active participation will significantly contribute to the dissemination of vital information on Children's Wellbeing and Safety, the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, and the Juvenile Justice Act.

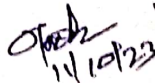
The empowerment of children is the need of the hour and can be the single most impactful step that can be taken to challenge and face the issue of child abuse. We solicit your kind support in encouraging the schools to implement Project CACA in Vellore District. It shall go a long way in ensuring an enabling and empowering environment for the children in schools.

Working on the safety of children and their well-being is a collaborative effort and will take the participation of all the stakeholders. We are confident that with your support, this event will make a positive impact in our community. We eagerly await your response and the imperative support.

Yours faithfully,


Secretary (FAC)

District Legal Services Authority,
Vellore.


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