

A Short report on the workshop on “Child Rights” held on 11.12.2014

Workshop on Child Rights was organised by Department of Social Work, Bharathidasan University, Khajamalai campus, Tiruchirappalli on 11th December, 2014. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr.K.Shanmugavelayudham, Managing Trustee, “For You Child”, Chennai and Advocate S.Martin, President, Trichy Bar Association. The total number of 100 participants took part in this workshop. Mr.Martin said it is the duty of social workers to understand the convention in all countries. In order to protect and promote the civil, political, economical, social health and cultural rights of children, India signed Convention on the rights of the child on November 20th, 1989 and it came into force on September 2nd, 1990. Though convention has set a universal standard for protection of child rights, it is yet to be implemented fully. It is the duty of social workers to understand the convention and ensure its implementation across the globe. Dr.K.Shanmugavelayudham, Managing Trustee of ‘For You Child’, a Chennai based NGO, urged for the implementation of child rights and protection laws in India. Education is the basic right of children and the state should take measures for effective implementation on Right to Education Act. Now 75 per cent of the parents prefer to send their children to private schools due to poor standard of government schools and this should be changed, he said. The workshop was finished by delivering vote of thanks, given by Dr.V.Sethuramalingam, Head, Department of Social Work, Bharathidasan University.