

Module 2: District Child Protection Unit

Session 1: Introduction to DCPU and its Structure

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Let's us first of all learn the definition of DCPU.

DCPU means a Child Protection Unit for a District, established by the State Government under Section 106 of the JJ Act, which is the focal point to ensure the implementation of JJ Act and other child protection measures in the district. – Sec 2 (26), JJ Act, 2015

The setting up and functioning of the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) is the key responsibility of the State Child Protection Society (SCPS). DCPU is the fundamental unit for implementation of the Child Protection scheme in every district.

Let us learn the structure of the DCPU through a flow chart

The DCPU functions under the overall administrative control and supervision of the DM of the concerned district, who is also the co-chairperson of District Child Protection Committee (DCPC).

1. The District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) is the nodal person in the DCPU.
2. Other key functionaries include the Protection Officer (Institutional Care), Protection Officer (Non-Institutional Care), and Legal cum Probation Officer
3. Under Protection Officer Institutional care we have other officials i.e. Counsellor, Social worker, Outreach Worker and Community Volunteer.
4. Counsellor, Social worker, and Outreach Worker also come under Protection Officer- Non – institutional Care
5. Under Legal cum Probation officer we again have Social worker, Outreach worker and community Volunteer
6. The DCPU structure also includes Accountant and Assistant cum Data Entry Operator

DCPU performs a number of roles and responsibilities under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Rules, 2016

These broadly include

- Reporting and Review
- Coordination and Liaising
- Maintaining Database
- Identification and Assessment
- Other Major Responsibilities