

LEGAL AWARENESS EVENT: "GOOD TOUCH- BAD TOUCH AND CHILD RIGHTS"

ABSTRACT: This event is conducted by a volunteer Legal Aid Centre, SLS,NOIDA, in a Junior High School and students were made aware about their rights, good and bad touch and childline helpline 1098. Display of 'Komal' movie, pamphlet distribution and GK Competition were some ways to make them aware about the issues concerned.

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1. Concept note

The Legal Aid Centre at Symbiosis Law School, Noida, conducts various activities and awareness programs to sensitize the society towards different legal and social issues. In order to escalate the purpose, an awareness program was conducted in one of the Junior High School in Mujaihra Block of Mirzapur district, Uttar Pradesh on December 10, 2018.

As an extension of the above initiative I, a volunteer of Legal Aid Centre, conducted this program in association with Childline team of Mirzapur. It is so important to make children aware about their legal rights and praise them to demand for it accordingly if they are barred off. Moreover, in today's scenario the need of letting them know about Good touch-Bad touch is so essential because if they are aware enough, obviously a crime can be prevented beforehand. Keeping these in mind the LAC Volunteer strove to impart a basic knowledge on these issues in order to make them a little more aware about their surrounding as well as benefits they can get from Childline helpline number 1098.

2. Objective

The main objective of the LAC Volunteer are as follows -

- To make them aware about their basic rights so that they can avail for it whenever needed.
- To make the target audience more responsible towards the society they live in.

- To create awareness regarding one of the very effective project of Ministry of Women and Child Development, i.e., CHILDLINE India.

3. Preliminary Preparations

- Before the event few preparations were made, like-
- Brushing up on the knowledge of child rights, Good touch-Bad touch and Childline helpline.
- Contacting to one of the junior high school and Childline team to conduct the event.
- Printing of pamphlets related to Childline as well as Good Touch-Bad Touch.
- Printing of GK question papers related to child rights in order to conduct a competition on it.

4. Conducting the program

The event was organized in a government school of Mujaihra, Mirzapur. The place was selected and the authorities were informed beforehand in order to execute the campaign smoothly. A banner was also prepared on a chart paper for Human Rights Day, displaying the name of SLS, Noida and Legal Aid Centre so as to make students aware about the event organizing institution.

When we reached the school, it was the time for Mid Day Meal and it was very unfortunate seeing such a miserable food and students seating on floors even in winter. After some arrangements event was started and the

students were told about Human Rights Day. As the event was held in concern with issues like Child Rights, Good Touch-Bad Touch and Childline, so there was a quick interaction with students about the rights they possess and what I came across was that they were completely unaware of it. So, I tried to tell them about it. During the session on Good and bad touch I felt like girls were feeling awkward, the reason could have been that they were never told about these things. So in order to make them comfortable enough and telling them about the issue in a innovative way, 'Komal' movie was displayed. I was well prepared with Projector but in the absence of electricity it was not possible to execute my idea, so I opted to show them on laptop and precede the event. I along with the Childline team made them aware about Childline helpline number 1098, its role and importance in our society. Then a GK competition was held on child rights and first three highest scorers were awarded. Last but not the least, pamphlets on childline and good touch-bad touch were distributed to students as well as to the teachers.

5. Response of the target population

The students were completely unknown about all the concerned issues of the event. As students were in junior classes, initially they were not that much interested but after the movie and interactive sessions they sincerely paid their attention. There was so much enthusiasm in them while doing the GK worksheet and getting award in return added their happiness.

6. Future plan of action

Just one session is not enough to make a target audience aware and enlighten about various important issues. I could only provide them with some basic points rather than going into details. According to me, more events related to these issues will help in achieving the goal of our campaign.

7. Feedback

Various ways in which the program could be better conducted in future are as follows:-

Number of Volunteers - The number of volunteers for the program should be definitely more than one, because if there are more helping hands, then the objective could be better served and achieved.

Collaboration with NGO - If there were any collaboration with NGO working especially on children, it would have been like garnishing a dish.

Prior information - Though the campaign was successfully organized, I think if there would have been more time, the event could have been more creative in nature.

8. Conclusion \ Remarks

This was the first time, I was indulged in any campaigning activity. And executing it on an individual level it was a learning experience for me. I

got to know about the condition of government schools and the mind set of students in village areas. But the enthusiasm of students was so appealing and I enjoyed it a lot. Overall this was a great experience and learning process as a Legal Aid volunteer.

(The photographs relating to this program are attached as annexure 'A')

ANNEXURE 'A': PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE EVENT

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ANNEXURE B: SOCIAL MEDIA COVERAGE

