A Child Rights-Based Approach to Public Services

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The Five Goal Areas of the CFCI

The right to social services
UNCRC and Public Services

- Article 20 & 25 right to be looked after
- Article 24 right to health
- Article 27 right to adequate standard of living
- Article 28 & 29 right to education
- Article 31 right to play and leisure
- Article 37 & 40 youth justice
A CHILD RIGHTS BASED APPROACH

INTERDEPENDENCE AND INDIVISIBILITY

DIGNITY

PARTICIPATION

BEST INTERESTS

LIFE, SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT

TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

NON-DISCRIMINATION

CHILD RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH:
THE 7 PRINCIPLES
Public services are rights-based when

- Practice is child-centred and relationship-based
- Children have influence
- Recent qualitative data is applied to service design
- “Systems practice” and multi-sectoral cooperation is in place
- Staff are supported with ‘child rights in practice’ training
- CRIA and CRBA principles are used to frame policy and practice
Benefits

- Builds resilience (int. & ext.)
- Longer engagement in services
- More relevant services
- More cost-effective services
- Common local framework & better cooperation
- Advances children’s rights
Panel Discussion

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Thank you!