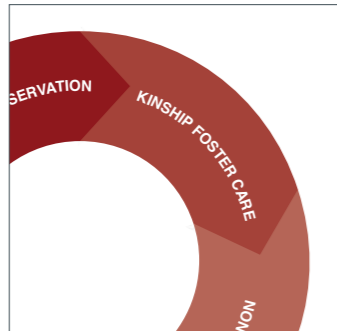


**FOSTER CARE INDIA**

**2015 Manifesto**



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# Foster Care India and our pledge

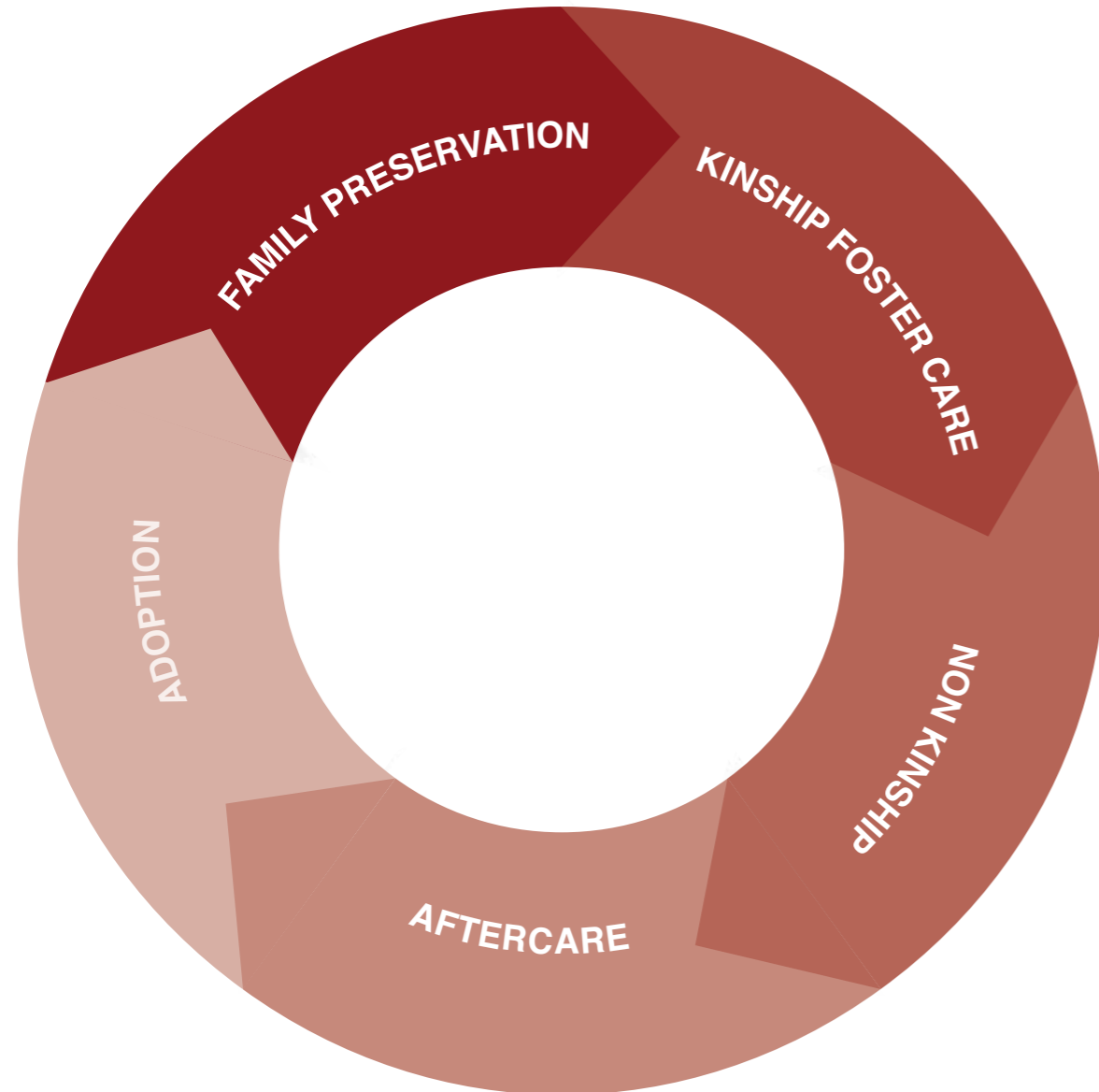
**Foster Care India (FCI), with the support of Core Assets, is redefining the continuum of care. We are pioneering a spectrum of Non Institutional Alternative Care services.**

The importance of **family**, the **rights** and **dignity** of all children are at the heart of all we do.

**This manifesto is a pledge to:**  
Provide and promote Non Institutional Alternative Care

(NIAC) services that are in the best interest of the child, and establish and build capacity to uphold quality standards in Non Institutional Alternative Care (NIAC).

We will provide and promote the following services in this **continuum of care**



The **UNCRC** and the **UN Alternative Care Guidelines** emphasize the importance of keeping a child within his/her own family whenever possible.

Family preservation includes services of counselling (for the child, parents, extended family and community), training, reunification and sponsorship.

Family Preservation services are provided to support any/ all biologically related caretakers.

## Standards of Quality

- Assure that every child's rights are protected and promoted.
- Assure that in every moment of a child's life he/she is connected with at least one family member in order to nurture a sense of belonging.
- Assure that the number of children who come into care is reduced.

# Kinship Foster Care

**A child who cannot be cared for by his/her own biological parents can then be placed with biologically related extended family. This is Kinship Foster Care.**

A Kinship Foster Care system should be purposeful, efficient and friendly for children, caregivers and administrators.

Kinship Carers have to be recognised by a competent authority as a 'fit person'.

Specialised services are needed in kinship foster care to ensure that:

- Informal kinship arrangements are recognised and supported
- Monitoring and evaluation systems are in place for kinship placements
- kinship carers receive training as required



## Standards of Quality

- Assure that every child's rights are protected and promoted.
- Assure that the Kinship Foster Care system is comprehensive and efficient.
- Assure that accountability in the Kinship Foster Care system is upheld.
- Assure that children, caregivers and administrators feel valued and supported

# Non Kinship Foster Care

**When the biological family is unable to care for a child, he/she is best cared for in a family rather than in an institution. This in accordance with the UNCRC and the UN Alternative Care Guidelines.**

Non Kinship Foster Carers have to be recognised by a competent authority as a 'fit person'.

A Foster Care system includes effective recruitment, orientation and training of carers, supporting them through every step of the application process, proper matching of child to carers, case management, counselling services, monitoring and evaluation.



## Standards of Quality

- Assure that every child's rights are protected and promoted.
- Assure that the Foster Care system is comprehensive and efficient
- Assure that accountability in the Foster Care system is upheld
- Assure that children, caregivers and administrators feel valued and supported



## Aftercare

**Aftercare services assist with transitions to adulthood and independence and provide youth with opportunities that they might not otherwise receive.**

Aftercare services are for children who have been in care or deprived of a stable family environment, and are 18 years of age or above.

## Standards of Quality

- Assure that every child's rights are protected and promoted.
- Assure that youth are equipped with confidence, skills and resources for adulthood.
- Assure that every child leaving care feels supported and connected to society.

# Adoption

**Foster Care India believes that adoption can be in the 'best interest of the child'.**

Foster Care India provides information on adoption and connects children and families

who are interested/ eligible for adoption with licensed adoption agencies.





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