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**Social Change and Reform in India - The Policy/ Government
 Considerations of Shifting from Institutions as a
 First Resort to a Last Resort for Our Country's Children.**



SPEAKER

Mr. Forber-Pratt
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Mr. Forber-Pratt is graduate from Washington University's Brown School of Social Work in Saint Louis, Missouri, USA. He is an expert in the field of foster care, alternative care and care systems reform in India. He is a board member of the International Foster Care Organisation (UK) and a counsellor for the Centralised Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) which is a statutory body of Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India.

As an adoptee himself he understands the needs of children and families in India. He works on the national level to help promote safer and stronger families in india. He advised on the first foster care legislation in the history of India at the state level in Rajasthan (2014) and at the Central level (2015). He represented the concept of family-based care in India at the 30th session Human Rights Council at the United Nations in Geneva in September 2015.

Abstract

Mr. Forber Pratt's lecture is about the field of Alternative Care in India and the transition from a reliance on orphanages (institutions) to one on family based care. The transition can be called true social reform and the multi-dimensional complexities are relevant across the social sector.

Social change and reform is difficult and takes generations. Ian Anand will explain the concept of Alternative Care as care and protection of children separated from families or at risk of being so. He will explain that the gap between policy and practice in India is huge and that social work, legal, education and all related fields must come together for the protection of our children in India.

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