



Charter of Intersex Children's Foundation of India

The Intersex Children's Foundation of India is steadfast in its commitment to upholding the inherent dignity and fundamental human rights of every intersex child within the Indian nation. We firmly assert that each intersex child is entitled to the full spectrum of basic human rights, which serve as the bedrock of their existence and development. Our mission is dedicated to cultivating a world where the rights of intersex children are not only acknowledged but vigorously safeguarded.

Central to our vision is the recognition and protection of the rights enshrined within the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and the principles laid out in the Constitution of India. We advocate for the realization of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health for intersex children, ensuring that they receive equitable access to healthcare services that address their unique needs and circumstances.

Moreover, the Intersex Children's Foundation of India staunchly upholds the principle of bodily integrity, affirming that every intersex child possesses an inherent right to autonomy over their body. This includes the right to make informed decisions regarding medical interventions and treatments, free from coercion or unnecessary medical procedures. We recognize the critical importance of distinguishing between consent and assent in ensuring the maintenance of bodily autonomy for intersex children. While consent pertains to the legal and ethical capacity of an individual to make decisions about their medical care, assent refers to the agreement given by a child or adolescent, typically with the guidance of their parents or guardians. Healthcare providers and policymakers must understand and respect the distinction between these concepts, recognizing that while children may provide assent, ultimate decision-making authority should rest with individuals capable of as long as informed consent. By incorporating this principle of distinction into medical practices and policies, we can safeguard the bodily autonomy of intersex children, ensuring that their voices and choices are respected throughout the decision-making process regarding their healthcare.

We also champion the right to dignity for intersex children, which encompasses their right to equality and protection against discrimination in all spheres of life, both public and private. Discrimination based on intersex status is unequivocally prohibited, and we are committed to fostering an inclusive society where intersex children are valued and respected for who they are. Recognizing the paramount significance of creating an enabling environment for intersex children to thrive, the Intersex Children's Foundation of India (ICFI) is steadfast in its commitment to implementing comprehensive strategies aimed at their holistic development and empowerment. We understand that fostering an inclusive society requires concerted efforts across multiple fronts, including education, advocacy, and community engagement.



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Furthermore, we advocate for the inclusion of intersex perspectives and experiences in broader discussions on gender and sexuality, working to challenge stereotypes and promote greater awareness and acceptance of intersex variations.

In pursuit of our overarching objectives, the Intersex Children's Foundation of India (ICFI) actively engages in collaborative efforts with governmental bodies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and civil society actors to advance legislative and policy reforms that uphold the rights and dignity of intersex children. ICFI endeavors to leverage collective expertise and influence through strategic partnerships and alliances, to effect meaningful change at national and regional levels.

S. No.	Commitment Area	Commitment Description
1	Advocacy and Policy Reform	<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Lobbying for inclusive educational policies, curriculum reforms, and sensitivity training for educators.ii. Advocating for healthcare policies, protocols, and standard operating procedures (SOPs) at national and state levels.iii. Working with governmental bodies to prioritize intersex rights in national development agendas.
2	Community Engagement and Awareness	<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Conducting community outreach, awareness campaigns, and workshops to promote understanding and acceptance of intersex variations.ii. Establishing peer support networks and empowerment programs for intersex children and families.iii. Mobilizing communities to challenge stigma and discrimination against intersex individuals.
3	Capacity Building and Training	<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Providing capacity-building support and training to healthcare professionals, educators, and stakeholders.ii. Equipping stakeholders with knowledge and tools to address intersex-related issues effectively.iii. Promoting inclusive practices and advocating for intersex rights.
4	Legal Recognition and Advocacy	<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Advocating for legal recognition of intersex identity and rights separate from the LGBTQ+ umbrella.ii. Engaging in legal advocacy efforts to challenge discriminatory laws and practices.iii. Upholding the rights and dignity of intersex individuals through legal means.



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5	Research and Data Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Supporting research initiatives and data collection efforts to advance scientific understanding of intersex variations.i. Advocating for inclusion of intersex-specific data collection in national health surveys and research studies.ii. Lobby for the establishment of a National Intersex Registry to systematically collect demographic, health, and social data on intersex individuals. This would serve as a crucial tool for tracking healthcare outcomes, identifying disparities, and informing evidence-based policies and practices.
6	Multidisciplinary Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Advocate for the establishment of multidisciplinary panels comprising healthcare professionals, legal experts, and intersex advocates to evaluate and approve surgical interventions on intersex children before the surgery.ii. Facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration and policy development to address the unique needs of intersex individuals.iii. Work towards establishing guidelines and protocols for the ethical and informed treatment of intersex individuals across medical, legal, and social domains.
7	International Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Participating in regional and global forums, conferences, and networks to exchange knowledge and coordinate advocacy efforts.ii. Amplifying the collective voice of intersex advocates on the global stage.iii. Collaborating with international organizations and human rights bodies to develop and implement global initiatives aimed at advancing intersex rights and promoting inclusivity on a broader scale.

Through these commitments, the Intersex Children's Foundation of India is dedicated to advancing a comprehensive agenda that addresses the multifaceted needs of intersex individuals and promotes their rights, dignity, and well-being in all aspects of life.



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