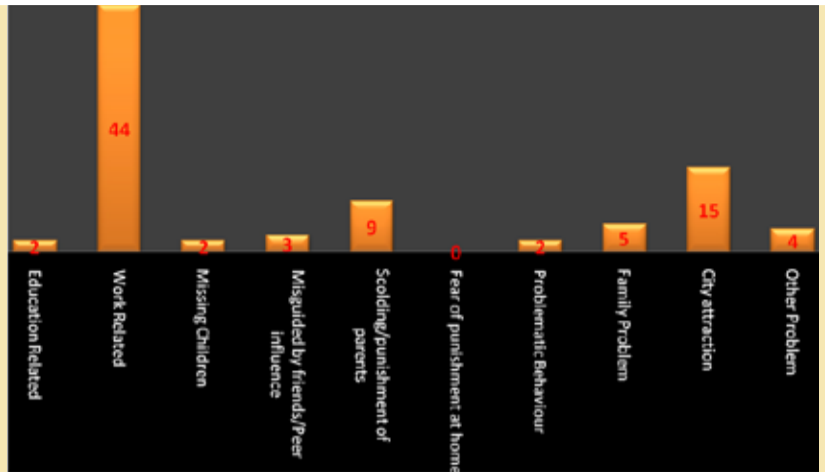




## Society for Children (SOCH)

is a non-profit organization registered under Society Registration Act, 1860. It was established in July 2012 and it's operational in Bhubaneswar, Khordha, Berhampur and Puri cities of Odisha, SOCH works for the welfare of children and youths in difficult situations through its three major projects: Project "RAKSHYAK" (Rescue and Resettlement), Project "PUNARJIVAN" (Behaviour Modification), and Project "PANKH" (Youth Mainstreaming).



## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Heat and humidity continues so does the Rescue work by SOCH. Rescued 86 children from all the three clusters in May.
- Received 12 referral cases from the Stakeholders.
- Mobilized 4 youths under the project Pankh.

Details	No. of Rescue	No. of Resettlement	No. of Referrals Received
Since August 2012 to 31st May 2017	3365	2383	367
For May Month	86	42	12

## SPECIAL THANKS

For understanding and relating to SOCH work & activities and associate as a committed supporter.

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A group of 30-40 members of Auto Drivers Association attended SOCH Awareness meeting @ Puri Railway Station



A group of 20-30 Cleaning Staffs of Bhubaneswar Railway Station attended SOCH Awareness meeting @ Bhubaneswar Railway Station



Rescued Children engaged in Indoor Games @ SOCH Counselling Centre

Platform Intervention @ Puri Railway Station

Children Nutrition @ SOCH Counselling Centre



SOCH Awareness meeting with TTE Staffs @ Bhubaneswar Railway Station



## CHILD RISKS LIFE AND TRAVELS ALONE TO MEET WORKING MOTHER

*This seems to have become very common these days with working parents. We all must have come across numerous such cases, but we will keep on sharing every single such story with a hope, till it instills a work-life balance among the working parents*

24<sup>th</sup> April 2017, SOCH Bhubaneswar: Rahul (name changed) a 14 years old boy hailing from Kalahandi District of Odisha was rescued SOCH Outreaching staff from Platform No. 1 of Bhubaneswar Railway station at around 10:30AM. Being the youngest Son of a middle class family, Rahul studies in class IX<sup>th</sup> stay in the school hostel. He has three elder sisters and one elder brother. Father is a Contract in Kalahandi and Mother works for a Private firm in Cuttack.

Spotted nervous it wasn't difficult for the SOCH Staff to win his confidence and motivate him to come along to complete the formalities at the GRPS. After the formalities and an brief interval Rahul opened up during the counselling session. He came back to home during his vacation to find all family members but his mother. He inquires about her whereabouts with his father who assures she is tied up with her professional responsibilities. But Rahul was beyond consolation and decides to see his mother. As planned he then leaves home without anyone's knowledge for Cuttack and without any knowledge of his Mother's contact address.

Though he possessed a Mobile but the battery was drained out. He reached Bhubaneswar and was wondering confused and nervous which is when he was rescued. As deemed responsible he was educated about the dangerous repercussion of such act by the Counsellor which he realizes and vows not to repeat it in future.

He shares his parents contact details following which his parents were informed about the safety of their son. He was then forwarded to Childline for further care and protection.

On 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017, finally Rahul Nayak was happily reunited with his Mother with the knowledge of Child Welfare Committee. His Mother expressed her heartily gratitude towards the SOCH for good work and support.

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