

# CHILDLINE India Foundation

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As per the data compiled by CHILDLINE India Foundation (CIF), of every 10 calls made to the emergency helpline 1098 to report abuse against children, one was from a survivor desperately seeking help

## What is it?

- CHILDLINE India Foundation (CIF)(an NGO) is the **nodal agency of the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development acting as the parent organization for setting up, managing and monitoring the CHILDLINE 1098 service all over the country.**
- CIF is the **sole agency/body responsible for establishing the CHILDLINE service across the country**, monitoring of service delivery and finance, training, research and documentation, creating awareness, advocacy as well as resource generation for the service.
- It works for the protection of rights of all children aged from 0 to 18.
- **CHILDLINE 1098** was India's first **24-hour, toll-free, phone outreach service** for children
- **Its vision:** A child-friendly nation that guarantees the rights and protection of all children

## History of CHILDLINE

- CHILDLINE first started as a field action project of the **Department of Family and Child Welfare, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Mumbai, in June 1996.**
- It was **founded by Ms. Jeroo Billimoria**, then a professor at TISS.