



## Ankush gets reintegrated with his family

Like many others in a similar situation, Ankush was admitted to a Child Care Institution (CCI) to cope with the severe financial troubles at home. He was only ten at the time.

The CCI where he was staying first broached the topic of reintegration when Ankush's father came for a parents' meeting in the year 2018. At this first meeting, both father and son seemed reluctant about Ankush returning to the family; they thought this would disrupt the child's education. A series of dialogues followed, in which the social workers and other staff members talked the father and son through their apprehensions. They also walked them through the support available from the CCI towards reintegration. Eventually, both Ankush and his father arrived at the realization that they wanted Ankush to return to the family.

A Social Investigation Report (SIR) was prepared for Ankush, and the social worker prepared and updated the Individual Care Plan (ICP) for the child. After a series of assessments and related processes, Ankush returned home in the same year. Per standard practice, Miracle's Thrive Scale™ was used to track 5 dimensions of well-being for the family as a whole and plan interventions according to felt gaps after his return.

Today, Ankush is 20 years old and happily settled with his parents and siblings. Pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Commerce (final year) from a reputed Government PG College, Ankush aims to become an accountant soon.

*(Names changed to protect identities. The photo used is for indicative purposes only. Miracle Foundation does not use real pictures of beneficiary children to protect their identities)*

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The Compendium was commissioned by Changing The Way We Care (CTWWC) through India Alternative Care Network (IACN).

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