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Bringing happiness
to children,

And inspiring them
to dream big

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The government and the National Center for the Rights of the Child (NCRC) are taking the lead in protecting and providing for children.

We are listening to even the smallest voice and lending a hand of hope.

The NCRC is at the forefront of putting child policies into action.



Greetings

The National Center for the Rights of the Child (NCRC) is a public institution dedicated exclusively to promoting children's welfare. Launched on July 16, 2019, the NCRC is a single institution born out of a merger of eight children's welfare agencies in both the public and private sectors operating child welfare programs.

As a government agency, we now take the responsibility of supervising all affairs related to children's welfare for the best interests of the child.

In 2019, four of the eight organizations (Korea Adoption Services, Headquarters for Supporting the Self-reliance of Children, Headquarters of DreamStart, and the National Center for Missing Children) were merged. The next year, in January 2020, the remaining four (the National Child Protection Agency, Headquarters of Community Child Centers, the National Foster Care Center, and Headquarters of the Child Development Account) also merged to form the NCRC.

As a public organization dedicated to child welfare, the NCRC will play a diversity of roles. Above all, we will offer ever-improving expertise in welfare services for vulnerable and needy children and continue to raise public awareness of the child protection system.

In line with our policy paradigm that prioritizes children's rights, the NCRC will also ensure the rights of children to play and their voices to be heard.

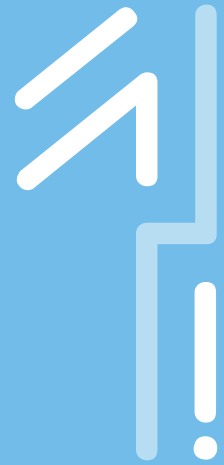
Finally, the NCRC is committed to becoming a hub for child policy, managing information comprehensively and producing, sharing, and disseminating resources.

Korea's child policy now stands at a historic juncture, assuming more responsible for children's well-being. The NCRC is dedicated to translating child policy into practice to bring the best out of our younger generations.

Thank you.

President of the NCRC
Ick-Joong Chung

Ick Joong Chung



NCRC Introduction

How we started



NCRC at a glance



Vision / Mission / Logo



Hand in hand together

Korea's child welfare and protection programs and services, previously run by multiple agencies, are now under a single authority—the NCRC.

With the expertise and experience gained by each agency over years, the NCRC is ready to bring about powerful synergy.



How we started



Child policy into action



All children have a right to be loved, respected, and treated equally. They are entitled to protection and support for growth in a safe and happy environment. The Korean government is implementing comprehensive child policies with the goal of assuming a greater role and more responsibility for children's well-being.

A hub where child policies are put into practice

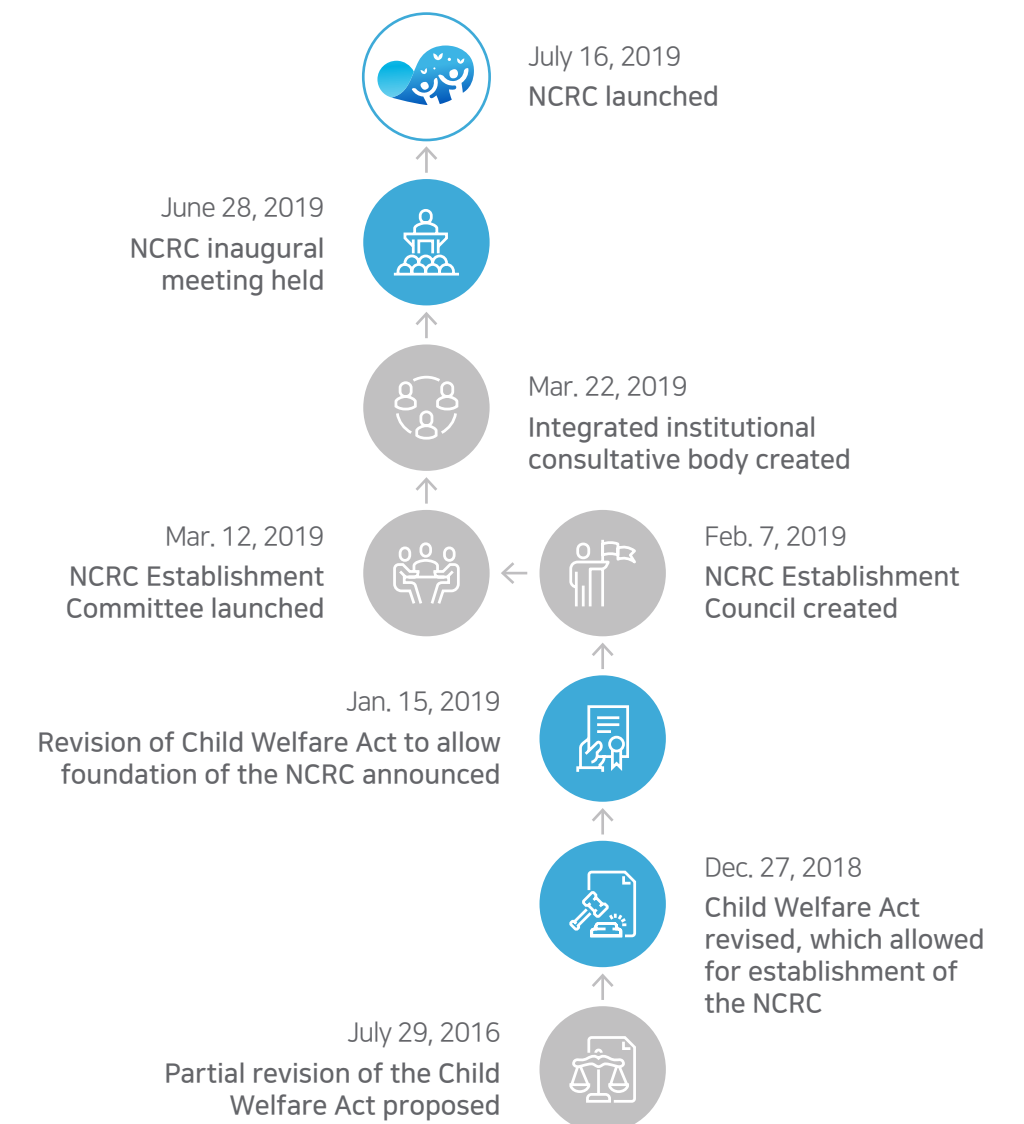


To that end, the Korean government merged eight child welfare organizations into one to create a public system designed to play a vital role in designing policies and programs to support children's rights and making sure no child is left behind.

NCRC at a glance



NCRC launched process





Vision/Mission/Logo



NCRC Vision/Mission



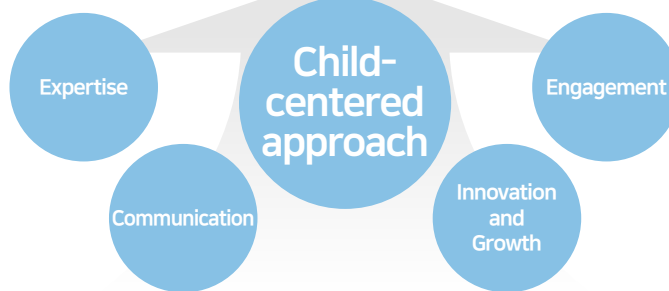
Mission

Making a nation where every child is happy

Vision

Becoming a hub for putting child
policies into practice

Core
value



NCRC Logo



The heart symbol stands for our love
for children and our determination to
embrace them and protect their rights.

The house symbol between the two
children refers to the NCRC reaching
out to children to make them feel at
home under our protection. The sprouts
combined with circles symbolize every
child in Korea.

The light and darker blues convey comfort,
stability, and trust.

Happy children
today,
great leaders
tomorrow





Designing child policies for an inclusive nation

Support for development of child policy



Child policy impact assessments



Strong support for great ideas

Detailed planning is essential for the success of child policy.

The NCRC works closely with the branches of the government to develop various child policies and provides every possible support for positive policy outcomes.

Support for development of child policy



Developing and assessing the Master Plans for Child Policies



We support the government in designing mid-, long-term and yearly strategies for effective policy implementation.

Legal basis Child Welfare Act, Articles 7, 8, and 9

- Major projects**
- Developing a Master Plan for Child Policy every five years
 - Developing yearly implementation plans for child policy, evaluating outcomes for the central and local governments and assessing performance
 - Providing outstanding local governments with consulting services and performance evaluation-based rewards
 - Identifying and promoting examples of outstanding child policy

Supporting operation of the Child Policy Coordination Commission



The Child Policy Coordination Commission is responsible for deliberation on and arbitration related to major child policies.

Legal basis Child Welfare Act, Article 10

- Major projects**
- Support with operation of the Child Policy Coordination Commission*
 - * Deliberation on and arbitration related to the basic direction of child policy, compliance with international child-related treaties, and compliance assessment

Surveys and research on child policy development



The NCRC is engaged in surveying and conducting research on the development of new child policies and improvement of child-related social systems.

Legal basis Child Welfare Act, Article 10-2, Paragraph 2, Subparagraph 12

- Major projects**
- Analysis of child policy trends, discovery of research tasks, computation and management of child-related national statistics, support for the fulfillment of international child-related treaties

Child policy impact assessments



Child policy impact assessments



Before developing and implementing child-centered policies, we analyze and assess the possible impact on children.

Legal basis Child Welfare Act, Article 11-2

- Description**
- Impact assessment of central and local government child policies on children
 - Advisory and consulting services to public offices on improvement of policy based on assessment
 - Promotion of policies with great evaluation outcomes in forums and a variety of other venues





Providing reliable childcare

Integrative case management services for socially vulnerable children

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Community Child Centers(CCCs)

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Community-Based Childcare Centers(CBCCs)



Reliable care within reach

The NCRC engages in a wide range of joint projects with local communities towards all children receiving attention and benefits regardless of economic status, race, or physical and mental condition.

We run training programs to hone the professional skills of childcare facility staff and build safe community-based systems that are readily accessible anywhere across the nation.

Integrative case management services for socially vulnerable children



A fair start guaranteed to all children



Major projects



DreamStart supports integrative case management services for socially vulnerable children in 229 cities, counties, and districts across the nation.

Legal basis Child Welfare Act, Article 37; Enforcement Decree, Article 56

Support for project operation

- Tailoring consulting services for integrative case management
- Operating and managing DreamStart work system

Project operation monitoring and analysis

- Monitoring DreamStart in each city, county, and district
- Improving project monitoring system and inspection index

Publication of research and data

- Analyzing project results and engaging in research on future plans for development
- Publishing project statistical reports, etc.

Capacity building for employees

- Developing and operating education programs
- Developing project manuals
- Project publicity and sponsorship building
- Advertising DreamStart through essay contests
- Promoting partnerships with cities, counties, and districts for sponsorship and collaboration

Integrative case management for children refers to the integrated services tailored to the needs of children in partnership with local organizations and resources. This management comes with clear intervention goals and plans designed after home visits and counseling to identify the child's living conditions and needs.

What is integrative case management for children?



Community Child Centers (CCCs)



After-school care to help parents raise their children in a healthy, safe environment



Major projects



CCCs provide a wide range of services in partnership with local communities to promote the healthy growth and development of school-age children.

Legal basis Child Welfare Act, Article 10-2, Paragraph 2, Subparagraph 8

CCC staff capacity building

- Compulsory training for all employees
- Consulting services necessary for operation of CCCs and support for partnership with relevant organizations

CCC evaluation

- Annual evaluation of selected CCCs

Research

- Panel survey of CCC children
- Building a CCC database

Advertising for improvement of public awareness of CCCs

- Utilizing on- and offline channels to increase public recognition
- Running supporter groups and CCC ambassador programs
- Searching for outstanding projects and holding policy forums

Support for childcare teachers

- Operating and monitoring childcare teacher programs
- Creating teacher training curriculum to accommodate individual teacher experience, specialization, and location

Integration of all resources available to CCCs

- Creating a resource network through the online platform for effective operation of CCCs
- Operating a "Nanum Council" to consolidate partnerships with sponsors
- Scholarship programs for CCC children

Community-Based Childcare Centers (CBCCs)

Ensuring no child is left behind



The NCRC creates childcare programs for elementary school children with local governments for working parents. CBCC provides part-time childcare around school hours to help parents maintain a better work-home balance.

Legal basis Child Welfare Act, Article 44-2

Major projects



Creation of CBCCs

- Consulting services provided to local governments for successful creation of CBCCs.
- Increasing service accessibility through advertisement of CBCCs.
- Invitation extended to outstanding CBCCs to give presentations

Operation of CBCCs

- Providing consulting services tailored to the needs of new CBCCs
- Compulsory training for all employees
- Analyzing center management for program development

Development of assessment system for CBCCs

- Developing minimum standards for childcare services and an assessment index
- Creating an assessment record management system for each center
- Trial assessment based on assessment index

The **NCRC** is
dedicated to creating
a world where
every child is happy.



Promoting child protective services and alternative care

Preventing child abuse and neglect

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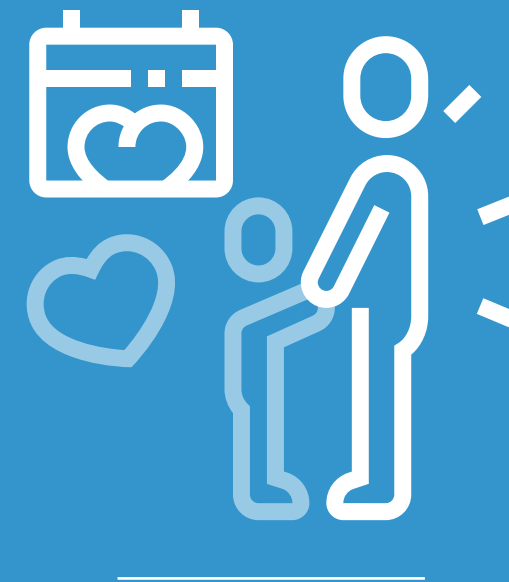
Foster care

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Adoption and post-adoption services

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Preventing children from going missing



Helping hands for children

Many children suffer from abuse,
need a loving home, or go missing.

The NCRC arranges family-style care for
children in need of protection for their well-being
and healthy development.

Preventing child abuse and neglect



Protecting children at risk of abuse and neglect



Major projects



The NCRC is committed to protecting children at risk of abuse and neglect and providing victims of child abuse and their families with services they need.

Legal basis Child Welfare Act, Article 10-2, Paragraph 2, Subparagraph 6, and Article 22, Paragraph 3, Article 29-4, Paragraph 3; Enforcement Ordinance, Article 24, Article 26-9; Act on Special Cases Concerning the Punishment, etc. of Child Abuse Crimes

Support for child protective services(CPS) agencies

- Creating guidelines for CPS agencies and operating working groups

Research on child abuse

- Researching ways to prevent child abuse and the effects of intervention on abuse victims
- Publishing related statistics

Networking

- Promoting partnerships with the Office of Court Administration, Supreme Prosecutors' Office, National Police Agency, and Office of Education to prevent child abuse

Development and assessment of child abuse prevention programs

- Promoting family reunions for victims of child abuse
- CPS agency quality control

CPS worker capacity building

- Developing advanced training for CPS workers and shelter employees

Education and publicity on preventing child abuse

- Education on preventing child abuse and public awareness campaigns

What is child abuse?



"Child abuse" refers to any physical, emotional, or sexual maltreatment or neglect by adults, including caregivers, resulting in actual or potential harm to children's health or wellbeing (Child Welfare Act, Article 3, Paragraph 7).



[Types of child abuse]

Foster care



Home away from home for children in need



The NCRC supports the placement of abused or maltreated children into homes that meet criteria stipulated in the Child Welfare Act with no history of sexual crimes, domestic violence, child abuse, or mental health problems.

Legal basis Child Welfare Act, Article 10-2, Paragraph 2, subparagraph 7; Article 48, Subparagraph 6; Enforcement Decree, Article 50

Major projects



Revision of national law and policy on foster home care

- Offering seminars on foster home care to improve related laws and policies

Public education on the foster care system and recruitment of eligible foster parents

Consolidation of the service support system

- Sharing ideas on improving the service support system for both children and foster parents
- Promoting community participation in foster care
- Increasing support for foster children and foster parents

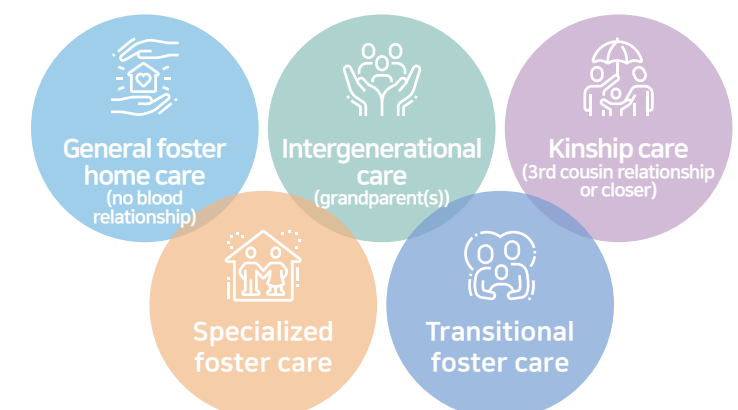
Capacity building for employees

- Standardizing training for employees and foster parents

Research on foster home care

- Research
- Database construction

Types of out-of-home care



Adoption and post-adoption services



Post-adoption services to ensure adoption remains child-centered and reflects children's interests



The NCRC pursues child-centered adoption services and provides post-adoption services to protect the best interests of the child.

Legal basis Child Welfare Act, Article 10-2, Paragraph 2, Subparagraph 9; Act on Special Cases Concerning Adoption, Articles 25, 29, and 36; Enforcement Decree, Articles 14 and 15

Major projects



Research on adoption policy

- Creating reports on compliance with the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption and survey of member nations on its fulfillment
- Revising the Act on Special Cases Concerning Adoption and adoption manual

Post-adoption services

- Supporting adoptees in their search for their biological parents
- Assisting internationally adopted people with citizenship of their adoptive countries
- Post-adoption programs for adoptees and adoptive families
- Assisting international adoptees at risk

Educating the public about adoption

- Leading public campaigns for improving public awareness of adoption
- Celebrating Adoption Day and engaging in on- and off-line promotion

Education for adoptive parents and adoption workers

- Educating adoptive parents, foster parents, and adoption workers in accordance with the Act on Special Cases Concerning Adoption
- Educating adoptive parents who have gone through civil law adoption.

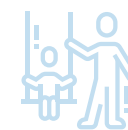
Operation of an integrated adoption management system

- Digitalizing adoption records and adoption database
- Archiving adoption documents

Preventing children from going missing



Preventing children from going missing and supporting the safe return home of missing children



The NCRC strives to prevent children from going missing and help those who are missing return home promptly, for their sake and that of their families.

Legal basis Act on the Protection and Support of Missing Children, Etc., Article 5

Major projects



Support for families of missing children

- Providing child abduction prevention kits and GPS trackers
- Offering counseling services and social · financial support for families of missing children
- Gene coding of missing children and managing genetic database
- Managing information on missing children

Education on preventing child abductions and public awareness campaign

- Offering in-home education on preventing child abductions for children, youth, teachers, and parents
- National campaign designed to increase social awareness of missing children

Campaign to find missing children

- Posting missing children ads
- Utilizing on- and offline channels for campaigns

Honoring National Missing Children's Day

- Marking National Missing Children's Day (May 25) and National Missing Children's Week with a variety of related events

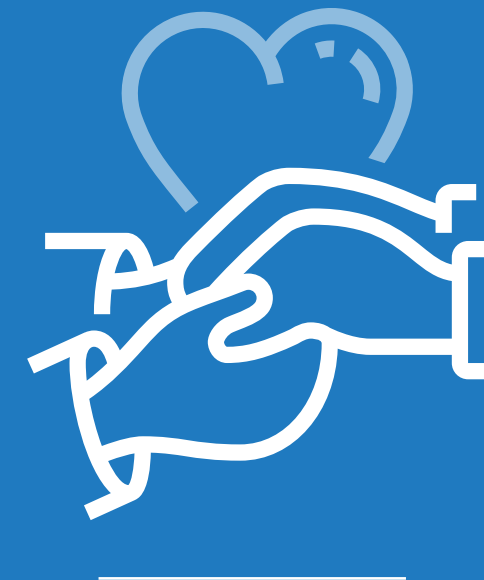


Successful aging out of youth

Supporting youth aging out

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Asset-building for youth



Supporting youth aging out of care

The NCRC provides youth with a system of services necessary to help them as they age out of a formal care system towards successful adjustment to society and growth as independent, contributing members of society.

We also support asset-building efforts to prepare them for financial self-reliance.

Supporting youth aging out

Supporting youth in a care system with adjusting to society and becoming self-reliant



Major projects



The NCRC uses customized education to help adolescents in a care system develop the capacity for self-reliance and ultimately achieve stable self-sufficiency.

Legal basis Child Welfare Act, Article 38; Enforcement Decree, Article 56

Operation of self-reliance education programs for youth in transition

- Camping experiences for youth in a care system and operating a self-reliance experience center
- On- and offline self-reliance education for youth in transition
- Mentoring program for self-reliance (Pinwheel Supporters)

Capacity building for workers at children's homes

- Providing training on capacity building for employees
- Employee burnout prevention training

Comprehensive housing service for youth in transition

- Tailoring case management services to the needs of individual adolescents in transition
- Empowerment of youth eligible for housing support
- Training for integrated case managers in housing support
- Consulting services for institutions responsible for housing support

Support for aging out of youth with borderline intellectual functioning(BIF)

- Continuing and intensive training for teachers working with youth with BIF
- Developing a manual for the project designed to support aging out of youth with BIF
- Consulting services for project participants in each area

Building a network to support aging out youth

- Supporting local institutions that sponsor adolescents close to aging out
- Operating a comprehensive management system to support independent living
- Researching adolescent self-reliance and publishing a manual on aging out and statistical reports
- Operating a consultative body in support of aging out youth

Asset-building for youth

Supporting youth in care systems towards reaching financial independence after aging out



Major projects



The NCRC operates and manages a Child Development Account (CDA) program for youth in transition to build assets for financial independence.

Legal basis Child Welfare Act, Article 42; Enforcement Ordinance, Article 56

Recruitment of sponsors and management of sponsorship fund

- Recruiting sponsors and building a sponsorship fund for children with little savings
- Systematically managing sponsorship fund and active fundraising

Nationwide promotion of the Child Development Account program

- Disseminating PR materials to recruit sponsors
- Partnering with local governments to recruit sponsors

Operation of an information management system

- Promoting fair and transparent fund management through systematic sponsorship applications and sponsor management



Promoting children's rights

Supporting fulfillment of the UN Convention
on the Rights of the Child



Community-driven innovation in play



Happiness in the future children will bring

The NCRC is dedicated to bringing about
the best practices and policies for children.

We strive to fulfill the UN Convention on the
Rights of the Child.

Supporting fulfillment of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child



Building a society that acknowledges children's rights



Major projects



We work to enhance children's rights through education and public campaigns and build a society that acknowledges children as active agents of their own rights.

Legal basis Child Welfare Act, Article 4-6, Enforcement Ordinance, Article 56

Support for deliberation on the national report the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

- Preparing for faithful fulfillment and deliberation on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and international recognition of NCRC efforts to promote children's rights
- Developing annual plans for fulfillment of recommendations made after deliberation on the national report in 2019
- Partnering with government offices, academia, and child-related NGOs for development of implementation plans

Holding the Children's General Assembly of the Republic of Korea

- Assuring children's rights to participate and share ideas through meetings
- Promoting a resolution to be adopted at the Children's General Assembly

Holding a Child Rights Forum

- Holding an expert forum to address recommendations of the UN Committee on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Developing and disseminating online education programs on child rearing

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

- The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child was adopted unanimously in November 1989. It is an international human rights treaty that stipulates children's rights under the four core principles of non-discrimination, devotion to the best interests of the child, the right to life, survival and development, and respect for the views of the child.
- This human rights treaty has been ratified by the greatest number of nations(196) in the UN's history. The Republic of Korea joined the treaty in 1991.

Community-driven innovation in play



Children's play and child-led surroundings



Major projects



In accordance with a recommendation by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, the NCRC strives to create a play environment that meets the needs of local communities for community-driven innovation to ensure that "all children have access to rest and leisure, including sports, as well as sufficient time and facilities to engage in play and recreational activities."

Creation of a system for innovation in play

- Supporting operation of the Play Innovation Committee led by the Ministry of Health and Welfare
- Engaging in surveys on play environment and research on development of play programs
- Operating a working-level committee consisting of child-related organizations, play experts, and spatial designers, and advertising "Guidelines for Play Innovation"

Public education on play for children in local communities

- Reestablishing the concept of "play" and identifying outstanding examples in local communities
- Celebrating National Play Day and organizing conferences on child's play
- Hosting campaigns to increase public awareness of the importance of play in childhood.

Play Innovation Committee

- A specialized committee under the Child Policy Working-level Committee, which itself is under the Prime Minister's Child Policy Coordination Commission
- Up to 20 public and private personnel with relevant government offices and affiliates related to children, as well as play experts and scholars
- Collaboration with other government offices for projects relating to children's right to play and creation of guidelines for innovation of play

The NCRC represents the Korean government's determination to wholeheartedly take on responsibility for the nation's children.

We, the NCRC, play a central role in caring for and protecting children through support for policy development and implementation in the best interests of our children.

We are dedicated to bringing
safety and happiness
to every single child in Korea

