

# International Alternative Care Conference

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## The Role of Gatekeeping in the Transition of Children from Institutional Care

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# Gatekeeping

- **Definition**
  - **Recognised and systematic procedure**
  - **Necessity and Suitability**
  - **Individual needs**
  - **Alternative care for children**

# Gatekeeping

- **4 key roles of Gatekeeping**
  - **Prevent children's separation from families,**
  - **Support the transition of children,**
  - **Place children in alternative care**
  - **Monitor children in care**

## Key Components of Gatekeeping

- **A Collaborative platform** across community-CDNs
- A dedicated **Cadre of professionals-Case management**
- **Community-driven** interventions-Comm. Hub
- Holistic approach for **family support-AFS model**
- **Emergency foster care** and other alternative care

# Gatekeeping Function

## Early Intervention

- Community Meetings
- Use of Media
- Community Empowerment
- Inter-sectorial Networking

## Direct Support to Families

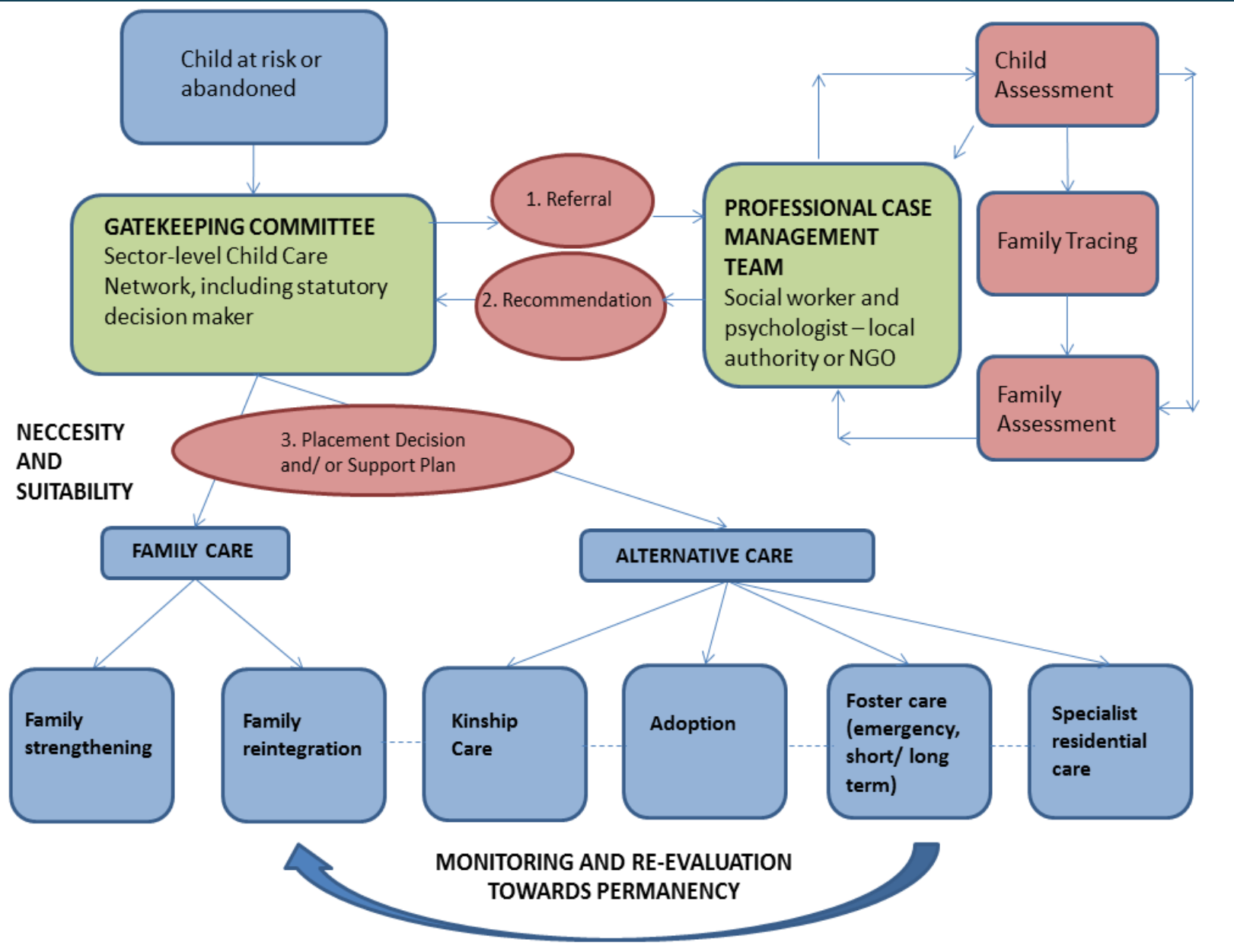
- Identification
- Referral
- Assessment
- AFS Model

## Placement in Alternative Care

- Necessity and Suitability
- Emergency Placement
- Kinship Care
- Foster Care
- Adoption
- Independent Living

**Social Workforce for Monitoring and Quality Services**

# Gatekeeping Framework



## Key Challenges and Strategies

1. Funding gaps
2. National guidelines on alternative care
3. Emerging Social Workforce
4. Day care centres for children with disabilities
5. Referral and coordination mechanisms





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