WE ARE THE MODERN HEROES

THE INCONCEIVABLY TRUE STORY
OF HOW WE DECIDED OUR CHILDREN'S HOMES SHOULD RUN

THIS IS YOUR COPY OF THE RULES FOR YOUR HOME
YOUR OWN CHILD-FRIENDLY VERSION OF THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL CHILDCARE FACILITIES IN NAMIBIA

brought to you by:
Government of the Republic of Namibia
Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare

and the modern heroes at the Namibia Children's Home
You live at a children’s home, or you’re moving into one soon. Everyone who works there will do their best to make you feel at home.

The government makes sure your home follows a rule book, which says exactly how it must take good care of you. The adventure in this comic book will share those rules with you. Kids at the Namibian Children’s Home wrote it by answering the question: “If you got lost on an island and had to make your own home there, how would you want it to run?” The rules in their story are the same as the ones for your children’s home in real life.

(Of course, your home’s rules weren’t actually invented on an island. This is an “inconceivably” true story: “Inconceivable” means you can’t imagine that it’s true. The truth is, 100 children at homes in Caprivi, Komas, and Otjazzandjupa helped write the rules. That makes kids like you the real heroes.)

On different pages in the comic, the heroes say new rules in yellow voice bubbles like this one. (They call them “standards” instead of rules, but that means the same thing.) Every standard has a number and a name. The lighter words that follow the name explain what your home should do to follow that rule.

The heroes write each rule on yellow papers like this. You can find all the finished rules on page 14. Each paper has a story, an编号, and a title, which match the chapters in the story.

(See how number 17 is missing, between 16 and 18? This comic skips some rules that took more about how your home has to work with the government. You can always ask to see all the rules, in the full rule book for your home. This comic is just to get you started.)

The full rule book for your home looks like this. The chapter numbers in the full rule book also match the chapter numbers in the comic, and the numbers on the yellow papers.

Because the rules in this comic all have the same numbers as in your home’s rule book, it’s easy to find them in the full rule book whenever you want to talk about them at your home. If you agree that everything written under each standard is true, then your home is following the rules. If anything isn’t true, your home has more work to do — and you can do something about it. See the back cover to learn how you can get help.

I hope this comic will make your life better, by helping you understand how your home must take care of you, and what you can do if there’s a problem. I’m proud of you for helping your home take good care of all its children!

Sincerely,

The Honorable Raisa Nghidinwa, Member of Parliament, Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare

WHO’S WHO IN THIS COMIC

OBOUTE: BB and super strong. Don’t underestimate him!

LEE: Oboute’s grandson. A master thief who is really so much more.

RAGIN: Looks like a princess, and she can see the future.

PLANET 51: An army hero since he was 16.

CATALYST: Survived for years in the desert by talking with the animals.

CHIEF OVAGANAN: Luckily he’s on the island to help the heroes too, like your social worker in real life.

RICKY & KEVIN, THE BOOM BANG BOYS: Naughty brothers who came to the island first. They make life hard for the heroes.

NEW ENTRANCE: The children’s home was built after they came. It’s an emergency entry way!

VIRUS BOX: Six strangers are travelling to Antarctica, the coldest place on earth. All they know is that the leaders of the world have invited them there, to give each of them a mysterious prize. Their ship is strong enough to break any path across the frozen southern seas...

HOME AWAY FROM HOME

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BASED ON CHARACTERS BY: the modern heroes

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STANDARD 16. WE collect money in good ways.

Achieving the Standard

1. When I came to the home, my loved ones and I got a paper book for my house. There are rules in this book. Every day we have to read the rule for that day.

2. We do not beg or ask for money. We play games and we come to visit the homes and ask if we can have food. We get money from the government and the donors in Namibia.

3. When you cannot go to school, you can read the book, that is, the rule book. Every day you have to read the rule for that day.

STANDARD 15. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Achieving the Standard

1. We keep records of how much we have to spend.

2. We keep an account of what we earn and what we spend.

3. We have a plan to save money in the future.

4. We have permission from the government to raise money.

STANDARD 14. I can complain if there is anything wrong.

Achieving the Standard

1. We can ask the staff to fix the problem.

2. We can ask the staff to fix the problem.

3. We can ask the staff to fix the problem.

4. We can ask the staff to fix the problem.

STANDARD 13. We ask the staff to fix the problem.

Achieving the Standard

1. We can ask the staff to fix the problem.

2. We can ask the staff to fix the problem.

3. We can ask the staff to fix the problem.

4. We can ask the staff to fix the problem.

STANDARD 12. We can see the future.

Achieving the Standard

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2. We can see the future.

3. We can see the future.

4. We can see the future.

STANDARD 11. We collect money in good ways.

Achieving the Standard

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STANDARD 10. We do not ask the staff to fix the problem.

Achieving the Standard

1. We can ask the staff to fix the problem.

2. We can ask the staff to fix the problem.

3. We can ask the staff to fix the problem.

4. We can ask the staff to fix the problem.

STANDARD 9. We do not fix the problem.

Achieving the Standard

1. We do not fix the problem.

2. We do not fix the problem.

3. We do not fix the problem.

4. We do not fix the problem.

STANDARD 8. Misuse implies fundraising through street shows, begging etc.

Achieving the Standard

1. We do not misuse fundraising.

2. We do not misuse fundraising.

3. We do not misuse fundraising.

4. We do not misuse fundraising.
OH NO! WE'RE GOING TO DIE!

WAIT, IS THAT AN ISLAND? DON'T PANIC! IT LOOKS LIKE AN ISLAND. WE'RE GOING TO LAND THERE.

SERIOUSLY? OH NO OH NO.

I'M JUST DREAMING! NOW WE'RE UP ON THE ISLAND AND SURVIVED!

PAHA! WE'RE ALL HERE, AND WE'RE ALL ALIVE!

CHILD, A TREE LANDED ON YOU IN THE STORM. I'M JUST GOING TO SET IT OFF. DUCK, MY LEG!

YOU CAN'T HELP IF YOU BREAK YOURSELF. I'M FINE. I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!

SURE KID! YOU'RE WEAK, YOU REST, LET ME.

YOU THINK THIS LEG WILL STOP ME. NO! YOU DON'T KNOW THE FIRST THING ABOUT ME.

HE JUST LIFTED THAT TREE OFF HER AND THREW IT AWAY. MAYBE HIS PULLS IN ANARCTICA WILL BE FOR SUPER STRENGTH!

HEY YOU! THIS IS OUR ISLAND AND YOU'RE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?
1. THE HOME I LIVE IN

- **Standard 1.** I know the background of my home. I know who ran my home. I know who I am. I know about the government.
- **Standard 2.** I know the name of my home. I know everything about my home. I know who made my home. I know about the government.
- **Standard 3.** I know the rules of my home. I know how to make my home. I know about the government.

The home is not for "kids who aren't as good as the boom bang boys," it's for everyone who got shipped back. Princesses, hobos, and everything in between.

And the home is not for "kids who aren't as good as the boom bang boys." It's for everyone who got shipped back—like princesses.

2. WHO WORKS HERE

- **Standard 4.** I know who gets care at my home. I know who pays the bills. I know about the government.
- **Standard 5.** I have the right to all information about my home. I know who pays the bills. I know about the government.

Our home is not for "kids who aren't as good as the boom bang boys," it's for everyone who got shipped back—like princesses.

**Standard:** 6. BYE NOW WE CAN MAKE RULES ABOUT THE MANAGERS JOBS AT OUR HOME!

Wait—if we have to stay here, can we at least make it better?

What do you mean?

Yeah, tell them to have to eat pizza and ice cream.

High—And I want a motorcycle, and a driver.

And every day the house staff should bring us two litres of cola, a drink and the biggest hot chocolate.

**Standard 8.** We have all the staff we need. House parents, cooks, drivers, psychos, and secretaries.

**Standard 9.** Staff know how to care for us. We all have to be good to our caregivers. They respect our personal information. They ask us questions when we show our stuff.

**Standard 10.** Staff take good care of us. We all have to be good to our caregivers. We all have to be good to our caregivers. We all have to be good to our caregivers.

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**Standard 12.** We can make rules about the managers jobs at our home.

OK, but I'm not going to their area of statues.

No matter where the home is, who the manager is, the rules are always the same.

And we're not going to talk about the government.

**Standard:** 13. I want to be a normal house.

And the home is not for "kids who aren't as good as the boom bang boys." It's for everyone who got shipped back—like princesses.

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**Standard:** 14. I want to be a normal house.

And the home is not for "kids who aren't as good as the boom bang boys." It's for everyone who got shipped back—like princesses.

**Standard:** 15. I want to be a normal house.

And the home is not for "kids who aren't as good as the boom bang boys." It's for everyone who got shipped back—like princesses.
3. OUR BUILDINGS

Early one morning, little Chicks Bang Boys have just awakened. They've been sleeping in bed, with one urgent thing on their minds...

WHO'S THAT EATING ON THE FLOOR?! HOW'S THAT (MEN) MONEY... AND NO BIRTH?!

WHERE ARE THE GIRLS? OUR BEDROOMS ARE THEIR OWN... BOYS AND GIRLS CAN'T SHARE A BATHROOM LIKE THIS!

WHAT'S THAT? A Hidden gets back inside and discovers the Boom Bang Boys have no idea how to set up a good home!

HEROES! WE NEED TO WRITE SOME RULES NOW!

DON'T REMEMBER THIS FROM MY DREAM? I SAW IT BEFORE I WOKE UP!

I NOW I FIGHT ALL THESE MAGNUS WOULD DROP THEIR HEADS!

I'M CHIEF OYAGANGA! I HAVE NEVER SEEN THIS BEFORE! ARE YOU TALKING TO ME AND I'LL HELP YOU!

NOW I KNOW WHAT TO DO IF THEY BREAK THE RULES!

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NOW I KNOW WHAT TO DO IF THEY BREAK THE RULES!

WOW!!!

4. MAIN OFFICE

HEY!!!

THERE'S SOMETHING IN HERE!

OMG! MY GIRL!

HEY!!!

YOU CAME BACK TO WORK?! WHERE'S YOUR DRESS?

WHY, BECAUSE WE WERE MAKING THE RULES!

SECRET INFORMATION CHEEKING OUT THESE RULES WE BROUGHT FROM THE ISLAND!

COOL, NO!

YOU CAN ALL KID TALKS ON THE FLOOR!

SOMEONE KNOCKED THE MAGNUS FROM THE TREES... WHO WAS THAT?!

SOMETHING ENOUGH KIDS AND MEN KEEP OUT!

FOR EXAMPLE, KIDS AND MEN KEEP OUT!

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WOW!!!

STANDARD 13. MY HOUSE IS SET UP LIKE A CARING FAMILY.

We live together like families in the house, with more than seven children in each house.

STANDARD 14. MY HOME IS SAFE AND MY THINGS ARE PRIVATE.

I HAVE MY OWN BED AND BEDROOM, AND A LIVING ROOM. WE EAT AS A FAMILY AROUND THE TABLE.

STANDARD 15. WE COLLECT MONEY IN GOOD WAYS.

I WILL NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO DISTRIBUTE THE FAMILY FUNDS.

STANDARD 17. MY CHILDREN CAN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG.

WE CAN'T COMPLAIN IF THEY DON'T GET A GAIN OR A LOAN OR ANYTHING.

STANDARD 18. MY CHILDREN CAN'T COMPLAIN IF THEY DON'T GET A GAIN OR A LOAN OR ANYTHING.
5.1. WHEN I JOIN THE HOME

PLANET 1 - IS THAT YOU? I HAVE TO HAVE YOU STAY HERE BY YOURSELF THIS WHOLE TIME!!

WHY? OUR HOME IS FOR ALL OF US!

I CAN'T LIVE IN YOUR HOME, PRINCESS. THIS IS OUR HOME.

MAYBE LEE SHOULDN'T BE HERE.

LEE, I'M FORGIVING YOU FOR STEALING IN THE PAST. I'M GIVING YOU A NEW START AT LIFE! YOU ARE A SAD AND SAD SAD MONSTER. YOU SHOULD BE BETTER!

THANKS YOU FOR GIVING ME A CHANCE TO BE BETTER!

5.2. THE CARE I GET

It’s time for bed. Nicky has dreamed up some bad plans for Carlos, without asking what the Nicky...

WHY DON'T YOU SAY WHAT IT IS?!?

YOU'RE JUST LIKE A LITTLE GIRL.

OHHH, I THOUGHT YOU WERE SLEEPING.

NICKY, YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE HERE.

BUT MR. I HAVE PLANS FOR YOUR BROTHER. I'LL BORROW YOUR BROTHER DURING THIS TIME AND HE CAN'T COME BACK TO STAY WITH...

EMERGENCY MEETS EVERYBODY RICKY HAS TERRIBLE PLANS FOR US.

WHERE DID YOU GET THAT ELEPHANT?

CATALAN, YOU LEAD THE MEETING, OKAY?

WHAT DIDN'T YOU TELL YOUR FATHER YOU CAN ASK ANIMALS FOR HELP WHEN YOU NEED?

WE NEED RULES THAT MAKE SURE WE'RE TREATED RIGHT!

Standard 21.

HIGHER ADVICE: BROTHERS AND SISTERS STAY CLOSE TOGETHER.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS STAY CLOSE TOGETHER. Without assistance, it's a place where the animal can play. The girl thinks she's safe in the house together with her brother and their friends.

I'M ALWAYS BETTER TO HAVE YOUR BROTHER WITH YOU!

Any other ideas, Nicky?

Well... what about choosing to follow your own special powers?

Standard 24.

MAKE MY OWN CARE PLAN.

I know that I'm happy with my new life. With my new parent, school work, and even a pet. I want to develop my skills and try new challenges, but I need to be sure about things change.

THANKS FOR THE RESPECT, CARLY - I'LL KEEP YOUR PLANS IN A SAFE PLACE. BUT NOW, CAN I GET SOME SLEEP?
Lee joins Planet 51 in the new science classroom...

WHAT'S GOING ON?

WILL YOU WORK BETTER WITH THIS? TAKE THE MASTER TEST AGAIN!

EISH, GIVE THOSE BACK!

The next morning...

YEAROHNE!
MY LEG HURTS LIKE HELL!
I THINK IT'S SERIOUSLY HURT!

NO PROBLEM.
JUST TAKE THESE PILLS.
THEY'LL PROBABLY HELP.

HEY! THAT'S MY MALARI A MEDICINE!
YOU CAN'T JUST STEAL THAT!

WE NEED A BULLE FOR OUR HEALTH.

STANDARD 16.
I GET THE HEALTH CARE I NEED.

I got sick from eating uncooked vegetables.
My health was at risk.
My doctor prescribed medication,
and I recovered.

THAT'S NOT MEDICINE.
WE NEED A BULLE FOR OUR HEALTH.

STANDARD 27.
I EAT GOOD FOOD.

I ate healthy food that
is rich in vitamins and
minerals to meet
my nutritional needs.

DON'T LOOK AT ME!
I SUFFERED FROM A DECENT COOK FOR YEARS...

PLANET 51!!!

WE'RE ON AN ISLAND
WITH A HUMAN.
WE NEED TO LEARN TO
GET ALONG.

STANDARD 18.
I GO TO SCHOOL.

We all go to school,
but it's not like the human
school we're used to.

Our school provides
education and
opportunities for
learning.

STANDARD 29.
MY LIFE ON PLANET 51.

Life on Planet 51
is different from
Earth.

LEE, ARE YOU SMART?

LEARN TO BE DOCTORS.
BECOME TOP CODERS.
SCIENCE.
LIFE.
SAFE SEX.
ENGLISH.
GETTING BACK HOME.

STANDARD 31.
I GROW UP STRONG AND HAPPY.

The staff focuses on
helping me develop
physical and mental
abilities.

This page contains colorful illustrations and text discussing various educational topics, health care, and social issues. The illustrations include scenes of characters in a kitchen, a classroom, and a science classroom, with dialogue and illustrations that convey their experiences and challenges.
5.3. WHEN I LEAVE THE HOME

Suddenly, Regi has a vision..."YOU KNOW WHERE THE TREASURE IS? IT'S BEHIND THE WATERFALL!"

Quickly, let's jump through the water and see what's back there...

NEIL: IT'S A CAVE FULL OF TROUBLE!

WOAH! TOSSED THE STONE OFF THE BOTTOM - IT'S SAFE NOW!

WHY YOU BESTI?

IT WORKED! THERE IT IS!

DON'T TOUCH IT! TREASURE LIKE THAT ALWAYS HAVE TRAPS WHEN YOU OPEN THEM.

KNEW IT! TOOK THE STONE OFF THE BOTTOM - IT'S SAFE NOW!

AND KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HOW TO USE IT!

I'LL TELL THEM WHAT I SAW...

I ALWAYS LEARN MORE ABOUT LIVING ON MY OWN.

We need to know how to live outside. The stuff from my room can help me learn to be strong and make decisions. (For example, pocket money and legal papers.) Before I arrive, I had to prepare something about the treasure. I also had to know about the treasure's location and its value. I gave the treasure to the teacher to help me understand the treasure's value. The teacher gave the treasure to the teacher's friend to help me understand the treasure's value. I gave the treasure to the teacher's friend to help me understand the treasure's value. I gave the treasure to the teacher to help me understand the treasure's value. The teacher gave the treasure to the teacher's friend to help me understand the treasure's value. I gave the treasure to the teacher's friend to help me understand the treasure's value. I gave the treasure to the teacher to help me understand the treasure's value.

WHAT ABOUT AFTER I IDENTIFY IT?

I CAME HERE YEARS AGO, LOOKING FOR THE TREASURE, AND ALL THE FAMOUS NINJAS WERE THE ONLY ONES WHO COULD FIND IT. I JUST NEED TO TOUCH IT, CLOSE MY EYES, AND WE WILL BE WITH OUR LOVED ONES AGAIN.

NEIL: IT'S OKAY! IF WE COME TO...

I'VE BEEN SO MEAN WITH YOU, SADLY, YOU'RE ALL REALLY COOL...

Where do the Modern Heroes go next? Do they get their hands dirty in Antarctica? Do they go back home to Namibia, or travel the world? Do the Boom Bang Boys join them? It's all up to you. If you draw the story continue... They could even meet you, and you could join their adventures with your own special powers!
**ALL THE RULES FOR YOUR HOME**

Here is every rule that the Modern Heroes wrote on the island, all in one place! (They called them “standards” instead of rules, but that means the same thing.)

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**STANDARD 1. I know the background of my home.**

I know who runs the home. (Government? A church? Foreigners?) No matter who runs the home, I have the right to follow my own beliefs.

**STANDARD 2. The name of my home never makes me feel bad.**

I know where the name comes from - it says nothing bad about me, and it is never printed on the buildings I live in or the vehicles I ride.

**STANDARD 4. I know who gets care at my home.**

I am told what ages and special needs will be taken care of, and how.

**STANDARD 5. I have the right to all information about myself.**

All my information (birth certificate, school records, etc.) is locked away. Only certain adults and I may see it.

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**STANDARD 29. My loved ones are part of my life.**

My loved ones may visit me, and, if they wish, the staff helps me visit them on weekends and holidays - unless the government or a judge says no. The staff helps me understand that choice. The staff works with my loved ones so that we can be close with my house parents too.

**STANDARD 30. I get to have fun.**

We have fun playing outside and in the house. We have fun playing games such as board games or computer games. We also have fun with our friends and activities such as camp.

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**STANDARD 31. I grow up strong and happy.**

The staff follows my care plan to help me grow up strongly and happily. They help me deal with difficult things in my life. They help me deal with the government or a judge when I am involved in the court. They help me deal with my friends.

**STANDARD 32. I get help when I’m ready to leave.**

When I go back to my family or community, the staff at my home helps me through a step-by-step plan, with visits, counseling and preparing my future, through regular house meetings and/or children I elect. I can always talk privately with my social worker. We get more independence while we choose if I will join the home, and while I get extra classes if I need them. Our staff gives me my uniform, books and other things I’ll need for my new life. We live together like families in a house, with no more than seven children in each house. Girls and boys have different bathrooms, and there are separate beds and bedrooms. When our house parents are away, we all get individual attention. We should have extra staff to help when we need it.

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Each yellow paper shows two page numbers: one for the page where you can read about those rules in this comic, and one for the page where you can find the same rules in the full rule book for your home.

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Chief Ovagana’s parrot is hiding somewhere on every page in the comic, keeping a safe eye on the heroes. Can you find her? (She’s only there once on the double pages: 2–3 and 12–13.)
These are the kids who helped write this comic, posing like the picture on the cover. Most of them are playing the heroes they created. Can you tell who’s who? Find out more about them on the next pages!

**PLANET 51**
by Frans Marti, 14
Frans also wrote the original story for Chief Ovagangan.

**CATALYA**
by Charlotte Stelzel, 16
Charlotte also wrote most of the words between Catalya and Ricky.

**THE BOOM BANG BOYS**
by Melani Julie, 14 (left) and Denice De Wee, 21 (right)
Here’s how their village used a crystal ball to send them to the island. Denice wrote the story, and Melani drew the pictures. (Charlotte also helped draw the second page.)
Here’s how Lee used to rob banks, and how Ouboet stopped him. At 4:16 p.m. Lee has a fight with his older brother, who leaves to become king of a new country.

[The older brother didn’t come to the island in this comic book.]

All three boys wrote the story, and Tangeni drew the pictures.

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EXTRA HELP WITH THE STORY

by Laurika Van Wyk, 20, and Nathan Vyklicky, 33

Laurika helped with the story from the start.

Nathan is a Senior Communications Officer at Pact, an international non-profit. The United States Agency for International Development gave Pact money from the American people, to help the Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare make these standards for Namibia’s residential childcare facilities. Nathan organised the weekend workshops where the kids created the heroes and wrote the story, and he did the final art and design.

Thanks also to all of Nathan’s family, colleagues and friends who helped – especially Sean Oslin, Helvi Itenge and Chris Lourenço (but any bad parts are his own).
ALL THE PEOPLE WHO WILL HELP IF YOU NEED BETTER CARE

The staff at your children’s home are just some of the people who are ready to help if you’re in trouble. Start at the left of this chart and follow the arrows to see everyone who can be on your side, if you talk to anyone in the green box called “Entry Point” and tell them you are not getting the care you need.

The Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare made this chart with support from the United Nations Children’s Fund.

HELP!
Protection from Abuse

Are you, or is anyone you know, being abused, whether physically, sexually, emotionally or financially?

Do you suffer in silence just because you do not know where to find help?

You can seek help from the people or places named in this brochure. They are service providers, agencies, community structures and community members who can help any child, woman or man in Namibia to deal with abuse.

Where to find help in Namibia

SHELTER

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All sexual offences are referred directly to the Police/WACPU for medical examination and police intervention.

At entry point, only crisis advice/debriefing and emergency transportation (i.e. no in-depth counselling or interrogation)

• Child Helpline (116)
• School counsellor
• Community councillor
• Social worker
• Shelter caretaker
• Youth leader
• Religious leader

Support Services

Police / WACPU

Criminal investigation

Doctor

• Medical examination
• Treatment
• Emergency drugs

Social Worker

• Casework
• Alternative care
• Diversion
• Child witness support
• Court preparation

Counselling Services

• LifeLine/ChildLine
• Phillips Trust Namibia
• Private practitioners
• Church leaders
• PEACE Centre (trauma counselling)

Legal Services

Prosecutor

• Consultations
• Leading evidence

Presiding Officer (Judge / Magistrate)

• Judgement
• Sentencing

Social Services

Civil Registration

• Birth and death registration (MHAI)
• Grants (MGECW)

Aftercare

• Community support
• Rehabilitation
• Reconstruction
• After-trial services (alternative care etc.)

Ongoing Services

Shelter / Place of safety

Counselling services and psychosocial support

Case tracking and case management

Legal support and advice

Child witness support and court preparation

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A PDF of this brochure is available at www.namchild.gov.na
HOW CAN I GET HELP?
If people at your home aren’t following a rule the way they should, you can...

REPORT IT at a house meeting
TALK ABOUT IT with your youth panel (if you have one)
CALL these phone numbers for help:

the emergency number of your home, any time of day or night

staff of your home should write the number in pen here

other important emergency numbers

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Woman And Child Protection Units (WACPs) in most parts of Namibia

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