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# LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR CHILD PROTECTION



FAMILIES & CHILDREN'S  
ACT – Chapter 173 Revised  
Edition 2000 (FACA)

FAMILIES AND CHILDREN  
(CHILD ABUSE) REPORTING  
REGULATIONS, 1999

International Child  
Abduction Act – Chapter  
177 revised edition 2000

CSEC Prohibition Act 2013

TIPPS Prohibition Act 2013

Criminal Code

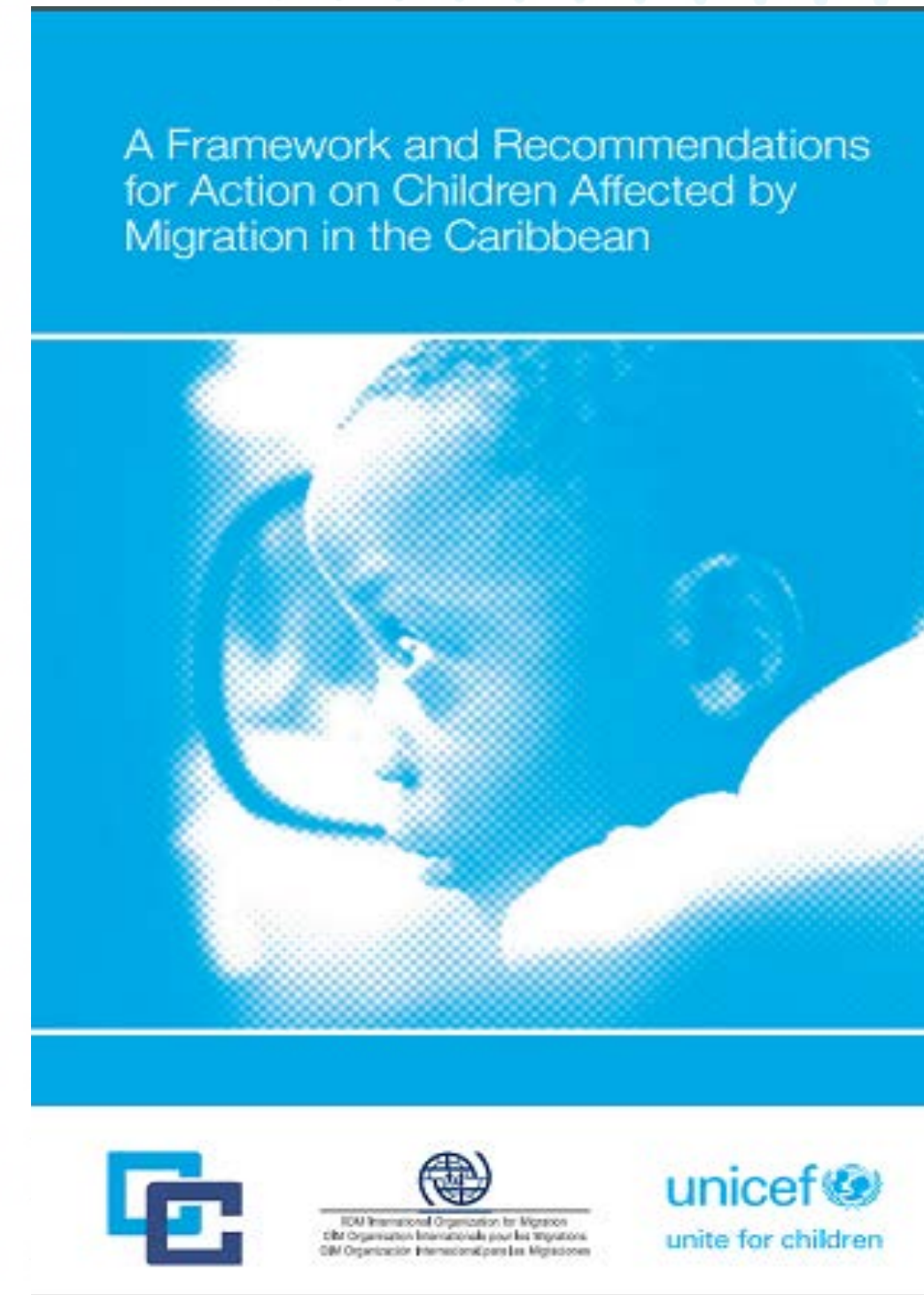
Social Services Agencies (Operators of Residential Care Facilities For  
Children) (Registration, Licensing and Minimum Operating Requirements),  
2004



# Guiding Principles

**Recognition  
that children irrespective  
of their nationality or status  
are entitled to access to basic  
services**

**This is observed for all migrant  
minor from all nationalities  
(Under 18 years)**





# Protocols for Accompanied and Unaccompanied Migrant Children

This protocol establishes standards to assess and ensure the best interest of migrant children and to guarantee their rights by implementing actions to identify, refer, protect, and assist them while ensuring appropriate safeguards for migration management and governance. It also seeks to meet the needs of all identified migrant children and their families through the coordinated response between the institutions.



# ROLE OF DHS (SOP)



# Shelters

Belize currently has two shelters that cares for migrant minors. Both facilities are equipped to provide all services needed by migrant children while they are in the care of the Government of Belize

- One shelter is ran by the Department of Human Services with assistance from the UNICEF
- One shelter is NGO owned. The Government of Belize has a standing Memorandum of Understanding with the NGO to place migrant minors in their care.