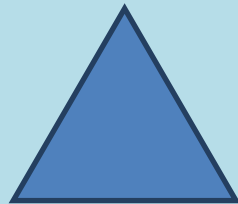




Family Learning in Foster families

Target groups

- Foster parents
- Biological parents
- Social workers



Development is only possible when you recognise and understand the different needs of the various target groups; and, only then, family learning, which often occurs under difficult conditions and circumstances, is feasible in foster parenthood.

In all activities the focus lies on the interests and the welfare of the child as the end-user of a functioning triangle.

Thus, foster children are regarded as the overriding project target group; they are at the centre of all our efforts.

Welcome to the FALEFOS project

In the system of foster parenthood, we come upon a triangle with the (foster) child in its centre. The child is surrounded by foster parents, biological parents and social workers.

The main objective of the FALEFOS (Family Learning in Foster families) project is to strengthen this triangle and to facilitate the willingness to cooperate of foster parents, biological parents and social workers. Through learning and training opportunities for families and professionals, ensuring the good of the child is at the heart of our activities.

Within this project foster parents, biological parents and social workers will have the opportunity to work actively on the improvement process of the system. At the same time, they will learn about the importance and the obstacles when it comes to family learning in the context of foster parents. It is an important concern of the project to, generally, sensitise and raise the awareness for the field of foster parents.

Activities

Within the two-year project period, we plan to carry out the following main activities:

- Based on interviews with the target groups, on results from focus groups and on research results in the participating countries, we will prepare a needs assessment report.
- Taking into account the results from the needs analysis, we will develop workshop curricula and associated learning materials for the target groups.
- Each partner country will carry out two- to three-day workshops for each target group.
- Experiences and results from the above-mentioned activities will be summarised in user-friendly manuals for the target groups.

Project kick-off meeting in Austria



From 25th to 26th November, 2013, the project partners from the seven participating countries met in Graz, Austria, to get to know each other and to discuss the planned activities. At this first meeting it became clear that the ways the individual countries are dealing with the topic are quite different. However, it also became clear that problems and concerns with regard to improving the situation are very similar.

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The partners of the FALEFOS project would be glad to hear from you.

- ☞ The project website in all partner languages will be online soon.
- ☞ Soon, you will find us on Facebook.
- ☞ Our next newsletter will be issued in June 2014.
- ☞ For more information, please contact one of the organisations below.

Next steps|

- ☞ In the first phase of the project we will conduct interviews and organise focus groups with foster parents, biological parents and social workers to assess the needs. In addition, we will carry out research work in the field of foster parents in the participating countries.
- ☞ 2nd transnational project meeting in Florence (IT) from 12th to 13th May, 2014.
- ☞ Preparation of a project website with relevant information on the project and on the field of foster parents.

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