

SUMMARY OF COMPLETED PROJECT

Grant proceedings:	Support for foster family care in the Czech Republic
Organisation:	Amalthea o.s.
Project name:	Systematic change of the concept of foster family care services and methodical preparation of professional foster families in the Pardubice region
Duration of the project:	18 months
Amount requested in grant proceedings:	3,737,020 CZK
Subsequent additional project financing:	124,188 CZK
Grant amount used:	3,799,731 CZK

Project goals and results:

1. *To categorise foster families and to create a range of services for individual categories + to share this know-how with other organisations.*

The creation of a new concept for working with families, the professionalisation of services taking into account their needs. Results: A method of categorising foster families + the offer of 5 service packages (information and self-help, interest, support and education, cooperation, profession), documents are available on the website, information at NNO meetings devoted to foster care (25 organisations) and at Pardubice Institution of Social and Legal Protection of Children (OSPOD), Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

2. *To motivate families in the "Information and Self-help" group to transfer to the "Cooperation" group. The foster care provided by parents in the "Cooperation" group is - thanks to the new work methods - considered to be stable and professional in more regards.*

It was important for this goal that families decided on a long-term basis (by signing a contract) to use professional support services to improve the quality of the care that they provide children with. 15 new foster families took part during the project. Stability and professionalism was evaluated by comparing the input and output diagnostics of specific families (by questioning foster parents, families, social workers and making a comparison).

3. *To prepare professional foster families, to introduce new forms of professional foster care into the system and to define the care goals for these individual forms.*

This was done using know-how from the British Association for Adoption and Fostering. 10 families (chosen from 16) underwent preparation, of which 3 families were recommended without any reservations, 4 families with conditions, 2 families were not approved, 1 family withdrew.

4. *Setting safe boundaries for contact with biological families.* An attempt at a new contact was made in 3 of the planned 5 families. 6 new contracts were concluded, 10 were planned. The main reason that the target was not reached was the fact that foster parents had not been well prepared to resolve this matter. In 10 families 84 contacts were made with the biological family.

Results:

Methods of preparation

Experience from pilot preparation

Preparation process scheme

Before the preparation process

Proposal for foster services standards.pdf

Recruitment method.pdf

Presentation for training assessors.ppt

During the preparation process

Workbook for people interested in foster care.pdf

Book for teachers preparing people interested in foster care.pdf

My family provides foster care.pdf

Report on people interested in fostering.pdf

Panel for foster care.pdf

Presentation from group preparations - blocks 1, 2, 4.ppt

Presentation from group preparations - blocks 3, 5, 6.ppt

List of recommended literature, web links and films during the preparation.pdf

Feedback questionnaires.pdf

After the preparation process

Accompanying methodology.pdf