

Bulgaria

Human resources

- 20 trained independent coordinators (more than half of them active);
- Circa 20 trained resource people around the country;
- Circa trained 30 referrers – social workers, teachers, child police inspectors;
- Upcoming 2 days training on FGC organised by the Ministry of Social Policy for their staff, the State Agency for Child Protection, Agency for Social Assistance etc.

Materials:

- Manual for independent coordinators;
- Full set of documents, application and feedback forms for FGC;
- Informational brochures for families and friends; for children and teenagers;

First FGC in Bulgaria January – September 2012

- Referred 14 cases in Haskovo region: 7 cases from Child Protection Department; 3 cases from pedagogical adviser at school; 3 cases from Child Police inspector and 1 case from a friend of the family;
- 8 formally organised FGC – the families have developed their plans which are accepted by the specialists;
- In 6 cases the families have come together during the process of organising the FGC so they have made their plans with no need of a formal FGC;
- Ethnic background of the families: 6 families from Roma background; 5 families of Bulgarian origin; 3 families from Turkish background;
- Total number of children involved is 42 aged 6 – 17 years old;
- Total number of adults participated in FGC – 81: In 8 formal conferences – 56 people – circa 8 persons per conference; 25 men and 56 women
- The plans consist of circa 8 points – min 3, max 23;
- Specialists involved in FGC: 7 social workers; 4 pedagogical advisers; 7 teachers; 1 deputy director of school; 2 general practitioners, 2 child police inspectors;
- All family plans have been monitored, all are implemented as planned.

Recent developments:

A mainstream school in Haskovo has regulated FGC in the school policy as a first option for a child and the family when a problem is identified.

Future plans:

- ✓ To find ways for including FGC in relevant university courses;
- ✓ Further trainings for specialists and municipalities;
- ✓ To spread FGC to other regions.

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