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REPORT of Serbian FGC model development between two FGC Network Meetings realized by »IN THE FAMILY CIRCLE«

In the past year, honored because we got organization of the FGC Network Meeting, we did our best to promote, present and advocate for this event. At the same time we had a lot of activities concerning implementation of the FGC model in Serbia.

In October last year we successfully accredited Training program for FGC referrals in our country.

In January of 2013, we had the first general Assembly of our organization and that was the great opportunity for us to promote FGC model in front of large number of invited guests including our partners, donors and decision makers.

Representatives of the organization, Executive director, Steering committee members, as well as independent coordinators, presented several times FGC model in media, (TV, radio, newspapers) and on two significant events.

First one was the DONOR MARKET which was organized in Belgrade by Association of professionals for children and family support »FICE Srbija« in order to help to the organization members to improve the quality of life of the children and youth who live in homes for children in Serbia. CSO »In the Family Circle« presented the service in front of the participants of the event, and underlined the significance and efficiency of the model when it comes to the prevention of institutionalization of children and youth.

The other event was the presentation and promotion of the FGC model in Northern Vojvodina (province in Serbia), in the town called Sombor.

During the year we organized three trainings for FGC referrals.

First one was in February within the Project »Plan for future« which was aimed for the professionals who work in institutions for children and youth in Belgrade and Novi Sad. The main goal was to train professionals to organize FGC for the young people who are leaving care.

Other two trainings for referrals were organized for colleagues from centers for social work, schools and NGO sector in Northern Vojvodina.

For the first time we organized training for 16 future FGC trainers in order to spread the network of people who believe in model, refers it and have capacity to implement it in social care practice.

As far as it comes to the Family Group Conferences for families in crisis, between two Network Meetings, we had 31 applications, but only 18 actually held conferences.

So we can say that little step forward was made. At this moment we are preparing first large Project application for European Commission (Call for proposals), as well as new training for independent coordinators.

Activities of development FGC model in Serbia are very much based on voluntarily work of dedicated FGC team ("In the Family Circle") as well as on our constant efforts to provide funds through projects. A lot of energy was spent in lobbying and advocating for the FGC model towards decision makers, and we have hope and hints that benefits of model are recognized by them, which is important for the future plans.

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