

KINSHIP CARE



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ASS. PRIDE-CZ INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CHILD IN KINSHIP CARE

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CONFERENCE ONLINE

PRESENTATION OF PROJECT ACTORS (RESEARCH)

- **FOSTER PARENTS – KINSHIP CAREGIVERS**

A GROUP OF 168 PEOPLE WHO HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH CPP ON THE PERFORMANCE OF FOSTER CARE.

PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER (CPP)

THE ORGANIZATION OPERATES IN THE MORAVIAN-SILESIA REGION, PROVIDES FAMILY COUNSELING, CRISIS ASSISTANCE AND ALTERNATIVE FAMILY CARE, EMPLOYS PSYCHOLOGISTS AND SOCIAL WORKERS (A TOTAL OF 55), AND ACCOMPANIES 400 FOSTER FAMILIES.

SIRIUS FOUNDATION

FOUNDATION MOTTO: WE HELP CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT BEEN LUCKY IN LIFE. THE SIRIUS FOUNDATION IS A PRIVATE FOUNDATION FOUNDED IN 2008, WHOSE ACTIVITIES ARE FOCUSED ON HELPING DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN. IT FINANCIALLY SUPPORTS THE CPP PROJECT.

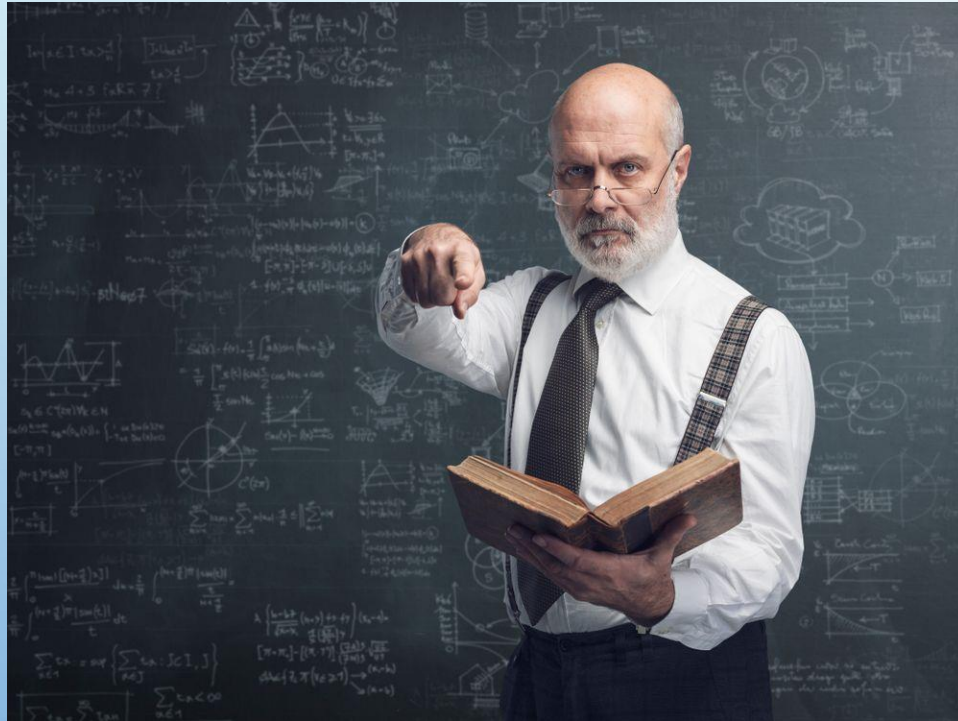
SOCIOFACTOR

SOCIOFACTOR S.R.O. WAS FOUNDED IN 2009. IT WAS ESTABLISHED AND IS BASED IN OSTRAVA. IS A RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION. IT DEVELOPS BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF APPLIED RESEARCH.

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT

NAME OF THE PROJECT	Kinship care
Purpose of the project	Through a qualitative research survey to define the specifics of Kinship caregivers, presentation of findings from the research and based on it a proposal of methodology and forms of work with this group of surrogate parents. Extension of information of social and legal protection employees and accompanying organizations with new knowledge in the form of education. Improving the lives of children growing up in Kinship care.
Scope (location) of the project	The Moravian-Silesian Region with an overlap on the whole of the Czech Republic
Duration of the project	Start date: SEPT./2019 End date: FEB./2023 No. months: 42

WHY WAS THE PROJECT CREATED?



LET'S ASK!



RESEARCH INVESTIGATION

- FOCUS - ANALYSIS OF THE NEEDS OF KINSHIP CARERS
- IMPLEMENTER OF THE RESEARCH SURVEY SOCIOFACTOR
- TIME PERIOD **12/2019 – 11/2020**
- NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS **168** (KINSHIP CARERS)
- MIXED APPROACH TO NEEDS ANALYSIS:

INITIALLY PERFORMED DESK RESEARCH

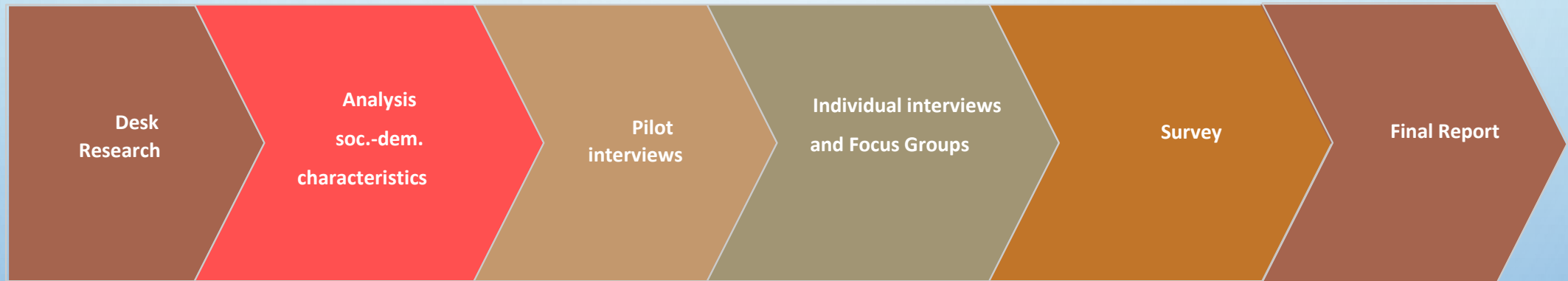
TWO METHODS WERE USED

* **QUANTITATIVE** (CAWI AND PAPI QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY OF 182 FAMILIES, CAWI RETURN 89.7% AND PAPI RETURN 98.7%, OVERALL 93.4%)

* **QUALITATIVE** (27 SEMI-STRUCTURED INTERVIEWS, FOCUS GROUP WITH 14 PARTICIPANTS)

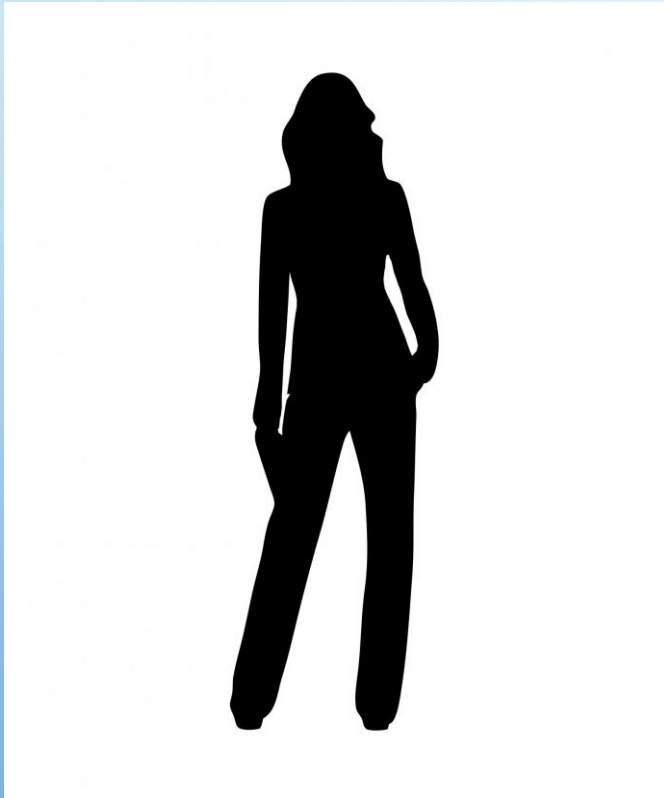
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SEQUENCE OF RESEARCH INVESTIGATION



SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

"TYPICAL" KINSHIP (FOSTER) PARENT



- * Woman
- * 55 years
- * Grandparent
- * She takes care of 1 child aged 11 years from its 4 years
- * The child came directly from the family
- * Lives in town
- * She has been awarded a foster parent's reward
- * She has her own adult children out of home already
- * Reason for kinship care - parents' lack of interest in the child and drug and alcohol use by the parent

SUMMARY

SPECIFICS OF THE GROUP OF KINSHIP CARERS

- THE GROUP OF KINSHIP CARERS IS **MUCH MORE HETEROGENEOUS THAN THE GROUP OF FOSTER PARENTS**. THE GROUP INCLUDES BOTH GRANDPARENTS, WHO FORM THE MAJORITY OF THIS GROUP, AND SIBLINGS, AUNTS AND UNCLES, ETC.
- KINSHIP CARERS TEND TO HAVE **VERY LITTLE TIME TO DECIDE** WHETHER TO TAKE CHILDREN INTO CARE (OTHERWISE THE CHILDREN GO TO INSTITUTIONAL CARE). THEREFORE, WHEN DECIDING TO ACCEPT THIS GROUP, **CONSCIENCE AND MORAL RESPONSIBILITY OFTEN PREVAIL OVER RATIONAL THINKING**. THIS PROBLEM AND MANY OTHERS (EG LACK OF INFORMATION, ESPECIALLY FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE ROLE OF FOSTER PARENT, WORRIES WITH ADMINISTRATION, PSYCHOLOGICAL BURDEN, EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS OF CHILDREN AND OTHERS) STEMS MAINLY FROM THE FACT THAT
- KINSHIP CARERS **ARE NOT** (AND OFTEN CANNOT BE) **PREPARED TO PERFORM THEIR ROLE IN ADVANCE**. THUS, FUNDAMENTALLY FOSTER CARE DIFFERS FROM CLASICAL FOSTER CARE.
- THE RESULTS OF THE RESEARCH ALSO POINTED TO THE FACT THAT RELATIVES **SEE THE ROLE OF KINSHIP CARE AS A LONG-TERM**, SUBSTITUTE PARENT FOR CHILDREN, RATHER THAN AS A TEMPORARY "EDUCATOR" OF CHILDREN BEFORE RETURNING TO THEIR BIOLOGICAL PARENTS.
- ALMOST **82%** OF RESPONDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY **DO NOT SEE THE RETURN OF CHILDREN TO THEIR PARENTS AS POSSIBLE**.

SUMMARY

STAGES OF CARE

- THE RESEARCH ALSO SHOWED THAT THE PROBLEMS AND NEEDS OF KINSHIP CAREGIVERS DIFFER IN DIFFERENT PERIODS. THE RESEARCH THEREFORE DESCRIBES THE NEEDS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF FOUR PERIODS:
- **THE PERIOD BEFORE THE START OF KINSHIP CARE** (THE PERIOD WHEN THEY DECIDED WHETHER TO TAKE CHILDREN INTO CARE), FURTHER
- **THE PERIOD AFTER THE START OF KINSHIP CARE** (A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR FROM THE ADMISSION OF CHILDREN INTO CARE),
- **A PERIOD OF MORE THAN ONE YEAR FROM THE ADMISSION OF CHILDREN TO CARE** (UP TO THE PRESENT) AND
- **OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE.**

SUMMARY

THE NEEDS OF KINSHIP CARER

- **ABSENCE OF UNIFIED AND COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON KINSHIP CARE IN THE PERIOD OF DECIDING ON ADMISSION AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CHILD'S ADMISSION TO THE CARE.** INCONSISTENCY AND NON-TRANSPARENCY OF INDIVIDUAL INTERESTED INSTITUTIONS (DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND LEGAL PROTECTION, COURTS) IN THE APPROACH TO KINSHIP CARE.
- **THE NEED FOR PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT OF KINSHIP CARERS IN DECIDING ON THE ADMISSION OF A CHILD TO CARE AND IN THE FIRST INITIAL PERIODS AND SITUATIONS OF CARE FOR THE CHILD.**
- **THE NEED FOR HELP IN SPECIFIC SITUATIONS - DIFFICULTIES AT SCHOOL, PUBERTY, PROBLEMS IN THE CHILD'S BEHAVIOR**
- **THE NEED FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILY BY THE STATE DURING THE CARE OF ENTRUSTED CHILDREN.**
- **THE NEED TO ADAPT COMPULSORY EDUCATION TO THE NEEDS AND TIME POSSIBILITIES OF INDIVIDUAL KINSHIP CARER, THE USE OF A FORM OF SHARING BETWEEN THEM**

FINAL REPORT

- THE FINAL REPORT OF THE RESEARCH SURVEY IS AVAILABLE IN FULL AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.CEPP.CZ/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2021/02/ZAVERECNA-ZPRAVA_PESTOUNSKA_PECE_PRIBUZYCH_ANALYZA_POTREB.PDF](https://www.cepp.cz/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/zaverecna-zprava_pestounska_pece_pribuzych_analyza_potreb.pdf)

HOW WE USE THE RESULTS OF THE RESEARCH

- WE IDENTIFIED AS A STRONG NEED FOR KINSHIP CARERS THE NEED TO HELP **RIGHT AT THE BEGINNING** OF THE CONSIDERATION OF ENTRUSTING THE CHILD TO THEIR CARE.
- HELP SHOULD INCLUDE :
 - CLEAR AND COMPREHENSIBLE **INFORMATION** ABOUT WHAT KINSHIP CARE IS (AND MANY MORE)
 - ACCOMPANYING WORKER FOR THE PHASE **BEFORE THE DECISION** TO ENTRUST THE CHILD IS MADE
 - ACCOMPANYING WORKER FOR THE **PREPARATION** OF CONDITIONS FOR JOINING CHILD
 - BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT **THE NEEDS OF THE CHILD**
 - OFFER OF **CONTINUOUS AVAILABILITY** OF THE ACCOMPANYING WORKER

HOW WE USE THE RESULTS OF THE RESEARCH

- WE HAVE PROPOSED "INFORMATION MATERIALS" FOR A SITUATION WHERE KINSHIP CARE IS BEING CONSIDERED WITH AN OFFER OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE
- WE HAVE PREPARED A "METHODOLOGY OF ACCOMPANIMENT BEFORE ACCOMPANIMENT"
- WE HAVE COMPILED AN TRAINING MODULE FOR THE 1ST YEAR OF KINSHIP CARE

CURRENT STATUS OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

- AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE FINAL REPORT FROM THE RESEARCH SURVEY, ROUND TABLES WERE HELD WITHIN THE REGION OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF SPACERS, ACCOMPANYING ORGANIZATIONS AND FOSTER PARENTS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN REFLECTION ON THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY (FEBRUARY 2021)
- CREATION OF WORK PROCEDURES, METHODOLOGY, EDUCATIONAL MODULE FOR THE PHASE "ACCOMPANIMENT BEFORE ACCOMPANIMENT" (MARCH - SEPTEMBER 2021) - MATERIALS ARE CURRENTLY BEING FINALIZED
- PILOT VERIFICATION WITHIN CPP + OTHER (S) ACCOMPANYING ORGANIZATIONS (OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2021)
- ROUND TABLES IN 4 REGIONS (FEBRUARY - MARCH 2022)
- PILOT VERIFICATION IN 4 REGIONS (APRIL - AUGUST 2022)
- EVALUATION (SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2022)
- FINAL CONFERENCE (FEBRUARY 2023)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION.

I WISH INSPIRING MOMENTS IN THE REST OF THE CONFERENCE.



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