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Promoting of Foster Parenting in the City of Żory



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- ▶ Promoting of foster parenting is aimed at reaching people with the idea of foster care, its purpose, value, need for development, as well as supporting the development of the deinstitutionalization process.
- ▶ Deinstitutionalization focuses on the United Nations Organization Convention of the Child Rights (Konwencja ONZ o Prawach Dziecka). According to this Convention, this upbringing in a family environment, in an atmosphere of happiness, love and understanding, allows a child to fully and harmoniously develop his personality. However, not always natural families are capable or can to provide the care they need - even assuming that they receive adequate support from the state. In such a situation, it is the social policy system that should provide children with the right to foster family care.



- ▶ The Act on Supporting the Family and the Foster Care System obliges local governments to take preventive action that prevent the separation of children from their families, but in a situation where the family does not fulfil its role properly, it is necessary to develop family forms of foster care and to move from institutional to family care. We want children to rarely or never come under the care of institutions - orphanages. In our opinion this will reduce the losses associated with foster care and create the possibility of establishing the bonds that are necessary for the harmonious development of the child.
- ▶ The deinstitutionalization direction is extremely important because it is focus on child's protection and ensuring the possibility of full and equal use of human rights, basic values and dignity. Therefore, it is necessary to publicize the idea of promoting foster parenting in our local communities in order to ensure the best conditions for the growth and development of our minor pupils.

The activities that are carried out by the local center are:



SOCIAL CAMPAIGNS

- ▶ The overriding goal of the social campaign is to improve the image of Foster Families and children growing up in them. The aim is to overthrowing myths about Foster Parenting by promoting reliable knowledge about the functioning of our pupils. Introducing the subject of Foster Parenting along with an indication of the needs and difficulties of Foster Parents and Foster Care Children to initiate the construction of a social support network among the inhabitants of our poviat.
- ▶ The campaigns are aimed at promoting the idea of foster care in the local community in order to attract new candidates for the role of foster parent.

SOCIAL CAMPAIGNS

They are implemented through promotion in the local environment:

- creating articles for the local press (Kurier Źorski, Nowiny, Gazeta Źorska),
- broadcasts in local radio stations (Radio Źory),
- maintaining a profile in social media (Facebook profile),
- information meetings in schools, kindergartens,
- local competitions,
- posters, e.g. in city buses, churches, schools,
- leaflets,
- billboards.



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Żory: "Rodzice zastępczy pilnie poszukiwani". Miejski Ośrodek Pomocy Społecznej szuka chętnych do założenia rodziny zastępczej

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Katarzyna Ścieżona-Kolek

Osiem lat temu zyskaliśmy syna. Jesteśmy rodzicami zastępczymi

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- Kubę traktujemy jak własnego syna. Dzisiaj nie wyobrażamy sobie życia bez niego. Jest nas więcej, jest u nas radośniej. Potrafimy się dzielić. Stawiamy na rozmowę i wychowujemy bez taryfy ulgowej – mówią nam Teresa i Jan Gratkowie, mieszkańcy Żor, którzy od ośmiu lat są rodzicami zastępczymi 15-letniego dziś Jakuba.

 Kup prenumeratę cyfrową Dziennika Zachodniego

Są dumni nie tylko z niego, ale i ze swoich dwóch biologicznych córek: 24-letniej Otylii i 14-letniej Faustyny. Miejski Ośrodek Pomocy Społecznej w Żorach wciąż poszukuje kandydatów z terenu Żor, którzy spełnią się w funkcji rodziny zastępczej niezawodowej.

Była jesień 2007 roku

- Kuba pojawił się w naszej rodzinie, gdy miał siedem lat. Gdy pierwszy raz go zobaczyliśmy, pomyśleliśmy: „taki chudy i taki mały” - wspomina z uśmiechem Teresa Gratka, mieszkanka Żor. - Moje pierwsze wspomnienie

rodzina zastępcza otrzymuje świadczenie na pokrycie kosztów utrzymania wychowanka. W przypadku rodzin zawodowych i niezawodowych jest to kwota 1000 zł na każde umieszczone dziecko. W przypadku rodzin spokrewnionych jest to kwota 660 zł. Ponadto na dziecko legitymujące się orzeczeniem o niepełnosprawności lub orzeczeniem o znacznym lub umiarkowanym stopniu niepełnosprawności przysługuje dodatek w wysokości 200 zł miesięcznie. Poza pomocą finansową rodzina jest objęta wsparciem ze strony pracownika socjalnego, koordynatora rodzinnej pieczy zastępczej oraz psychologa – dodaje Aleksandra Adamczyk, dyrektor MOPS-u w Żorach.



Conferences e.g. in the City Cinema

- ▶ The conference concerned the promotion of Foster Parenting and was addressed to the inhabitants of our city.



- ▶ The aim of the conference was to disseminate knowledge about foster care and acquire new candidates for a foster family.



FOSTER PARENTING DAY

- The form of Foster Parenthood promotion is organized in the form of a ceremonial picnic to which all foster families are invited.
- Joint fun with foster families, numerous competitions with prizes along with snacks. It is worth adding that the event has numerous sponsors.
- Picnic report is disseminated through social networks and media.
- The aim was to present various aspects of Foster Care and to integrate the community.















ART COMPETITIONS FOR CHILDREN FROM FOSTER FAMILIES

- Organizing by the Center and acquired sponsors, the purpose of which is to design Christmas cards for employees of the company from Žory, which are sent to other contractors.
- Another competition entitled “Holiday memories”.
- The project sponsor honors children with various prizes
- The prizes are ceremonially presented to the contestants

Ciepłych Świąt



Wesołych Świąt





CARNIVAL BALL

- ▶ Organized by the employees of the Center for the youngest residents.



WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN





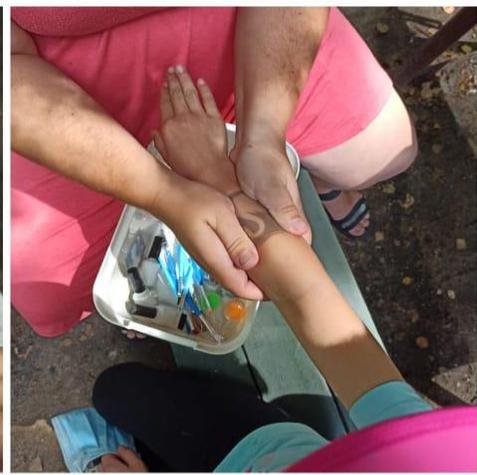
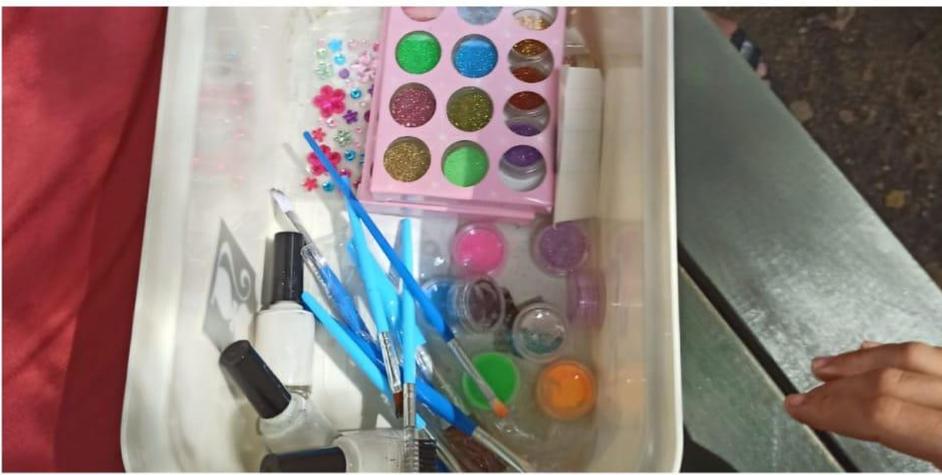
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ST. NICHOLAS' DAY GIFTS

- Promoting parenthood through children's smiles.
- This event was also disseminated through local media.





SUPPORT GROUP

- ▶ It is a self-help group made up by people experiencing similar difficulties and people fulfilling a similar role - in this case the function of a Foster Family.



Group goals:

- sharing own experience in overcoming problems,
- providing emotional support,
- fighting your own helplessness towards existing problems,
- exchange of practical information (e.g. on how to deal with difficulties),
- deepening the insight and understanding of participants and searching for solutions together, and minimizing the feeling of loneliness in problems,
- increasing competences in solving problems of children in a foster family,
- support in building a new family reality for the child.



RAISING EMPLOYEES' COMPETENCES

Organizing training for social welfare workers, in cooperation with friendly municipal institutions, in order to improve their professional competences, take care of continuous development, in order to provide effective support to families.



TRAINING FOR CANDIDATES

- The training prepares candidates to care for and educate children, meet their developmental needs and compensate for delays, support the child's bond with the natural family, and ensure that the child establishes safe, positive and lasting ties.
- The training covers elements of family law, in the field of children's rights, selected elements of pedagogy, developmental and upbringing psychology, knowledge and skills to recognize and assess the family situation of a child, basic knowledge about addictions and information about the tasks and competences of the family support center.
- **The training takes place using the workshop method.**

What's the plan?

- Organizing a holiday meeting for all Foster Families.
- Acquiring a sponsor who would purchase mascots promoting foster parenting. The mascots will be placed in various strategic places in Żory, i.e. cinema, restaurants, galleries, schools, etc.
- Acquiring new volunteers, e.g. among older people (University of the Third Age, Senior Club), as well as young people (secondary schools).

Thank you for your attention



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