



**22.10.2024**  
pre-congress day,  
field visits and  
grand opening

**23-25.10.2024**  
Congress days

# CONGRESS PROGRAM

**35th FICE International World Congress**  
**“SHAPING TOMORROW'S CARE**  
**FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH:**  
**Quality and innovation**  
**in alternative care”**

**22.10.2024.**

## PRE-CONGRESS DAY HOTEL AMPHORA

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| <b>8.00-8.30</b>   | REGISTRATION   |
| <b>8.30-16.30</b>  | FICE INTERNATIONAL meetings and lunch and coffee break                             |
| <b>10.00-12.00</b> | Field visit – for Congress Participants (CHILDREN HOME MAESTRAL GROUP 1 & GROUP 2) |
| <b>12.00-14.00</b> | Field visit – for Congress Participants (COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER SPLIT GROUP 1)   |

For the people accompanying FICE International Members a guided tour around historical Split will be offered during the day

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| <b>16.30-17.00</b> | Transfer to Grand opening   |
| <b>17.00-19.00</b> | WELCOME COCKTAIL & GRAND OPENING<br>- Meštrović Gallery<br>- free for registered participants<br>(accompanying person welcome!) |
| <b>19.30</b>       | Transfer back to Hotel Amphora & Hotel Zagreb   |

23.10.2024.

# 1ST CONGRESS DAY HOTEL AMPHORA

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| 8.00-9.00   | REGISTRATION   |
| 9.00-10.00  | FICE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OPENING  |
| 10.00-10.45 | KEYNOTE LECTURE - Dr Kiaras Gharabaghi, Dean, Faculty of Community Services, Toronto Metropolitan University, Canada, <b>Fallacies of Care: Critical Thoughts on the Family and Group Binary Narrative</b>                                 |
| 10.45-11.15 | COFFE BREAK  |
| 11.15-12.00 | KEYNOTE LECTURE - prof. Branka Sladović-Franz, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Law, Department of Social Work, <b>Old Challenges and New Changes in Alternative Care for Children: Time to Redefine the Goals</b>                         |
| 12.00-12.30 | PLENARY SESSION- Valeria Spazzoli, policy assistant to DG EMPL Director for Social rights and Inclusion, <b>Breaking the cycle of poverty- Insights on the implementation of the European Child Guarantee from the European Commission</b> |
| 12.30-13.00 | POSTER PRESENTATION SESSION + PROMOTIONS (BOOK, JOURNALS)  |
| 13.00-14.00 | LUNCH  |

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14.00-15.30 – PARALLEL SESSION PRESENTATION / WORKSHOPS

16.00-17.30 -PARALLEL SESSION PRESENTATION / WORKSHOPS

17.30-18.30 -PARALLEL SESSION PRESENTATION / WORKSHOPS

Room 1  
Session 1  
Staff, training, recruitment difficulties and good working practices of Care Professionals

1. What residential care may learn from Kindergarten, Friedhelm Peters
2. Complaints procedure as a means of concealment: Implementing participation rights in residential group care. , Claudia Equit, Elisabeth Thomas
3. How is deinstitutionalization implemented in the Finnish system?, Julia Kuokkanen, Laura Holmi
4. Working with traumatized children during traumatic times: Residential child care educators' compassion fatigue and work engagement, Marzia Saglietti; Matteo Alpini; Gianni Fulvi
5. Motivation to Work in Child and Youth Residential Care, Luiza Nobre-Lima, Sara Barbosa, Laura Santos

Room 2  
Session 2  
Care leavers - experiences growing up in care

6. Supporting Care Leavers' Transition through Aftercare Outreach Program, Kiran Modi
7. Predictors of mental health during young people's transition from out-of-home care in Austria, Wolfgang Hagleitner; Fred Berger; Maria Groinig; Susanne Rossnagl; Thomas Maran;
8. What happens after care? Care leavers and independent living, Anja Miroslavljević, Ivana Borić, Gabrijela Ratkajec Gašević, Ivana Maurović
9. Contribution of in-care factors to the care leavers' access to the employment., Gianvincenzo Nicodemo; Paola Cardinali
10. Care leaver statistics – longterm Study in Germany, Tanja Abou

Room 3  
Session 3  
Children in conflict zones, migrant families, refugees, and unaccompanied children

11. Hand-in-hand activities - a retrospect; In Loving Memory of Professor Emmanuel Grupper, A visionary educator and researcher whose pioneering spirit helped forge the "Hand in Hand" Task Force, Alexander Schneider; Marianna Bilyk; Yelyzaveta Moroz; Sviatoslav Onufryk
12. My life journey book; an activity book designed for children to document their experiences of fleeing their home country, Martine Tobé; Elianne Zijlstra;
13. The Best Interests of the Child in Decision-Making in Migration Procedure in the Netherlands, Elianne Zijlstra; Anniek Dommerholt
14. The Study on Emotion Regulation in Children Under Their Care During the First Months of War in Ukraine, Anastasiia Shyroka
15. The "What's Up?" Survey of Adolescents in Residential Care During The Israel-Hamas War, Ben Alfasi

Room 4  
Session 4  
WORKSHOPS 1 – 14.00-14.45  
Staff, training, recruitment difficulties and good working practices of Care Professionals

1. Creating Futures: An innovative approach to empowerment and quality development in residential care, co-created by Young Experts in Switzerland and Hungary, Anna Schmid

Room 5  
Workshop 1-2  
WORKSHOPS 2 - 14.00-14.45  
WORKSHOPS 3 - 14.45-15.30  
Innovative Models of Care and managing DI for the best interest of the child

2. Developing a culture of looking after our staff - it's everyone's responsibility, Dave Roberts "
- Well-being, mental health and therapeutic care of children at risk and in care and care leavers

Room 6  
Workshop 3-4  
ROUND TABLE 1 - 14.00-15.00  
Children as "system disrupters" and what could the organization do? Christian Posch; Anton Magometschnigg

## 15.30-16.00

### COFFEE BREAK + POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Room 1  
Session 5  
Out-of-home care (foster care, kinship care, and residential care) for children and youth

21. "Dealing with history" - Questions of Recognition, Support and Memorialization regarding child abuse in out-of-home care institutions, Diana Düring
22. Search for foster families for adolescents in Italy: motivations, socio-demographic characteristics and factors encouraging availability, Marco Giordano
23. A Holistic Approach in the Alternative Care of Children and their Mothers in Brazil: Empowering 'The Failed Mother' for the Child's Best Interest, Patrick Reason
24. Evaluation of satisfaction with the half-day care service at the Centre for community services Izvor Selce, Davor Vukelić, Ivana Azinović Vukelić, Katja Borovac, Doris Antić
25. "Young people leaving foster care: perspective of foster care parents", Ivana Maurović, Anja Miroslavljević, Gabrijela Ratkajec Gašević, Andrea Čosić

Room 2  
Session 6  
THEMATIC PANEL DISCUSSION:  
Children in conflict zones, migrant families, refugees, and unaccompanied children

26. Objective and subjective findings about the response of European countries to the emergency situation created by russia's war against Ukraine, with a special focus on inclusive education, Marianna Onufryk
27. Legal protection of unaccompanied children and children separated from their families from Ukraine located in the territory of the Republic of Croatia: qualitative research findings, Aleksandra Korać Graovac Irena Majstorović, Lucija Vejmelka
28. The transition to adulthood of unaccompanied minors, Lise Hacquebord
29. Transnational family dynamics of unaccompanied refugee adolescents during the transition to adulthood, Kjell Winkens

Room 3  
Session 7  
Innovative Models of Care and managing DI for the best interest of the child

30. "Protective and Safe Behaviours: Empowering children and young people to be agents of change in feeling safe and preventing peer violence", Coenraad de Beer
31. Fostering compassionate and affiliative residential care homes: Findings from a Compassionate Mind Training Program delivered to Caregivers, Laura Santos; Daniel Rijj; Maria do Rosário Pinheiro
32. KINGS trauma-focused and inpatient family treatment: target group characteristics and reported care activities in daily practice, Lysbert Zeinstra
33. The measure of separation of a child from the family in international and Croatian law and practice, Daniel Rupičić, ;Branka Rešetar,
34. Innovations in the Residential Youth Care in The Netherlands, Ymke Riemersma

Room 4  
Session 7a  
Croatian experiences and models of good practice- session is on Croatian language ONLY

16. Doprinos negativnog utjecaja prometne i socijalne isključenosti", Lucija Marcella, Ivana Blajčić, Liana Brkić
17. Obitelj u centru - unaprjeđenje kvalitete izvaninstitucijskih socijalnih usluga Obiteljskog centra Split, prikaz provedbe i rezultata projekta, Katarina Anđić, Maja Proso
18. "Tinel" - Potpora i razvoj udomiteljstva, Vedrana Radić Brajnov, Sanja Kuvačić
19. "Program potpore socijalnom uključivanju djece i mladih - Svi zajedno, Sanja Kuvačić
20. Integrirani model skrbi za djecu čiji su roditelji osobe s problemom ovisnosti, Jelena Klinčić, Lidija Bandić

Room 5  
Workshop 4-5  
WORKSHOPS 4 - 16.00-16.45  
WORKSHOPS 5- 16.45-17.30  
Out-of-home care (foster care, kinship care, and residential care) for children and youth

4. Put Children First: End Orphanage Volunteering and the Institutionalisation of Children, Valerie Philpot
5. Ethical Challenges and Considerations for Child and Youth Care Practice in Out of Home Care, Kelly Shaw; Heather Modlin

Room 6  
Workshop 6-7  
WORKSHOPS 6 - 16.00-16.45  
WORKSHOPS 7 - 16.45-17.30  
Innovative Models of Care and managing DI for the best interest of the child

6. Strengthening quality care in alternative child and youth care through a dual practice-oriented training for professional caregivers, Monika Lengauer & Christian Posch
7. Empowering Care Leavers: Navigation with the Care Leaver Portfolio Mag. Anton Magometschnigg;; Elke Maurer

## FIELD VISIT

### MAESTRAL-Residential institution GROUP 3 & GROUP 4

#### FIELD VISIT GROUP 2

#### NGO MOST GROUP 2

## 17.30-18.30

Room 1  
Session 8  
Well-being, mental health and therapeutic care of children at risk and in care and care leavers

35. Young people leaving care: Perspectives of professionals from centers of social care, Gabrijela Ratkajec Gašević, Anja Miroslavljević, Ivana Maurović
36. Children and Youth at Risk in Residential Care in Israel: An Examination of their Characteristics, Needs and Interventions Used to Treat Them, Anna Reznikoveski-Kuras; Hadas Shapira
37. Evaluations of programs intended for children and youth – how are they carried out and what are they for? Lara Rašić, Helena Vusić

Room 2  
Session 9  
Croatian experiences and models of good practice- session is on Croatian language- translation available

38. Doživljaj života u organiziranom stanovanju iz perspektive mladih, Josipa Radas, Liana Brkić
39. Krizno upravljanje - Odgovor sustava socijalne skrbi na potrebe raseljenih osoba iz Ukrajine, Milena Koren, Katarina Špehar Fiškuš, Marina Milić
40. Činimo li dovoljno?Prezentacija aktivnosti Tima za udomiteljstvo Splitsko-dalmatinske županije, Marta Nekić, Tanja Marčac Srdarević

Room 3  
Session 3  
THEMATIC PANEL DISCUSSION with UNICEF Croatia 17.30-18.30 (English, without translation)  
White Papers on the role of small-scale residential care for children, foster care and institutions providing education and accommodation to children in Europe, Ivana Zadro i Martina Tomić Latinac

Room 4  
Session 4  
ROUND TABLE 2-17.30-18.30  
What children in alternative care need today and what modern training for care givers / social pedagogues should look like – an international exchange!, Christian Posch; Monika Lengauer

Room 5  
Session 5  
WORKSHOPS 8 – 17.30-18.30  
Well-being, mental health and therapeutic care of children at risk and in care and care leavers

8. Intergenerational Programs as an Intervention with High-Risk Children, Merle Griff

Room 6  
Session 6  
WORKSHOPS 9  
Well-being, mental health and therapeutic care of children at risk and in care and care leavers

9. Resilience and Adaptation: Navigating Emergencies in Youth Villages and Boarding Schools in Israel, Yossi Zagoury

## 19.00-19.30

### Transfer to GALA DINNER

## 20.00

### GALA DINNER extra payment upon registration for Congress participants and accompanying person

24.10.2024.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> CONGRESS DAY HOTEL AMPHORA AND HOTEL ZAGREB

**INTERdisciplinary, MULTIsector, INTERNATIONAL: Cooperation as a source of support, resources and greater opportunities for children in care and at risk and experts**

8.00-9.00 REGISTRATION HOTEL AMFORA & HOTEL ZAGREB

### DAY 2- HOTEL AMPHORA

9.00-9.45 PLENARY ROUND TABLE - PRESENTATION FICE International working group: IMPLEMENTING QUALITY IN ALTERNATIVE CARE

9.45-10.30 PLENARY ROUND TABLE - PRESENTATION FICE International working group: CARE LEAVERS

10.30-11.00 COFFEE BREAK + POSTER SESSION

11.00-11.45 PLENARY ROUND TABLE - PRESENTATION FICE International working group: INSIGHTS FOR SUPPORTING DISPLACED YOUTH AND CHILDREN

Room 2  
Session 10

Out-of-home care (foster care, kinship care, and residential care) for children and youth

1. Research on adequacy of the compensation and leaves for foster parents' work and allowances for children in foster care, Martina Štabi, Martina Tomić Latinac
2. "Advisory forum STRENGTHENING YOUTH: Bridges to independence" supported from the Federal Ministry of Youth for the period from 2023 to 2027., Josef Koch
3. Family construction between normative expectations and diversity - the relationship to fathers and mothers during the transition from care to adulthood, Stephan Sting; Georg Streissguertl; Julia Weissnar

Room 4  
Session 11

Well-being, mental health and therapeutic care of children at risk and in care and care leavers

4. The need for support in recognising and correcting internalised and externalised problematic behaviour of children in care in Lithuania, Jolanta Pivorienė; Odeta Merfeldaitė
5. Coping strategies of youth and organizational change in out-of-home care during and after the COVID-19 pandemic , Claudia Equit; Elisabeth Thomas
6. Challenges in the implementation of Schutzkonzepte (protection guidelines)– Spotlight on Youth Welfare Offices. Results from a nationwide survey in Germany, Sehresh Tariq

Room 5  
Session 12

Staff, training, recruitment difficulties and good working practices of Care Professionals

7. Let's get serious! Raising Standards of Training and Professionalising our Workforce, a Therapeutic Approach, Dave Roberts
8. Relationship between structural and process quality with the workload and job satisfaction of professionals in home-based family support, Wolfgang Hagleitner, Guido Thaler, Nadine Kritzinger, Tobias Finger
9. Psychological Profile of the Portuguese Caregivers of Children and Youth in Residential Care, Laura Santos, Monica Campos, Luiza Nombro-Lima

Room 5  
Session 10

WORKSHOPS 10

Children in conflict zones, migrant families, refugees, and unaccompanied children

9. Insights and Support Strategies for Caregivers Who Worked for Displaced Ukrainian Youth during the last Two Years. , Alexander Schneider; Marianna Bilyk; Sviatoslav Onufryk

Room 2

12.45-13.45- PANEL DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON FOSTER CARE -"Embrace a child- create a home"/ "Prigrli dijete, stvori dom", powered by "Croatia for Children" Foundation - Invited panelists and foster parents - streaming in HOTEL ZAGREB- on Croatian Language with translation

13.45-14.00 WALK TO HOTEL ZAGREB (10-15 MIN)

### DAY 2- HOTEL ZAGREB

14.00-15.00 LUNCH – hotel Zagreb

15.00-15.30 Launching of national campaign of foster care- "Embrace a child - create a home/ Prigrli dijete-stvori dom"- free for registered participants- accompanying person welcome! powered by "Croatia for Children" Foundation

15.30-16.00 COFFEE BREAK

15.30-18.00 SOCIAL SERVICE MARKET free for Congress participants- accompanying persons also welcome! (Posters on Croatian language)

16.00-18.00 parallel social service market - HOTEL ZAGREB Video presentation- UNICEF Croatia: Practical support to families in their homes: pilot of the new activity within the psycho-social service - family associates Introduction: Martina Štabi, Martina Tomić Latinac

Room 1 ZG  
Workshop 11-12

Well-being, mental health and therapeutic care of children at risk and in care and care leavers

- "11. Empowering Communities: A Holistic Approach to Tackling Generational Child Poverty, Elena Matachova, Martina Raytchinova; Eva Okonofua

Staff, training, recruitment difficulties and professionalism of Care professionals

12. Work Discussion as a Means of Developing Case Understanding Competencies, Robert Kampe

Room 2 ZG  
Workshop 13-14

Innovative Models of Care and managing DI for the best interest of the child

13. Dare to care, Janina Pavić Jadrić, Amalija Hrepić Gruić

14. Higher education child protection volunteering for the empathetic professionals and independent, successful adults of the future, Beáta Dudás Korinek; Judit Zeller; Iván Wiesner

#### PRESENTATION OF POSITIVE PRACTICE OF PROJECTS AND PROJECT ACTIVITIES

**Open Mic/Debate: Listen, share, and debate!**

<https://dom-mladih.org/category/prostori/razred/>

Prof. Toni Maglica and Martine Tobe– moderators

19.00 - Youth club KOCKA Join us for an engaging Open Mic and debate session. This interactive event invites young people, care leavers, experts, and professionals from the youth sector, as well as anyone interested, to discuss statements proposed by young members of the International Careleavers Community & the Safer Internet Centre Croatia Youth Panel

This is a unique chance to hear diverse perspectives and foster collaboration in addressing the challenges faced by young people today.

Best practice: The perfect child and youthcare worker through the eyes of children and youth currently using youth care

Social event and evening program

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25.10.2024.

# 3<sup>RD</sup> CONGRESS DAY HOTEL AMPHORA

## Digital well-being in child care, new challenges and innovative responses for a multicultural and inclusive future

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| 8.00-9.15   | REGISTRATION  |
| 9.15-9.30   | WELCOME SPEECH prof. Anđela Jakšić Stojanović, Minister of Education and Innovation of Montenegro   |
| 9.30-10.15  | KEYNOTE LECTURE Tomislav Ramljak – Croatian expert of Internet safety, Internet safety and future directions in prevention, detection and treatment of high risk children |
| 10.15-11.00 | The digital world from our perspective – YOUTH PANEL CSI.hr   |
| 11.00-11.30 | COFFEE BREAK  |
| 11.30-12.30 | PANEL DISCUSSION DIGITAL WELL-BEING IN THE FIELD OF CHILD CARE AND CHILD PROTECTION -Invited panelists and youth representatives.   |
| 12.30-13.00 | POSTER PRESENTATIONS SESSION  |
| 13.00-14.00 | LUNCH+POSTER PRESENTATIONS  |

(translation with online stream)

### 14.00-15.30- PARALLEL SESSION PRESENTATION / WORKSHOPS

Room 1  
Session 13

**New challenges and skills: Digital well-being and internet safety of children at risk and children in care and their professionals**

1. Online Safeguarding Possible courses of action for residential support workers in cases of cyber violence in residential child and youth welfare facilities, Natascha Einspieler; Dorothea Hartl;
2. Safer Internet Center Croatia Youth Panel – Practical Insights and Experiences, Martina Nikolić Đurin, Melani Đurković, Tea Čičić
3. Empowering Youth for Adulthood: An Online Escape Room Approach, Bas Rodijk
4. Self-harming behaviour in children and adolescents A regional study on safe behaviour in residential care facilities and specific options for

Room 3  
Session 14

**Leading the change: insights by care-experienced individuals**

6. Remembering and Being Remembered in Residential Child and Youth Care – Tanja Abou (Germany)
7. Employment status and best support practices for Care Leavers in Asia – Surja (India) and Nimmu (Sri Lanka)
8. Transforming lives: the journey of Supporting youth leaving the care system in Brazil – Patricia Rodrigues (Brazil)

Room 4  
Session 15

**Multicultural, Diversity, Inclusion and Models of Positive Practice**

9. Intercultural relations among theoretical perspectives and professional practice in child and family social work, Chiara Cocchi; Francesca Lagomarsino; Nadia Rania
10. Putting Children First: Changing the Narrative of looked after Children in India, Kiran Modi, Gurneet Kalra; Leena Prasad
11. The Verbatim Formula: Curating an Alternative Form of Care Through Arts-based Practice-based Research, Maggie Inchley
12. New legislation in Hungary - does the law really combat child abuse in the child protection system? , Judit Zeller "
13. Dilemma of HIV Status disclosure and its Effects on Viral Load Suppression (VL) among Sexually Active 14 – 19-Year-Old Adolescent Boys in Siaya County, Kenya, Simon Otieno, Charles Olang'o, Erick Nyambetha

Room 2  
Thematic panel session

**THEMATIC PANEL DISCUSSION WITH FOSTER PARENTS**

„What is it like, being a foster parent? - presentation of a foster parent story of Foster Care Team of Split-Dalmatia County”, Vedrana Radić Brajnov

(translation without online stream)

Room 5  
Workshop 15

**WORKSHOP 15 – 14.00-14.45**

Out-of-home care (foster care, kinship care, and residential care) for children and youth

15. Participation of families in residential youth care A solution-focussed view for working in child protection. Andrea Jedinger

Room 6  
Workshop 16-17

**WORKSHOP 16 – 14.00-14.45**  
**WORKSHOP 17 – 14.45-15.30**

Staff, training, recruitment difficulties and professionalism of Care professionals

16. Building Child and Youth Care practitioner capacity: accessible and affordable competency development for care providers, Michelle Briegel; Pennie Sibbald "

Out-of-home care (foster care, kinship care, and residential care) for children and youth

17. “Together: Strengthening the participation of children and young people without or at risk of losing parental care”, Florence Treyvaud Nemptzov, Margherita Brasca, Almas Khan, Coenraad de Beer

15.30-16.00 COFFEE BREAK

16.00- 17.00

**CLOSING CEREMONY** and summarized conclusions from parallel sessions, panel discussions and round tables will be presented in order to jointly answer the question: How can we contribute to shaping tomorrow's care for children and youth and how to ensure and maintain quality and innovation in alternative care ?"

In addition to recalling the formal and informal moments we spent in the last 3 days, the event will be moderated by Prof. James Anglin and Prof. Marijana Majdak, and the final speech, as well as the closing speech, will be given by Prof. Anna Schmid, president of FICE International

FIELD VISIT Possible to organize (contact:office@fice35.com)

