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VULNERABLE CHILDREN

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CHILD WELFARE SERVICE – THE STATE AND THE MUNICIPALITIES

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MAIN OBJECTIVE FOR CHILD WELFARE IN NORWAY

- *ensure that children and young people who are living in conditions which may harm their health and personal development receive the care and assistance they need in a timely manner*
- *contribute towards the provision of a safe environment in which children can grow up*



PRINCIPALS IN NORWEGIAN CHILD WELFARE

- *The best interest of the child*
- Biological ties between child and its parents
- Preventive measures
- Participation of the child and the right to state their views



53 150 CHILDREN WITH SUPPORT FROM CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

- Preventive measures (with consent)
 - 44 072 children
- Care orders
 - 9 078 children



(Numbers as of 31.12.2013.)

9 OUT OF 10 IN FOSTER CARE



FOSTER CARE

- Different kinds of foster homes depending on the severity of the child`s problems
- Most placements are from the birth family or from emergency foster homes
- Contact with their biological family
- Relative care / kinship care
 - Appr. ¼ of children in foster care are placed in kinship care
 - In 2014: 44 % of children placed for the first time in foster home were placed in kinship care

RECRUITMENT OF FOSTERFAMILIES

- Bufetat is responsible for the recruitment of foster families
- Foster care services hold regular information sessions for those who are interested in becoming a foster parent
- Foster care services is responsible for carrying out the training and recruitment program PRIDE (Parents Resources for Information, Development and Education)
- It is held every two years national recruitment campaigns besides ongoing local initiatives

NATIONAL GOALS FOR FOSTER CARE WORK

- More placement in foster care – less in institution
- More placements in family or close network
- More recruitment of immigrant foster parents
- Focus on foster parents for children of national and indigenous minorities

From national guidelines for foster care:

- *Bufetat shall recruit different types of foster homes so it is possible to meet the single child's special needs, including ethnic, religious, cultural and linguistic needs*

Děkuji za pozornost!