



"Children and Youth at Risk – CYAR" Status report

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Today's topics:

- Recent developments in child welfare in (Northern) Norway
- CYAR activity report 2016

What is new in child welfare in (Northern) Norway?

Proposal for reforms in the child welfare services – more responsibility to the municipal child welfare services (professional and economic). The regional child welfare services (Bufetat) engaged upon request

- **Municipalities - recruitment, basic training and supervision of foster homes.**
- **Bufetat - emergency homes, specialized foster care for children with special needs.**
- **Bufetat - responsibility for residential care and for admission to the institution. No longer prioritize their own institutions before private – competitive environment**
- **Bufetat - emergency placements outside home. Municipalities - examine the child's close family and network before contacting Bufetat.**
- **Bufetat - emergency and institution placements.**

What is new in child welfare in (Northern) Norway? – cont.

Integrated Treatment Model (ITM) and Family Integrated Transitions (FIT)

ITM – at the institution

FIT – in the family in collaboration with the municipal child care services.

Objectives:

- prevent relapse
- provide the child and the family with support from the local support system
- prevent addiction
- improve mental health
- Increase occurrence of prosocial behavior

8 municipalities in Northern Norway participate in the pilot project

What is new in child welfare in (Northern) Norway? – cont.

“What are children's best interests?”

- Barents Press
- a course on the Norwegian child welfare system
- Tromsø 1. – 4. november 2016
- Debates, visits to child welfare institutions

Among participants:

- Representatives for municipal and regional child welfare services
- Scientists
- Lawyers
- Representatives from the Russian consulate in Kirkenes
- Journalists (13 from Russia)
- People with personal experience

CYAR III – ADOPTED ACTIVITY PLAN for 2016



Adopted activity plan for 2016:

- Adoption of the new CYAR programme for 2016 - 2019
- Strengthening of the programme visibility
- Reporting to stakeholders and funding sources
 - JWGHS
 - Norwegian Ministry of Health and Care services
 - Kolarctic
- Application for funding of the CYAR III activities

In case external funding is available:

- 2 SC meetings
- Annual CYAR expert conference
- Collaboration with CBSS and others – meeting with the EG on CYAR CBSS (incl. CYAR SC) and the CYAR Secretariat to identify common questions for collaboration

REPORT on ACTIVITIES - 2016

Norwegian Ministry of Health and Care declined the application for 2016.

Kolarctic programme – inactive

Resources of the Regional office for Children, Youth and Family Affairs Northern Norway

- Adoption of the new CYAR programme for 2016 – 2019 – April 2016
- Strengthening of the programme visibility – ongoing update of the web-page, communication within the Steering committee
- Reporting to stakeholders and funding sources
 - JWGHS - April 2016
 - Norwegian Ministry of Health and Care services – May 2016
 - Kolarctic – January-February 2016
- Competence building
 - new programme for parents «Incredible Years» in Russia – 3 sets to 3 regions – June 2016
 - a supervision of the mentor in «Incredible Years» - November 2016

REPORT on ACTIVITIES – 2016 cont.

- In case external funding is available - without external funding none of these activities took place
 - 2 SC meetings
 - Annual CYAR expert conference
 - Collaboration with CBSS and others – meeting with the EG on CYAR CBSS (incl. CYAR SC) and the CYAR Secretariat to identify common questions for collaboration
- Application for funding of the CYAR III activities
 - Norwegian Ministry of Health and Care services – declined the application and the complaint
 - Kolarctic programme – inactive

CYAR III – ACTIVITY PLAN for 2017

Tentative activity plan for 2017 – based on the available funds:

- Strengthening of the programme visibility
 - Communication within the Steering committee
 - Ongoing update of the CYAR web-site
- Reporting to stakeholders
 - JWGHS – spring and autumn 2017
- Application for funding of the CYAR III activities
 - Searching for other donors
 - Kolarctic programme inactive
 - Norwegian Ministry of Health has decided not to allocate funds to CYAR-cooperation

Thank you!

