

FICE-BRAZIL REPORT 2015

Projects Developed

Reorganizing and qualification of residential care services for children and adolescents

The municipalities' adhesion to the federal program to encourage compliance with the new legal parameters of strengthening family and community produced demands from several municipalities for training activities, advice and supervision which was carried out in 2015. In the same token, besides the monitoring of childcare institutional services, training processes were initiated on how to form host families - a service little developed in Brazil - in addition to stimulating the creation of foster children's affective sponsorship projects.

In preparation is the production of a book in partnership with SOS Children's Villages-Brazil on the implementation of the Guidelines for the Alternative Care with a broad look into the Brazilian scene in this area.

Strengthening the Guarantee System of Rights, Promotion, Protection and Defense of Children and Adolescents in Brazil

Public structures of organization of children and adolescents' support system gave rise to the creation of Guardianship Boards and Social Assistance Reference Centers - important organs of public service flow in Brazil where the theme of problems of domestic and sexual violence and organizational bases services have been prevalent issues.

Brazilian public policy demanded that municipal governments draw up Municipal Plans of Socio-Educational Services to establish goals and organize actions to work on prevention and attention to juvenile delinquency at the local level. NECA supported several municipalities in drafting these plans, promoting broad participation of the municipal social policies agents and adolescents themselves.

Finalizing the material developed in partnership with UNICEF-Brazil resulted in the website - <http://bibliotecacrescersemviolencia.org/> - dealing with issues such as: Violence against children and adolescents; Child labor, residential care services and foster care; Probation programs; the Municipal Council for the Rights of Children and Adolescents; Guardianship Council and the Prevention and performance actions in disaster situations. Training actions for justice system professionals were also developed in the states of São Paulo and Santa Catarina.

An action in partnership with Petrobras Socio-Environmental has formed local policy social assistant agents that relate and work with vulnerable families, which is the central axis of Brazil's basic protection. In 2015 the project discussed and systemized different approaches to working with families and promoted the conceptual and methodological alignment of this work to strengthen ties between social assistant professionals network in the metropolitan region known as Baixada Santista (nine municipalities).

International Seminar on Quality Home Services

On November 9th, 10th and 11th the *III International Seminar on Quality Home Services: care as a human right* was held. The event, organized by NECA and the network FICE Brazil, had the support of SOS Children's Villages-Brazil and other members of the campaign *Care for Me!* About 300 people from 97 cities and 20 Brazilian states attended lectures and workshops.

There were three days of deep and intense exchange, not only between the entities and participating public, but also between care areas: health, education, support and advocacy and was organized in plenary sessions and group discussions. Among the speakers, besides the Brazilians, were representatives of SOS Children Villages-Chile and Colombia and organizations from other countries: Scotland, Hungary, Austria, South Africa, Romania and Switzerland.

One of the central exhibits focused on the presentation of the axes and principles of the *Care for Me!* campaign. Isa Guara, representative of NECA and FICE Brazil network introduced the document that governs the actions of the campaign. Sandra Greco da Fonseca, national manager of SOS Children's Villages-Brazil, presented the history of the *Take Good Care of Me!* campaign by SOS Children's Village in more than 50 countries, and explained the differences in the Brazilian version. The *Care for Me!* campaign has a group of organizations and added the word "*Good*" to the name to include the idea of a quality of care from the perspective of being well taken care of.

During the seminar thematic dialogues were held aimed at each of the campaign's axes. Led by experts in dealing with each of the topics, dialogues sought to deepen with the participants the concepts and forms of action to achieve effective results. On November 11 there was an exchange of experiences, allowing participants to learn different realities and ways of doing business, opening the possibility of adding new practices and approaches to the practice of care. It was also possible to become aware of different cultures and how they determine the approach to care issues, either communally or institutionally.

The seminar had excellent participation of members of FICE International, whose contribution in the Brazilian debate was enriching:

1. Hermann Radler [President of FICE Austria]
2. Anna Schmid [FICE Switzerland]
3. Zeni Thumbadoo / Nicia of Nobrega [FICE South Africa]
4. Jennifer Davidson [CELCIS Scotland]
5. Adel Rittling [FICE Hungary]
6. Ionel Armeanu-Stefanica / Irina Petronela Cimpeanu [FICE Romania]

See the report made by Adel Rittling attached.

About the Take Good Care of Me! Campaign

The initiative is shown as a movement in the network, with policies and plans set from the collegiate formed by the following organizations: NECA-FICE Brazil; SOS Children's Villages-Brazil, Abrinq Foundation, Making History Institute, and the "Don't Hit, Educate" Network plan Brazil.

Besides the III Seminar coordinated by NECA in May 2015, the International Forum of Alternative Care - For the Right to Family and Community Life of Children and Adolescents was held at the initiative of SOS Children's Villages-Brazil, whose goal was to prepare the launch the National Campaign.

Other partners of the Campaign and members of the Committee FICE Brazil have also developed important projects that connect with the objectives of the campaign.

Participation in national movements

In addition to the Campaign "*Care for Me!*" NECA-FICE Brazil has been associated with other national movements:

1. ***National Pro-Family and Community Living movement*** - which aims to promote, mobilize and train staff to make effective the right of children and adolescents to family and community.
2. ***National Early Childhood Network – RNPI*** - that aims to articulate and mobilize organizations and people to defend and guarantee the rights of Infancy - children up to six years old. The National Early Childhood Network - RNPI celebrated this year the approval of the Legal Framework for Early Childhood which had a fundamental contribution to the social and legislative mobilization.

FICE-Brazil Articulation

1. Meetings were held to discuss the formalization of institutional subscriptions to FICE-Brazil
2. With the support of FICE-Switzerland an intern was hired for 9 months who translated International FICE news for local partners, began arrangements to organize a blog for FICE-Brazil (in the final planning stages) and supported the realization of the *III International Seminar on Quality Home Services*.

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