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Technische aspecten
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Theoretical objectives
 • To provide a theoretical overview of 'family based
 care' and to discuss its role in the
 foster care system for refugees.

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Theoretical viewpoints

- "the continuing family"
- Collective systems / 'We' instead of 'I'
- On a mission for the benefit of the family
- derive identity to the extent to which one adds to the large family
- Aunts and uncles not seldom are no relatives, but do feel so (also important issue for recruitment of FPs)

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Introduction on Nidos and professional guardians

=Legal guardianship arrangements for all Uma's

=Provided nationwide by Nidos

**=Lawfull assignment of authority to supervice and promote
the interest and wellbeing of UMA's**

UMA's are best of to grow up in families
of their (nearby) own culture

- Right on family life
- Convention of the rights of the child
- To maintain the cultural identity
- Disregarded the perspective on a permit to stay
- 50% of all UMA's are in Foster care
- 85% of them are placed in cultural families

Vision

- nothing wrong with UMA's , often strong youngsters, but lack of their parents / family
- have come for a safe environment and education
- not for cure after insufficient parenting problems



Theoretical viewpoints

- importance of recognition of "embedding"
 - To belong to a social and cultural group
 - Share language, values, habits and traditions
 - Recognize that stress may appear after sudden loss

"In my country I was used to look at the sunset to know if it was time to go home to eat. But in Holland it is quite different; in the winter sunset is really early and in the summer it can be really late."

Theoretical viewpoints

- foster family as "transitional environment"
 - Experience the own and the new culture
 - Both cultures can meet en mingle in a safe and informal manner
 - Interact loyal to the own and new culture

Theoretical viewpoints

- "protective jackets"
 - Ancors from the past
 - Deep memories
 - Persons and habits that were important
 - Helpful to revitalize and face the new world

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Build an extensive network

- recruit foster families via the families that already work for you
- work with "key figures"
- pay attention to the cultural groups and involve them in your problem
- discuss a specific case and ask for help
- make the cultural group aware of the risks of institutionalized care and ask them to take responsibility.
- an open minded approach towards the cultural group remains the most important.

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- participation in the conventional western manner doesn't really inspire.
 - it is essential to get feedback on your work as a professional organization.
 - foster parents are an important source of recruitment
 - help to sort out difficulties or get suggestions to find alternatives in coping on the integration and parenting
 - report to the group what we are going to do with their feedback
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