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Servizio Politiche Cittadine per l'Infanzia e l'Adolescenza

C O N F E R E N C E *RECEPTION AND LIVING IN FAMILIES (RLF)*

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Workshop session II

VI - Reception and Living in Families in Venice, Italy

*Introduction to the subject by the situation in the
Municipality of Venice by Lisa Lamon, educator at
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Équipe Minori Stranieri Non Residenti (Staff for foreign non-resident minors)

EMSNR

composed of 1 social worker in charge (“manager”), 3 social workers, 3 educators, 1 psychologist

Aim of taking care of UAMs and ASUMs ...

... providing support and protection/care - **personal life projects**

Tasks:

- data collection about UAM and ASUMs
- promotion of the rights and duties of UAM and ASUMs
- information, bureaucratic and legal advice and support
- development of innovative procedures / good practices related to reception and social integration of UAM ~ASUMs
- **information and partnership with all competent authorities** (stakeholders), especially:
 - . the Police (**immigration Office**);
 - . **D.G.I.P.I.** (Directorate-General for Immigration and Integration Policies c/o Ministry of Labour and Social Policy);
 - . **Juvenile Court** → **legal guardian**

Since 2008, EMSNR subcontracted 1st reception services and procedures to

Terre di Mezzo [TdM] – Elleuno Cooperative

Centro per l’Affido e la Solidarietà Familiare (Centre for foster care and family support)

CASF

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Tasks:

promoting foster care in the City

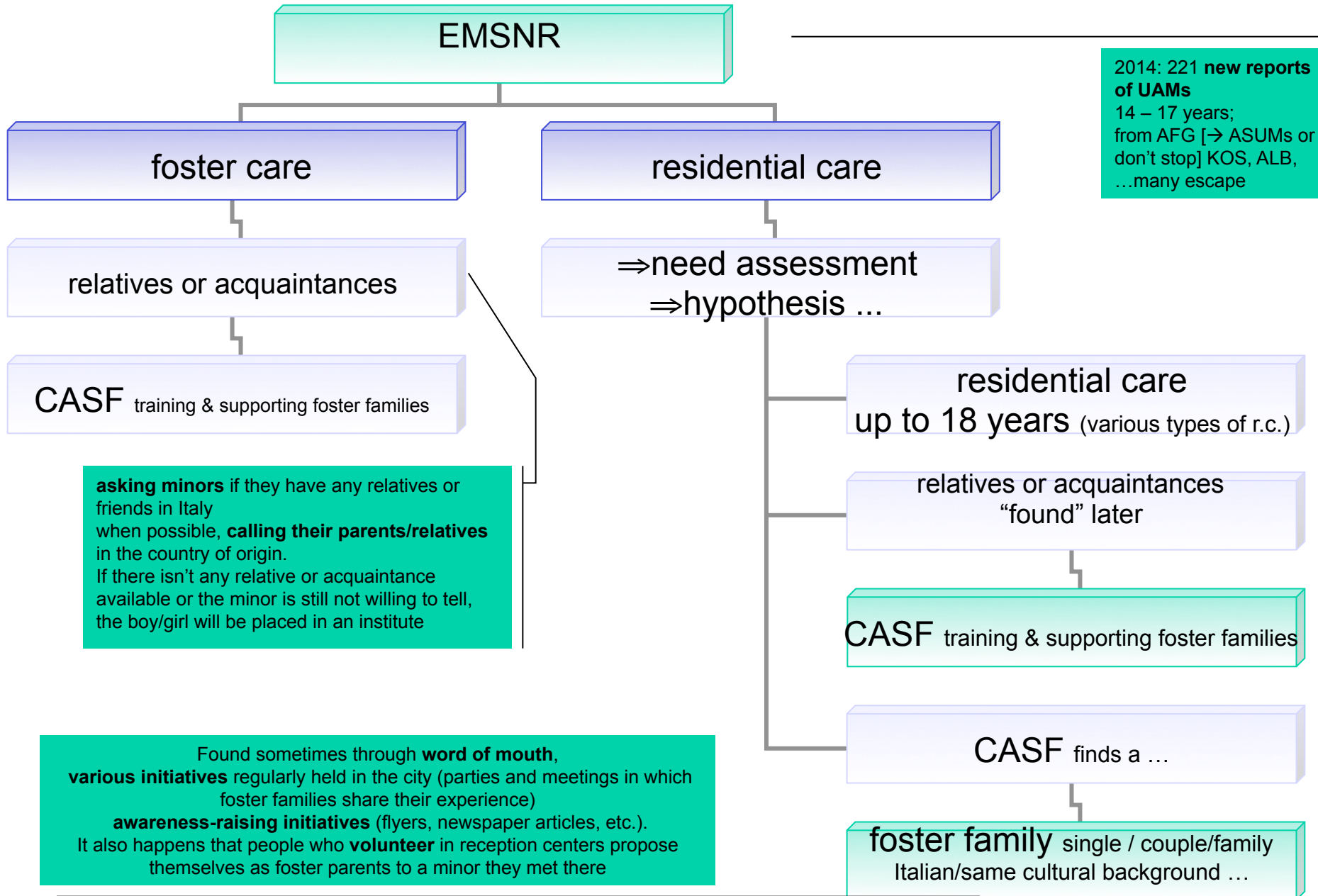
training and qualifying individuals and/or families applying to become foster families

assessment of individuals and/or families applying to become foster families

partnership with EMSNR to find a family for a minor and to assess their suitability

supporting foster families or individuals during foster care

RECRUITMENT OF FOSTER FAMILIES AND PROCEDURES



2014: 221 new reports of UAMs
14 – 17 years;
from AFG [→ ASUMs or don't stop] KOS, ALB,
...many escape

asking minors if they have any relatives or friends in Italy when possible, calling their parents/relatives in the country of origin. If there isn't any relative or acquaintance available or the minor is still not willing to tell, the boy/girl will be placed in an institute

Found sometimes through word of mouth, various initiatives regularly held in the city (parties and meetings in which foster families share their experience) awareness-raising initiatives (flyers, newspaper articles, etc.). It also happens that people who volunteer in reception centers propose themselves as foster parents to a minor they met there

foster family single / couple/family
Italian/same cultural background ...

HOW TO IMPROVE/CHALLENGE

find more not related foster families who are willing to host and take care of UAMs

find not related foster families who are willing to host and take care of UAMs soon after their arrival

have ex UAMs (who experienced either foster or residential care) willing to take care of UAMs (especially, but not only, when they are siblings!)

learn from “au pair” – host families experience (foreign students hosted by Italian families)

work with IOM to increase awareness and knowledge on foster care in UAMs’ country of origin

spread the theme of foster care inside the schools

training for social workers who support and train foster families

ask Italian foster families to learn a little of a foreign language as well as Italian language for foreign families

make foreign and Italian foster families meet in groups to share experiences and improve cultural exchanges

training on UAMs’ cultural backgrounds both for families and social workers and educators: this is now left to their “curiosity” and to “cultural mediators” who must be adequately prepared for this task.

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