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## ANNUAL REPORT of ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONALS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILY SUPPORT **„FICE SRBIJA“** for 2012.

During the year 2012, Association of professionals for children and family support „FICE Serbia” had different kind of activities which we, for the purposes of this Report, technically divided in several parts:

### 1. NETWORKING

- AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

As association of professionals, which members are mainly homes for children and youth, as well as centers for social work, and institutions for children with behavioral difficulties and disorders, FICE Serbia organized meetings, and provided possibilities to transfer and share the examples of good practice between members. (Three vocational conferences)

In cooperation with the Dutch youth organization "Life Book for Youth", FICE Serbia organized training for professionals from institutions for the implementation of the methodology - "Book of Life" (LIFE Book for Youth) in daily work with children without parental care, which grow up in institutional settings. In training participated 24 professionals from 19 institutions from Serbia, who should, by the end of April 2013, create and fulfill (together with children) 400 life stories (LIFE BOOKS).

- AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL

Last year, there were no mutual projects activities but we cooperate with our regional Network (FICE South East Europe). We exchanged information's and participate together at international meetings.

The training program (Continuing Education Program - CEP) for staff members ("Significant others") who work in children homes in region, which FICE Serbia carried out in period from 2008 to 2011 miss to all members of FICE South East Europe, but unfortunately we could not find funds for realization of the activities.

- AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

FICE Serbia participated on two "FICE International" meetings (Federal Councils) in Israel and Bulgaria, at IFCO and EUROCHILD Conferences, as well as at European FGC Network Meeting which were held in Sofia in October 2012. We applied for funds by different foundations and organizations and cooperated with our FICE sister organizations in Europe. The most significant cooperation was with FICE Bulgaria. We supported their efforts to implement PRIDE program for foster care and adoption in Bulgaria (provided PRIDE trainer), and colleagues from FICE Bulgaria supported the management team of FICE Serbia to raise competencies in EU project writing. (One day meeting in October 2012.)



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## 2. PROJECTS

First of all, at the beginning of the year FICE Serbia supported foundation of the new NGO “IN THE FAMILY CIRCLE” which main goal and mission is to implement the Family Group Conference model (FGC) in Serbia.

After that FICE Serbia realized two major projects. Both projects were practically linked with the development of FGC model. The goal of FICE Serbia is to use it in the process of preventing institutionalization of children and youth, as well as in the process of leaving care.

Project which was realized in the first half of 2012, was “SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISING” (financed by Balkan Fund for Local Initiatives) which goal was to train representatives of FICE Serbia for collecting funds for project activities.

Second project was “GIVE FAMILY A CHANCE” – in partnership with City Center for social work from Belgrade, (financed by City Department of Social Protection from Belgrade) which the goal was training of professionals for initiation and referring Family Group Conference model to the clients.

## 3. ADVOCATING

FICE Serbia use every opportunity(vocational meetings, Conferences, Ministry of social policy events etc.) to advocate interests of its members. Association pleads for improvement of standards and procedures, as well as for improvement of professional skills and knowledge in order to raise the quality of life of children and youth in institutional settings in general.

In 2012 FICE Serbia, according to the financial capabilities, updated the web site of the Association, and became member of the international online association PADOR, which should make easier future participation in international tenders for projects.

All activities of the Association, except for projects, as well as work of the Steering and Supervisory Board were voluntary character.

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