Spotlight Series on Foster Care Practice: Webinar 3 - Safety and Protection in Foster Care

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Regional Family Care Advisor, Catholic Relief Services
• This webinar is being recorded and the recording will be made available to you in Spanish and English.

• Introduce yourself in the chat (select “Panelists and Attendees” when sending a message so everyone can see it)

• Use the Q & A to ask questions and upvote and comment on the questions of other attendees.
We will be holding a monthly spotlight webinar that focuses on various aspects of foster care practice.

Upcoming dates for the webinar series:
- 14 July
- 18 August
AGENDA

Welcome

Presentations

Panel Discussion and Q & A

Upcoming opportunities and closing
LOUISE COX

International Programme Manager
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ASSESSMENT (ENGLAND)

- Motivation to foster
- Background and experiences of the carer
- Views of the carer
- Home environment
- Who lives in the household
- Support network of the carer
KEY THOUGHTS

- How will a child feel living here?
- Would I want my own child to live here?
- Ask the question.
- Did anything make me uncomfortable?
- Think the unthinkable.
- Am I being fair and objective?
- Does the information correlate?
WHAT MAKES YOU FEEL SAFE?
University Teacher and lived experience author, Leeds Trinity University (UK)
Relational Poverty
Bruce Perry

Pobreza relacional: Un entorno ausente de conexión relacional predecible, cálida y segura.
Toxic Stress

- **Positive**: Brief increases in heart rate, mild elevations in stress hormone levels.
- **Tolerable**: Serious, temporary stress responses, buffered by supportive relationships.
- **Toxic**: Prolonged activation of stress response systems in the absence of protective relationships.

Centre on the Developing Child Harvard University (2021)
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SUKA Society’s

Community Placement & Case Management Program (CPCM)

PART A:
Introductory Video

PART B:
Community Placement and Case Management Process & Life Cycle
Part A: Introductory Video
SUKA Society is a non-governmental organisation set up to protect and preserve the best interest of children.
Part B: CPCM Process

Two Approaches:

- Community placement and use case management as a tool.
- Case management with community placement as a subset to address alternative care needs.

CPCM adopts the 2nd approach due to the vulnerability concerns faced by unaccompanied and separated minors (UAM) and the challenging environment experienced by the community (foster parents).
CPCM Process

The starting point for the Case Management Process is when a UAM comes to the attention of our agency. Referrals can be made to us by:

- Community leader
- School teacher
- UAM’s family member
- UAM themselves
- NGO/ CBOs
- UN/ Hospitals or government agencies

As for the Community Placement Process, potential foster parents are identified through our network with the communities of similar background as the UAM.
Being from similar background means that our foster families are mainly refugee & asylum seeking families.

In our programme, we incentivise our foster parents by providing:

- Rent for the room to be occupied by the UAM
- Food for the UAM
- Fees for educational/developmental needs
- Medical/ Counselling and other incidentals
- Extra-curricular activities.

This is to ensure that the foster parents are not required to use their own financial resources to support the UAM.
Both the community placement and case management process function independently until they converge after selection (for community placement) and assessment (for case management).

For the community placement side of the process, the selection phase decides if the UAM can be entrusted into the care of potential foster parents, who should have adequate resources and the capacity to provide for the UAM holistically.
After assessment (at a case conference) is made to determine support for the UAM, the UAM is then matched with the suitable foster parents.

The case manager subsequently develops the care plan with both the UAM and the foster parents to outline specific actions required to meet the needs and goals identified by the UAM.

As our programme’s focus is on case management with community placement as a subset to address alternative care needs, the case manager plays a significant role in the care plan implementation.
Termination of a case may occur under the following circumstances:

- A case is closed when all the goals have been met and new goals are not required.
- A durable solution is achieved (voluntary repatriation or resettlement).
- The UAM ages out upon turning 18 (moved to the transition phase of the program).
- The UAM no longer wanting to receive services.
- The agency decides to terminate the case.
- The minor has been referred to another service provider.
Lifecycle of Community Placement
Case Management

CPCM Lifecycle

A typical UAM would be in our program for approximately two years. Most enter our program at ages 15-16 year’s old. During the two year he or she would go through the following steps within the case management process –

- Referral Process
- Screening Process
- Intake Process
- Assessment Process
- Care Planning Process
- Implementation Process
- Monitoring & Reassessment Process
- Termination & Case Resolution Process

Once the UAM leaves the program, the foster parents will decide if they want to continue to serve as a foster parents to the next UAM entering our program.
Case Management and Community Placement Resources

https://www.sukasociety.org/resources/
SUKEA Society is set up to protect the best interest of children. We work towards:

- Protecting victims of human trafficking
- Restoring children in contact with the law
- Conducting youth development programs
- Training those who work closely with children
- Providing follow-up care for refugee children
- Empowering young people to do good

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Panel Discussion and Q&A
Opportunity to Join the Task Force on Foster Care

The Task Force on Foster Care has been established to provide a platform for sharing and learning on foster care practice experiences from different contexts across the globe.

The group will meet on the Tuesday following each webinar. Learnings from this platform will inform the development of a Thematic Brief on Foster Care.

We encourage and welcome people with lived experience of foster care, foster carers, practitioners, Government actors, and those interested in sharing their experience of the implementation of foster care services to join the Task Force.

If you are interested in joining the Task Force, please sign up to the Transforming Children’s Care Global Collaborative Platform and request to join the ‘Foster Care Group’.

https://www.transformcare4children.org/user/register
THANK YOU FOR JOINING!

Please see the chat box for a link to learn more about the Transforming Children’s Care Global Collaborative Platform and find out how to join.

We will be sending you a link to the webinar recording and slides in a follow-up email shortly. If you have questions, comments or recommendations for future webinar topics, please send them to:

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