



**MINISTRY OF
FAMILY AND SOCIAL POLICY
OF TURKEY**

**THE RIGHT OF CHILDREN TO LIVE IN A CARING AND
SUPPORTIVE FAMILY ENVIRONMENT:
EXAMPLES FROM CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA**

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TRANSFORMATION IN CHILD SERVICES

Child Care within Eligible Families through a Family-Oriented Perspective:

- Providing care for children in need of protection, as far as possible within family without separating them from their families.
- For children who are still provided with institutional care and whose reunion is not considered inconvenient, enabling their reunion with their families or close relatives.

Transformation of our Institutions:

We pursue home and family-type model in child care and adopt the service transformation switching from orphanages to home-type institutions which are «Child Homes» and «Affection Homes».



TRANSFORMATION IN CHILD SERVICES

- From Institutional Care to Care within Family:
 - Socio-economic Support
 - Adoption Services
 - Foster Family Services
- Transformation from Densely Populated Institutional Care to Home-type Care:
 - Child Homes
 - Affection Homes
- Social Rehabilitation Services:
 - Child Support Services
 - Supports towards Children Working/Living on the Street



CARE WITHIN FAMILY

Socio-Economic Support (SES):

It is a model enabling children, if possible, to live with their families or close relatives and their parents to receive socio-economic support, in the case that the economic deprivation constitutes a basis for children's being taken under institutional care. Within this scope, **55.000** children received support in **2013**. Among the ones under protection and care in our institutions, **10.000** to date children have been reunited with their families through socio-economic support.

Adoption Services:

It is the model in which the child is adopted by a family. Within the scope of adoption services, while the number of adopted children until 2002 was **6.976**, this number today has reached to **13.000**.

Foster Family Services:

It is the model in which children who cannot be reunited with their biological parents and relatives are provided with care by non-kin parents. Within this scope, today, **3.717** children are provided with this type of care. With this service, both children and parents are supported.



INSTITUTIONAL CARE

Child Homes:

As home type social service institutions, which can be both a flat or a house, allows only 5-6 children in need of protection to stay. These homes are selected from eligible locations of provinces, such as places proper to raise children in terms of socio-cultural reasons, preferably in city centers, close to schools and hospitals. Children aged 0-18 for whom protection or care order is enacted stay in these homes.

Affection Homes:

They are detached houses within a site and they allow 12 children at most to stay by posing a family environment. In accordance with their age, the needs of children for whom protection or care order is enacted, are evaluated. Children aged 0-18 and above 18 (when necessary) who need protection and institutional care stay in these sites.



SOCIAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

Child Support Services:

Within this scope, services towards child victims of crime and children dragged into crime are rendered. Currently, **707** children are provided with care in 39 Specialized Centers for child victims of crime (Care and Social Rehabilitation Center), and **157** children are supported in 15 Specialized Centers for children dragged into crime (Protection, Care and Rehabilitation Centers).

Supports for Children Living/Working on the Street:

In 8 (Residential) Child and Youth Centers affiliated to the Ministry of Family and Social Policy, prevention and rehabilitation services are rendered for children living/working on the street. Child and Youth Centers providing day care (30) are rendering service within the scope of Social Service Centers.



TRANSFORMATION IN CHILD SERVICES

NUMBER OF INST.	2005	2014
Children's Home	95	56
Orphanage	110	
Child Home	0	971
Affection Home	5	68

NUMBER OF CHILDREN	2005	2014
Children's Home	9.935	2.285
Orphanage	10.460	
Child Home	0	4.975
Affection Home	242	4.147

SERVICES FOR CHILDREN	2014 Çocuk Sayıları
Under institutional care	12.502
Supported within Family without Being Taken under Protection	52.038
Supported within family and Issued with a Protection Order	3.372
Adopted	13.163
Adopted in 2014	196
Provided with Care within Foster Family	3.717
Provided with Free Care in Special Kindergarden and Day Care Centers	1.673



CHALLENGES

Within foster family care;

- The number of foster families is inadequate.
- The service has not sufficiently been embraced by society yet.



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We Don't Let Anyone Get Lost Because
We are a Family...

