

# Comments to actions carried out and results related to Fact for Minors - project in Finland



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- 4 meetings: evaluation of project, interesting discussions of implementation and results
- Useful to hear/learn about different practices and models of intervention in international level
- 1. Making the practices and challenges visible - ) launching a debate -) critical points also
- One of the main problem concerns a lack of a multidisciplinary and multiagency approach, it's common all of us. 2. Building mutual trust and respect between professionals.
- Services are fragmented and do not always meet the needs of child and family. 3. More clear functions and responsibilities

- 4. More creative interventions and individual solutions – need based /tailored services –low threshold services.
- 5. Right measures and timely services and support with relevant methods, Support must be integrated into everyday life.
- 6. Providing an appropriate aftercare services. The support must be tailored to their specific needs.
- 7. We must pay attention to personal key workers role. Key workers, who can give individual time, reliable adult, positive feedback, healthy boundaries etc.

# Government key project

- **A national programme 2016-2019** (Ministry of Social Affairs and Health), which strengthens **research-based development in child welfare** and try to find good and effective practices.
- **THL is supporting the reform of the service system and preparing for tasks required**
- Establishing five new centres of excellence and support will provide **the most demanding services**

# Centres of excellence and support

- The level of special expertise required may not be available in every municipality or even every county.
- Demanding specialized services in child protection (social services) and demanding psychiatric services for children and young people (health services)
  - Based on network of and integration of services, multi-agency approach
  - Each centres have team for co-ordination and network of experts
  - Consulting
  - Research co-operation with universities & other research institutions
  - Implementing and promoting research based methods dealing with demanding child welfare needs
  - Online support

