



Miejski Ośrodek
Pomocy Rodzinie
w Gdańsku

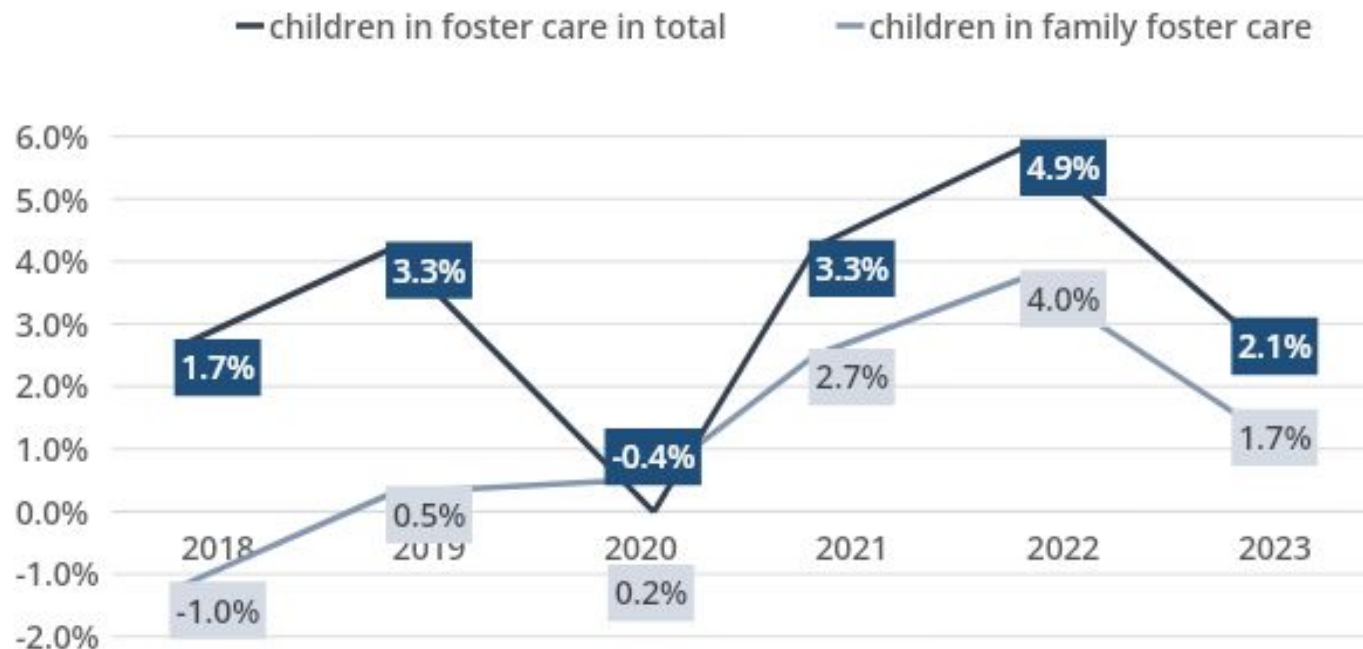
Foster care – good practices and challenges in Gdańsk

Dynamic increase in the number of children seeking support

961 children in foster care

660 children in family foster care

with disabilities



Children with disabilities, special needs

21% diagnosed with disabilities in family foster care

16% children in facilities had a disability certificate

children and adolescents placed in foster families display increasingly difficult behaviours resulting from traumas experienced at home

- ♥ conducting a psychotraumatic diagnosis of a child, for foster families, if necessary
- ♥ hiring people to help according to needs
- ♥ random benefits according to needs
- ♥ psychiatric assistance for children and adolescents requiring specialist medical support
- ♥ educational assistance
- ♥ psychologist with a coordinator of family foster care

lack or deficiency of systemic support mechanisms, such as access to specialist medical care, therapy, training and counselling etc.



Deinstitutionalisation as engaging members of society

Advocacy at the local level

understanding the importance of the topic, budget, preparing staff, cooperation among local government units

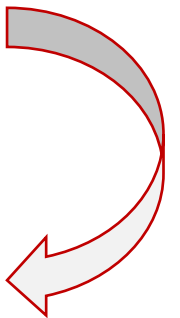
Changing approach to promoting foster parenting

events in local communities, "Give the future - become a foster family", FB profile with educational and informational content, showing the profiles of children

Method of cooperation with foster families

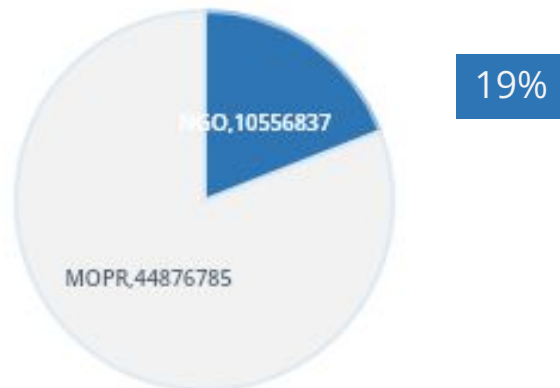
partners, best collaborators and people with whom we see the same goal together, best effects through word of mouth marketing

highest number of candidates to become a foster family



Potential and strength in non-governmental organisations in Gdańsk

- ♥ well-developed cooperation in various areas, including in the field of foster care
- ♥ whenever possible, in accordance with the principles of subsidiarity, partnership and effectiveness, we cooperate with NGOs for the development of foster care
- ♥ NGOs are strong, dynamic and developing, open to change, flexible
- ♥ specialists, people with a mission
- ♥ not so rigorous rules related to documentation or public procurement



Non-governmental organisations in family foster care and care leavers

- ♥ psychotherapy for children from family foster care
- ♥ providing activities that support, network and integrate foster families
- ♥ consultations of the foster children with a psychiatrist;
- ♥ educational assistance
- ♥ *Building and testing a new model of support for family foster care* – project with EU funds for the development of family foster care, entitled for 14 non-professional foster families
- ♥ *GIVE PEACE - environmental support in foster care* – EU project before the decision, NGO – is a leader, for 4 years, 190 participants, including 150 children and young people growing up outside their biological family and becoming independent, and 40 foster parents
- ♥ running small facilities – 14 children
- ♥ cooperation with NGOs in the field of mentoring support for care leavers, Metapomoc Foundation
- ♥ providing additional, in-depth support for care leavers – becoming independent, leaving care and educational facilities
- ♥ running training apartments for foster care leavers





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