



Kids Care

Supporting foster care in Bulgaria to provide
a safe home environment for children at risk.

Information pack for volunteers at Kids Care Charity

June 2015



The Problem

- There are over 4,000 children living in institutional homes across the country
 - More than 90% of those children are not orphans; they have been driven into care homes because they are poor, disabled or from an ethnic minority
 - Children living in institutional homes are regularly underfed and neglected. They are not given the necessary life skills to be on their own after leaving the institution
 - As a result, many suffer lifelong physical and emotional harm
- 238 children died in care homes between 2000 and 2010
 - According to the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee, at least 75% of these deaths could have been prevented
- Every year around 2,000 new babies and young kids enter the institutional homes
 - Reform is coming too slowly to the institutional homes for children – only 30 care homes have been closed since the start of the reform
 - Many children are institutionalised because local schools are not adapted to teach children with physical or learning disabilities and local health services cannot provide specialised care
 - Social services are insufficient to meet the needs of poor families or protect children from abuse.
 - This is a serious problem, on a big scale



Kids Care

Supporting foster care in Bulgaria to provide a safe home environment for children at risk.

The Solution

- We believe that children should not grow up in institutions, so our commitment is to invest 100% of the donations to find safe home environment for the children at risk and ensure they are surrounded with love and care
- Our main goals are:
 - Prevention or relief of abandonment of children living in institutional homes throughout Bulgaria, who have been driven into institutions because of poverty, disability or other disadvantage;
 - Prevention or relief of poverty of children and young people living in Bulgaria a, who are socially excluded, and deprived of basic goods and normal standard of living
- We have identified four specific priorities for the types of projects we wish to support:
 - supporting foster care providers to find a safe home environment for children at risk, where they can develop to their full potential as equal members of the society
 - supporting professionals and carers, communities and families for the relief of poverty and providing children with access to health, education and social care tailored to their individual needs
 - paying for services, tools, furniture, food, clothes, equipment, facilities and other necessities intended to bring the quality of life of the beneficiaries to a reasonable standard
 - working towards prevention of abandonment and prevention of poverty

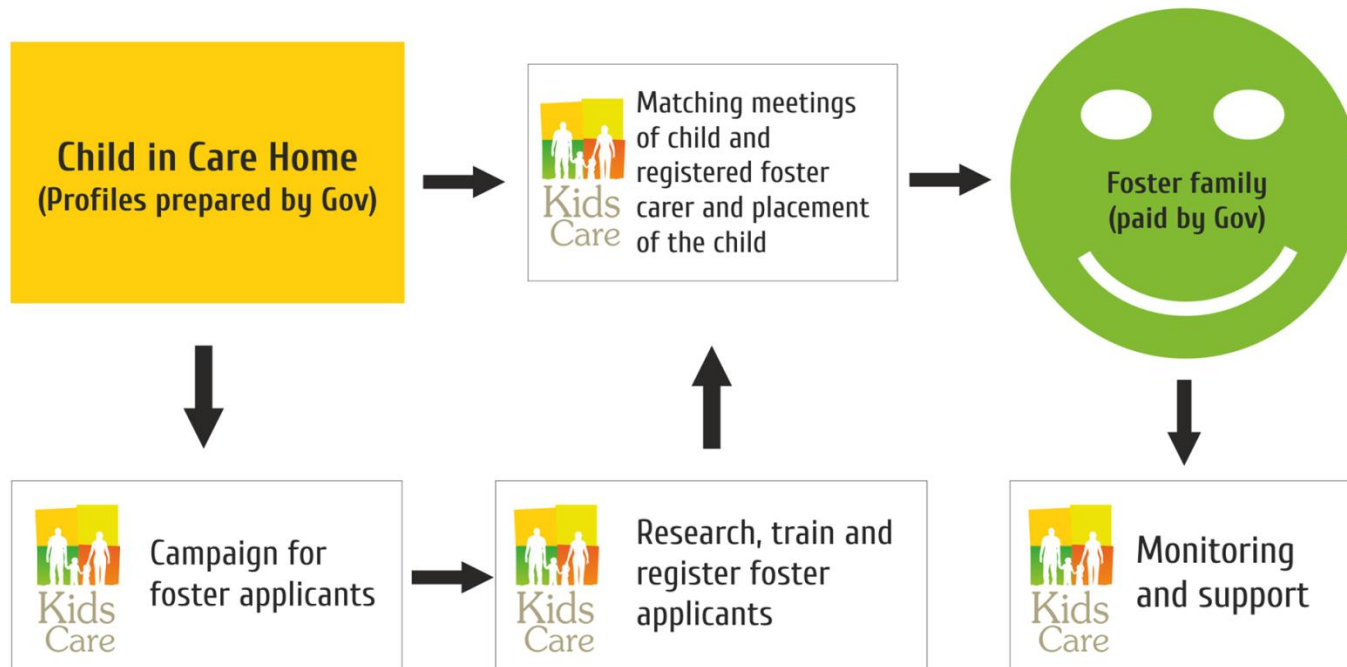
How we support foster care



Kids Care

Supporting foster care in Bulgaria to provide a safe home environment for children at risk.

Foster Care



Kids Care supports foster care from the campaign for foster applicants through to the provision of permanent care for the child.



Kids Care

Supporting foster care in Bulgaria to provide
a safe home environment for children at risk.

Who we work with:

- We currently support two foster care providers in Bulgaria:
 - Sauchastie Varna - www.sauchastie.org
 - Samaritani Stara Zagora - www.samaritans.bg



Kids Care

Supporting foster care in Bulgaria to provide a safe home environment for children at risk.

How you can help:

There are lots of ways you can support our work:

- Join our team
 - Giving your time and using your skills can greatly help us achieve our goals - volunteer for Kids Care at our events or join the supporter panel. Email: info@kidscarecharity.co.uk
- Fundraise for us
 - At home, at work or at your community – there are lots of fun ways to raise funds for Kids Care and support our cause www.justgiving.com/kidscare
- Join an event
 - Set yourself a challenge. From running a marathon, climbing a mountain peak or stopping unessential shopping, there's an activity for everyone to enjoy www.kidscarecharity.co.uk/events



Kids Care

Supporting foster care in Bulgaria to provide
a safe home environment for children at risk.

How to get in touch

- Public pages:
 - www.kidscarecharity.co.uk
 - www.facebook.com/Charity.KidsCare
 - www.justgiving.com/kidscare
 - www.youtube.com/kidscarecharity
- Contact us:
 - info@kidscarecharity.co.uk
 - 0845 1166 217