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It is the first white paper which is put forward in relation to the foster home's care in Norway. Norwegian Foster home's Association has for the past eight years, many times promoted the need for a complete review of the entire foster home care, something that both the research and the left have supported. We have for many years emphasized that a NOU will best be able to attend to such a review.

The background for this review of the foster care home is located about six years back. Norwegian Foster home's Association has been sitting in the child protection Panel (2011),- Blds Working Group on foster care,-all national reference groups in terms of quality in child welfare, the use of different types of foster care (2011), foster parents ' economic framework conditions, foster home's godtgjørelsens the influence in relation to the NAV performance (Bufdirs reports A, B and C reports),-KS *study of framework for foster care*, different consultation input is given to the Prop. 106 L (2012-2013) *changes to the child protection act* and the various hearings in the Storting m. m. Reference is made to our Web site www.fosterhjemsforening.no where various consultation input from 2010 and forward to the present day is saved.

The Storting decided in 2014 that it should be made a report to the Storting with the review of the foster home's care. The finished result was not satisfied with the content of the Association (see input given the family and Cultural Committee 12.04.2016).

A white paper is a political document. The measures/changes the Government has proposed in the foster home's care should not cost money. They have put emphasis on the preventative perspective, quality elevation in the municipal sector and professional recommendations from the Trade Directorate. User organisations have been given great place in the message, and here we mean that interested organization that use the organizations should not be guiding for foster parents ' framework conditions-neither economically or what they need of guidance and training courses.

What changed a weak white paper were family-and kulturkomiteens safety recommendations to the Standing Committee on treatment 31.05.2016.

Norwegian Foster Home Association input through several years as found in the Standing Committee on the treatment of Meld.St 17

The Norwegian Association of Foster home's stuff didn't get approval for this time will be processed in connection with the child protection law Committee's setting (29.10.2016), the research to be initiated and, through a broad treatment through a NOU. It is in addition promised a Bill in the spring of 2017.

Parliament's decisions that support the Norwegian Foster home's Union input in the process:

1. *Parliament asks the Government to ensure foster families of children with disabilities safe and predictable framework conditions and good and coordinated the facilitation.* (Comment: the society has recorded the blurry relationship in which the foster child economy and help measures for more legislation. Foster families that assume foster children with disabilities mean the Association shall be transferred to the State's specialized foster care)
2. *Parliament asks the Government initiate research on how children experience to be foster sister/brother* (Comment: here, the society has over many years been prime movers for the foster parents ' own children also need to be followed up. important to prevent foster home give up.)
3. *Parliament asks the Government to review the use of coercion when it comes to children within child protection. Foster parents are guided on to annual limit setting.* (Comment: based on the child welfare report the mandates and Norwegian Foster home's junction point in the action plan for 2016. Institution employees receive regular training, foster parents have not received such an offer)
4. *Parliament asks the Government promote proposals for Parliament to ensure equal economic framework conditions for foster parents in municipal foster homes.* (Comment: here, the society has pointed out the major differences between municipalities all over the country what concerns the enhancement measures for municipal foster homes, and that it must to a significant elevation of the foster home's remuneration CF KS the report's suggestions. (See also input 10.04.2016 and input to the left web)
5. *Parliament asks the Government study the foster parent's pension terms with the aim that foster parents are not going to lose to be redeemed because of the child's extra needs for care and follow-up.* (Comment: the pension terms has been promoted on a regular basis from the Association, in addition to that, we had a scheme for the Association's members could buy a pension insurance through Storebrand).
6. *The Parliament is asking the Government to review the regulations for foster parents who are uføretrygdet or get the avklarings money.* (Comment: the Association has been one of the few organizations that have provided input and information to children, youth and family dirk tora reinvigorating report C, *Mapping of how foster home's allowance affects foster parents ' right to benefits from the NAV and taxation.* The Association believes that there are several schemes that must be reviewed ASSET VALUE than just disability and working avklarings of money.)

7. Parliament asks the Government that it initiated a NOU about foster home care in order to get a comprehensive review. (Comment: this, the society has given input on since 2010)

8. Parliament asks the Government initiate a research project to look at what kind of aftercare which have the best effect.

(Comment: here, the society has given input in relation to the to ensure that foster youth can stay in a foster home after 18 years, ensure economic both for foster parents and foster youth in after privacy. We have also promoted the proposal to increase the protection for 25 years.)

9. The Parliament is asking the Government for a full review of the foster home's contracts, and come up with a solution that provides greater predictability than today, including better rights for foster parents and a more formal Association of the child to the foster home.

(Comment: here, the society has given the input that the municipal foster home's appointments should be similar to the State,-the lack of review of the agreements,- no consequences if the authorities do not follow up the points in the agreement, the agreement gives no rights for foster parents, little stable with a three-month contract)

Norwegian Association of Foster home's input has given that not Parliament was adopted in the treatment

1. The Storting went against to strengthen the framework for foster families through an escalation plan where the first step is being taken in the State budget for 2017 through a positive adjustment of the grant to local councils and a similar recommendation about the increase of the KS-the rates of work remuneration for foster parents. The way they vote was 20 for and against 83.

(Comment: I think this must be seen in the context of section 4 of the Storting approved to ensure equal economic framework conditions-KS together with our Association is very clear that there must a rise to in relation to the economic framework conditions for municipal foster homes. There is a strong focus on recruitment, and predictable framework conditions be set a map in the context of an increase of the current rates).

2. It was not a majority in Parliament to give foster parents party rights.

(Comment: this, the society has recorded over many years. Both for the foster parents, and on behalf of foster children under 15 years of age, as well as foster children with functional impairment. Partial party rights to the foster parents is recorded to the child welfare law pool to make its recommendations in august, and it is understandable that Parliament did not adopt any party rights at the forefront this issue. If so, it will come with the Bill in the spring of 2017.)

3. The Parliament did not get majority support for the proposal that foster youth would get up to the age of measures 25 years.

(Comment: it's not been researched earlier on what works in a privacy policy, and the Union see that research is needed, and through the research may come forward that measures should be extended to 25 years. The seed is sown.)

4. The Parliament did not get the majority for that unintended movements should be treated in the fylkesnemd . (Comment: through the consulting central in the Association, we get many enquiries on acute and unintended movements that should have been examined more thoroughly through to add up to the case fylkesnemd , and

with a background in a larger right security around moving bruised treatment in fylkesnemnd .)

5. The Parliament had also not majority for our proposal to ensure a authority over child protection that can overrule the child welfare professional skjønnnet.

(Comment: many of the decisions in the child protection be made out from the discretion, but today there are no neutral authority to review the decisions. The county can that regulators do not go into the point of view issues, only sites that belong to the guidelines or statutory. Our Association believes that the rule of law is not well enough taken care of in this context.)

It was the recommendations from family and Cultural Committee that saved msg. St. 17 safety and care. Komitemedlemmene was collected in its recommendations to Parliament. Things don't happen over night, but foster home care has been given more focus than ever before, with the hope of lifting for all foster homes. That it was decided a NOU will give further focus and specialization of all the sites is also the message is not processed. There will be many hearings ahead that we have to see in the context of the foster home's correctional future. The first is the *proposals for changes in the child welfare law. Quality and structure reform*. This has the consultation deadline 10 June and we receive with thanks the input to this.

Child protection law Committee

Was tasked to review the senhøstes 2014 child protection law, with a view to simplifying it and discuss any party's rights for siblings and any party rights for foster parents. Here, the society has recorded 48 points, including going on the party's rights, viewing from the parent's side both in the child's journal and information about the foster parents, the rule of law in that it established a Bureau of child protection that can overrule the child welfare professional ' decisions.

Child protection law Committee put forward its setting 29.09.2016.

Projects

Internal:

1) Youth Council

The Convention in Norwegian Foster home's Association has decided that there should be established a Youth Council for children in foster care. The objective is that there be established a Youth Council that will be an advisory body for the consultation input to the public authorities and the Storting (Parliament). Contributory aspect is crucial in relation to establish a Youth Council. Youth from 13-15 years into the project recruits. Depending on resources, it will be in the long term natural that young people also participate in miscellaneous, consultation meetings, keeps the posts and lectures within and externally, participate in Board meetings and country meetings within your organization, etc.

2) better cooperation

The Association has got money from to carry out ExtraStifelsen a 11/2-year project with the theme better cooperation. On our Advisory phone we get many inquiries where the partnership between foster parents and child welfare cuts. Often this leads to that foster the child must move. In Norway it goes against that most of the bar to perform tasks the vernets in the municipalities. The State has until now had many of the tasks in relation to recruitment, follow-up and training of fosterforledre. It means that it is absolutely essential to achieve good cooperation routines with child welfare. We have come so far where we got municipalities that want to join and here also the County associations become important in the reference group. The project to his mouth out a samarbeidsguide to prevent collaboration problems and prevent utilsiktede movements. Therefore we look for municipalities that works well, so that we can get with us best practices.

Bridge between parents

A project that is in the avsluningsfasen. Here it is designed samarbeidsguider to improve the cooperation between parents and foster parents. It is conducted meetings with child protection also in this project.

External

3) *Mental Health in youth in foster care*

Each other foster children struggling with mental illness. It lacks knowledge of what services offered foster children and their families, and experienced the quality on offer.

It is missing the longitunelle studies that can increase our knowledge of the stakes that promote good development sequence of foster children. This survey is based on an earlier survey from 2011. It has a longitunell perspective. The children are now 11-17 years. As in the first survey are invited foster parents, teachers and child welfare service to participate, new to this survey is participation from foster children themselves. 3 year project.

4) **Try the municipalities**, we participate here in the reference group for Nøtterøy municipality, Norway.

5) participating in the reference group in the child, youth and family's project ***New distribution of responsibility between State and municipality in the child protection area.***

6) r and d project about minorities and foster care

Proba social analysis does in the Mission for children, youth and family Agency a survey of experience with the forsterhjem for children with minority background. Issues raised in the survey is among other things to find out more about how the foster home's location affects the minoritsbarns development, why foster home with minority background is little used and what are the barriers for the placement of minority children and young people in family and network. A research question in the survey is to examine what are the challenges when it comes to the foster home placement of unaccompanied minor asylum seekers.

7) *me and my families*

Finished the project in June 2016. Funded by the children's, youth and family pick tora. In the development of the film have Adults for children cooperation with Norwegian Foster home's Association, the National Association for child welfare children and school in Lillehammer. The film is produced by Filmmakeriet as.

Important film about foster children and visitation