

Episode 18: Different Forms of State Care for Children without Parental Care

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Different forms of state care for children without parental care was the theme of discussion in the one-hour live talk show aired on 11th January 2015 on the First Channel of Radio Television Montenegro (RTCG). This was the eighteenth in the series of twenty shows named "Reaching the Trust Together", which is supported by the OSCE Mission to Montenegro.

Moderated by Andrijana Kadija, participants in the debate included Goran Kuševija, Director of the Directorate of Social Welfare and Child Protection at the Ministry for Social Affairs; Nela Krnić Brković from UNICEF; Slavica Ilić, Children's Home 'Mladost' in Bijela; Mira Asović, foster carer and Sandra Manojlović, NGO "Never alone, always yourself".

Panellists discussed various forms of state care for children without parental care and with special focus on foster care. They presented the current legal framework and state mechanisms addressing this topic as well as reform measures for further improvement. Panellists agreed that focus should be on development of adequate services; that foster care is one of the best models for taking care of children without parental care and that children without parental care should be provided with continuous support.

The main aim of the talk shows is to serve as a platform for dialogue and to engage various segments of society in Montenegro which will serve to enhance confidence, trust, and co-operation between the public, institutions, media, and civil society.

Next episode of the series will be aired on 18th January 2016.

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