



# 'Each Child is Special' 19th – 22nd April 2017 Ghent – Belgium

## Agenda

**Wednesday, 19/04/2017**

*Location: CAW Oost-Vlaanderen, Oude Houtlei 124, 9000 Gent*

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| 09:30 - 09:45 | <b>Welcoming</b><br><i>Johan Van der Sypt, director Pleegzorg Oost-Vlaanderen</i>  |
| 09:45 - 10:45 | <b>"Foster Care in Flanders"</b><br><i>Johan Van der Sypt, director Pleegzorg Oost-Vlaanderen</i><br><i>Break</i>  |
| 11:15 - 12:15 | <b>"Intake, Selection &amp; Assessment, Matching"</b><br><i>Anne Popelier, coordinator Preplacement, Pleegzorg Oost-Vlaanderen</i><br><i>Lunch in Parnassus (same building)</i>  |
| 13:45 - 14:45 | <b>"Culturally sensitive approach in foster care"</b><br>Adapting and developing tools in pre-, peri- and postplacements to handle the cultural diversity in foster care.<br><i>Emine Karanfil, coordinator Dunya, Pleegzorg Oost-Vlaanderen</i><br><i>Break</i> |
| 15:15 - 16:15 | <b>"Foster care for unaccompanied minors in Flanders"</b><br>Recruitment, screening, training and guidance for refugee children in foster families.<br><i>Karl Brabants, coordinator Refugees in foster care, Pleegzorg Oost-Vlaanderen</i>                      |

**Thursday, 20/04/2017**

*Location: De Centrale, Kraankinderstraat 127, 9000 Gent*

09:30 - 10:30

**“Trauma-sensitive approach in foster care”**

Many children in foster care have lived under traumatic conditions before. From experience we know that caring for a traumatized child can be very difficult. Therefore, it becomes a challenge for those who are responsible for their care. Pleegzorg Oost-Vlaanderen provides foster parents training in trauma-sensitive education and care. This seminar will show in a nutshell what this training involves.

*Martien Van Moer, teamcoach Pleegzorg Oost-Vlaanderen*

*Break*

11:00 - 12:15

**“Video-feedback Intervention to promote Positive Parenting - Sensitive Discipline”**

“Video-feedback Intervention to promote Positive Parenting - Sensitive Discipline is an attachment based intervention aimed at enhancing sensitive parenting and adequate discipline strategies of parents with the ultimate goal of promoting positive parent-child relationships and reducing behavior problems in children.” (VIPP-SD; Juffer, Bakermans-Kranenburg, & Van IJzendoorn, 2008, 2014). The modification of this intervention to Foster-Care is being researched at Leiden university and we already practice VIPP-FC. This exposition will give you a taste of what this method entails, how it came to be and its effectiveness.

*An Roelands, teamcoach, Pleegzorg Oost-Vlaanderen*

*Lunch in ENTR (Ham 147)*

13:45 - 14:45

**“Foster Care for Adults with disabilities/psychiatric problems”**

Adults with disabilities/psychiatric problems who are not able to live an independent life, can choose to live with a foster family. Most of them live in the house of a relative. Others were already a foster child in their youth and can stay in the same foster family. Few adults are matched to a new family. In guidance we focus on quality of life and the relationships between all members of the client system. Foster Care for Adults provides the client a very good opportunity to get a normal life with personal choices, directly in his personal local area.

*Nele Lietaert, coordinator Adults in Foster Care, Pleegzorg Oost-Vlaanderen*

*Break*

- 15:15 - 16:15     **“Empowering foster parents in parenting”**  
PVO (Pleegouders Versterken in Opvoeden, approximately translated as ‘empowering foster parents in parenting’). This intensive and short program is aiming to support/to empower the foster parents in dealing with their behavioral difficult foster child (with the age between 3 and 18 years old).  
*Tania Berlize, PVO-worker, Pleegzorg Oost-Vlaanderen*

## Friday, 21/04/2017

*Location: De Centrale, Kraankinderstraat 127, 9000 Gent*

- 09:30 - 10:30     **Project evaluation**  
*Break*
- 11:00 - 12:15     **Planning last part of project and evaluation week**  
*Lunch*
- 14:30 – 17:30     **City tour through the historical heart of Ghent**  
18:00               **Social Dinner**

## Saturday, 22/04/2017

*Location: Bezoekersruimte & De Karrekol, Beekstraat 33 in 9031 Drongen*

- 09:30 - 10:00     welcoming and coffee
- 10:00 - 12:00     **Meeting and workshop with foster parents**  
*Dorine Desmet & Emine Karanfil*  
*Lunch*
- 14:00               **Tour in the parent-children meeting house ‘De Brug’**  
*Dorine Desmet, coordinator ‘De Brug’*