**FGC in Bulgaria**

**Tulip Foundation**

**EU FGC Network annual online meeting, November 2020**

**FGC practice is mostly in the fields of child care / family support. Thematic areas include:**

* Education – attendance, integration, prevention of school dropout, behavioural problems, aggression, conflicts
* Social problems – parenting, disability, separated families, poverty,
* Child protection
* Domestic violence, family conflicts, economical independence

**FGC in cooperation with local partner organisations (NGOs):**

* Local teams are trained and supported by the Tulip Foundation team ;
* Local partners identify and hire their independent coordinators;
* Most partner organisations receive also funding and on-going advice from Tulip Foundation.

**FGC in 2020**

* COVID-19 affected the FGC practice substantially - considerably less FGC have been organised during the current year.
* Different ethnic background of families – Bulgarian, Roma, Turkish
* Specialists participated in FGC: teachers, pedagogical advisers, child police inspectors, mediators, social workers, general practitioners, psychologists
* Referrals from: Child protection departments, schools, kindergartens, the Office of the Ombudsman, friends of the family
* An FGC case is described in the monthly bulletin of Tulip Foundation reaching out some 2500 specialists and organisations. A case from th Netherlands was presented earlier this year.
* Evaluation of the model in 2 big municipalities (in the South and the North of the country) was performed by Antoaneta Mateeva from New Bulgaria University.

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