



Fosters carers and birth families

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I can't unfeel your pain
I can't undo what's done
I can't send back the rain
But if I could I would
My love, my arms are open

So when you feel like you can't take another round of being broken
My arms are open
And when you're losing faith and every door around you keeps on closing
My arms are open

I can't uncry your tears
I can't rewind the time
I can't unsay what's said
In your crazy life
My love, my arms are open

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MwBe2Xpq1M0>

Oh, and when you're cursing at the sky
And thinking, "lord, you must be joking"
My arms are open
And, and when you're looking in the mirror
Thinking that, "my life is over"
My arms are open

My arms are open (oh, oh)
My arms are open (oh, oh)
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My arms are open (oh, oh)

So what did they do to you?
Are you always done for me?
And let...



Introduction



- Foster care was a replacement for the home situation, foster kids became a 'new family'
- There were contacts between foster kids and their parents, but the parents were parent at a distance
- There became more attention for the importance of loyalty
- There became attention for the position of parents, and understanding their loss through the home placement
- Knowledge of the importance in supporting parents in role changing





Breakdown in foster care:

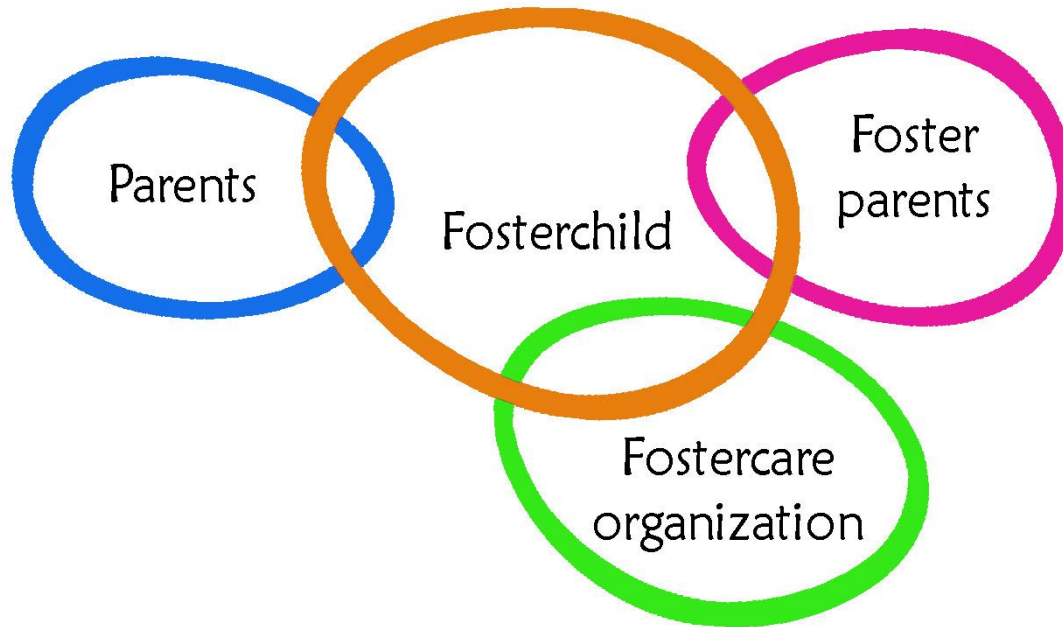


1. Behaviour of foster children
2. Conflictual collaboration
3. Position of children of foster parents, the 'own' children





Research showed that a successful collaboration is relationship-based.





Practice improvement



- Selection criteria
- Shared parenting
- Parents control the matching
- In dialogue about collaboration



Another practice improvement:



“The children of fostercarers”

give me appreciation and attention



give psycho education



look at the complete foster family



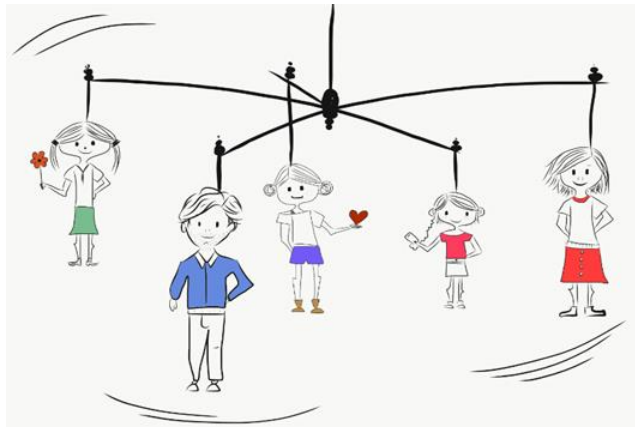
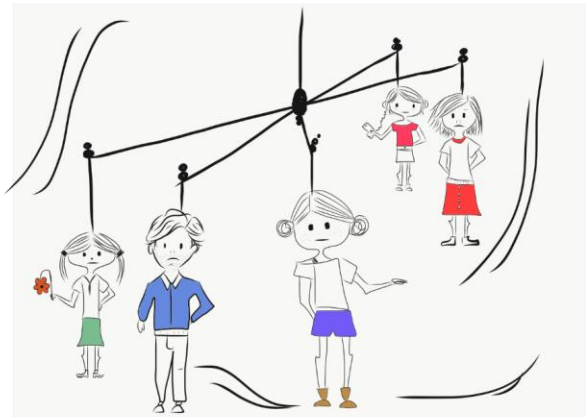
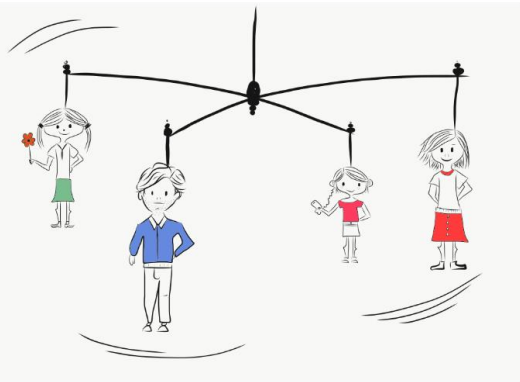
create space to be ‘not’ loyal



Foster-parent:
be aware of our feelings for the foster-child



Practice improvement intervention



Current investigations:



“Role differentiation among foster parents”





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