

Parental competences program in Foster Care and Family Reunification

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The purpose of the program is to support the acquiring of specific parenting skills for family reunification of biological families who have their children under temporary child protection (foster care or residential care) to promote the return of children as soon possible. The different phases of the process are supported:

1. In the initial phase to facilitate the incorporation of the necessary skills to enable parents and children the acceptance of the child protection intervention and separation.
2. In the intermediate stage to keep the bond with the development of specific parenting skills on visits and contacts between parents and children.
3. In the final phase to develop the relevant skills in order to organize the return home of the children with guarantees

The program is based on three pillars: a) the specific needs for the exercise of parenthood during the foster care or residential care; b) the process of family resilience referring to a family who has successfully achieved the reunification after the intervention of the child protection system; c) and the participation of those involved, and especially the children whose interests are linked to know their family problems, the characteristics of intervention (child protection measure) and the potential changes in their lives.