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**International practice and research conference
CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT OF FOSTER FAMILIES: THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL
PERSPECTIVES**

November 17th, 2017

Vilnius

**Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania, Hall of the Act of March 11th, Gediminas ave. 53,
Vilnius**

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GOAL OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference is organized in response to the national social security campaign “For a Safe Lithuania”, initiated by the President of the Republic of Lithuania Dalia Grybauskaitė. Various political, scientific and practical child care perspectives will be analysed during the conference. Problems impeding the development of the foster care system in order to decrease the number of children raised in orphanages will be presented, discussed and defined.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE

Prof. dr. Loreta Žadeikaitė, Ministry of Education and Science;

Prof. habil. dr. Marijona Barkauskaitė;

Prof. dr. Irena Zaleskienė;

Dr. Dalia Vrubliauskienė, associate professor.

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE

Rimantė Šalaševičiūtė, Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania

Vaiva Juškienė (Vilniaus kolegija / University of Applied Sciences)

Rita Ilgūnė Martinėlienė (Vilniaus kolegija / University of Applied Sciences, Lithuanian Foster Family Association)

Inga Bertašienė (Vilniaus kolegija / University of Applied Sciences)

Aušra Simoniukštytė (Vilniaus kolegija / University of Applied Sciences)

Lina Pečiulienė (Vilniaus kolegija / University of Applied Sciences)

Conference languages: Lithuanian, English

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

8.30-9.00	REGISTRATION
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OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

9.00-9.30	<p>Linus Kukuraitis, Minister of Social Security and Labour Rimantė Šalaševičiūtė, Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania Ramunė Guobaitė-Kirslienė, Adviser to the President of Lithuania Rita Ilgūnė Martinėlienė, Lithuanian Foster Family Association Chairwoman Gintautas Bražiūnas, Rector of Vilniaus kolegija / University of Applied Sciences</p>
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Part I

Moderated by prof. dr. Irena Zaleskienė, Rimantė Šalaševičiūtė

9.30-9.50	<p>ESTABLISHING FOSTER FAMILIES AND THE CURRENT SITUATION Dainora Bernackienė, Family and Communities Department, Head of Children's Division, Ministry of Social Security and Labour</p>
9.50-10.10	<p>DEINSTITUTUALIZING ORPHANAGES IN LITHUANIA Doc. dr. Lijana Gvaldaitė, Vilnius University</p>
10.10-10.30	<p>FOSTER FAMILY AS A SOCIAL INNOVATION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE DEINSTITUTUALIZATION MODEL Prof. dr. Giedrė Kvieskienė, Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences</p>
10.30-10.50	<p>THE CHILD'S SOCIAL AND LEGAL STATUS IN A FOSTER FAMILY doc. dr. Brigita Kairienė, Mykolas Romeris University, Institute of Educational Sciences and Social Work</p>

10.50-11.00	BREAK
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Part II

Moderated by prof. dr. Irena Zaleskienė, Rimantė Šalaševičiūtė

11.00-11.20	<p>(INTER)NATIONAL ASPECTS OF FOSTER CARE IN DUTCH PRACTICE Goos Cardol, Zuyd University of Applied Sciences (Netherlands)</p>
11.20-11.40	<p>FOSTER CARE IN BELGIUM: RECENT CHANGES, PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS AND CHALLENGES Evie Kins, Clinical psychologist working as a researcher at the Centre for Social Innovation of the VIVES University College (Belgium)</p>
11.40-12.00	<p>UNDERSTANDING PARTICIPATION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION: CASE STUDY Prof. Linda Pavitola, Liepaja University (Latvia)</p>
12.00-12.20	<p>SYSTEM OF CHILD CARE IN FOSTER FAMILIES IN POLAND. POSTTRANSFORMATIONAL MODERNIZATION AND CONTEMPORARY STATE. Ewa Bielska (PhD) and Marcin Gierczyk (PhD). Department of Social Pedagogy, Faculty of Pedagogy and Psychology, University of Silesia</p>

12.20-13.00	LUNCH BREAK
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Part III

Moderated by prof. dr. Irena Zaleskienė, Rita Ilgūnė Martinėlienė

13.00-13.20	EVALUATION OF CHILDREN'S WELL-BEING IN FOSTER FAMILIES Eivilė Žemaitytė, Senior Adviser, Institution of the Ombudsperson for Children's Rights
13.20-13.40	CHANGE IN METHODS FOR EVALUATING THE EFFECTS OF INSTITUTIONAL CARE IN CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT Dr. Eglė Šumskienė, Associate Professor at Vilnius University
13.40-14.00	IS CHILD FOSTER CARE IN A FAMILY ENVIRONMENT A PRIORITY FOR LITHUANIA: VARIOUS ATTITUDES TOWARDS CHILDREN NOT CARED FOR BY THEIR PARENTS Kristina Stepanova, CEO ŽIBURIO FONDAS
14.00-14.20	IS THE IDEA OF FOSTER CARE APPEALING TO LITHUANIAN MUNICIPALITIES? Rita Tamošiunienė, Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania
14.20-14.40	THE REALITY OF PUTTING INTO PRACTICE FOSTER CARE LAW IN THE CONTEXT OF CHILDREN'S WELL-BEING Rita Ilgūnė Martinėlienė, Vilniaus kolegija / University of Applied Sciences, Lithuanian Foster Family Association

14.40-15.00	COFFEE BREAK
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Part IV

Moderated by prof. dr. Irena Zaleskienė, Rita Ilgūnė Martinėlienė

15.00-15.20	FOSTER FAMILY EXPERIENCE IN LATVIA Liene Muceniece
15.20-15.30	FOSTER CARE – MORE THAN HELPING CHILDREN Ingrida Volosova, mother from Šiauliai foster family <i>Fiesta</i>
15.30-15.40	WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THERE'S A DISABLED CHILD IN THE FAMILY? Irena Vaičienė, mother from Mažeikiai foster family <i>Little oaks</i>
15.40-15.50	CHILDREN'S PARENTS, NOT SERVANTS Gražina Grigaliūnienė, mother from Panevėžys foster family <i>Grigaliūnai</i>
15.50-16.00	ALL OF OUR CHILDREN ARE OURS! Sigita Veinzierl, <i>Sigita Švambarienė foster family</i> , Biržai
16.00-16.10	CARING FOR A FOSTER CHILD – A NOBLE INTENTION Aleksandras Ilgūnas, father from Vilnius region <i>St Martin foster family</i>
16.10-16.20	FOSTER FAMILY MEMBERS – WHO ARE THEY? Nijolė Navickienė, mother from Pasvalys <i>Navickienės foster family</i>
16.20-16.30	CHILD FOSTER CARE IN A FAMILY AND HELP FOR THE FOSTER PARENTS Jekaterina Sulejeva, mother from Rokiškis foster family <i>Katalėja</i>

16.30- 17.00	CONFERENCE SUMMARY AND SIGNING OF THE RESOLUTION
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