



## Terms used in official statistics



### Foster care

#### Definition:

Family or institutional form of care, exercised in case when it is impossible for the parents to provide care and education for a child.

#### The forms of family foster care:

- 1) foster family: a) related, b) non-professional, c) professional, including the professional one that performs the function of a family emergency house and professional specialist one;
- 2) foster home.

#### The forms of institutional foster care:

- 1) care and education centre;
- 2) regional care and therapy centre;
- 3) pre-adoptive intervention centre.

#### Source:

- Act of 9 June 2011 on Family Support and Foster Care System  
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#### Low-level terms:

- [Pre-adoptive intervention centre](#)
- [Care and education center for children and young people](#)
- [Regional care and therapy centre](#)
- [Foster family](#)
- [Foster home](#)

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