

Keeping Children Safe in Foster Care – An International perspective



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IFCO is a global, not-for-profit networking organisation serving to promote and support family based foster care across the world with a 40 year legacy of making a difference in civil society.

Our organisation comprises a multi-cultural collaboration of foster carers, kinship carers, former carers, social workers, parents whose children are in foster care, care leavers, academics and professionals, researchers, media and policy makers.

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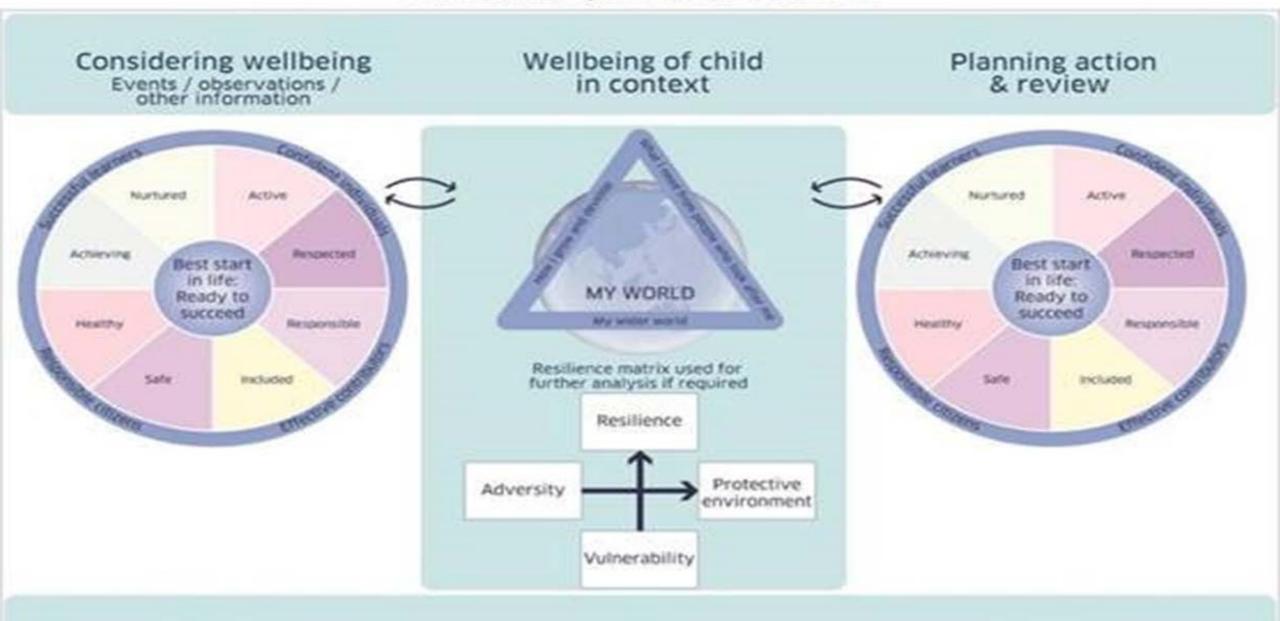
IFCO's vision is driven by the belief that, if they so wish, all children in alternative care across the world should live in family-based care because this form of care offers children the best opportunity to grow and prosper.

IFCO believes that:

- Alternative care for children should be <u>child-centred and family focused</u>.
- 2. In all decisions about children's care, the <u>needs and rights of the child</u> should be the primary consideration.
- 3. Children should have a say in all decisions made about their lives.
- 4. <u>Foster and kinship care should be an inclusive effort by all</u>, birth families (where possible and appropriate), foster carer families, professionals and agencies, respecting the diverse contribution of each in the interests of children who are in alternative care.

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National practice model



Wellbeing Needs

Assessment Appropriate, proportionate, timely Wellbeing Desired outcomes

Documents Referred to:



- https://childreninscotland.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Brock-Report-Final.pdf
- Child Protection Improvement Programme report
- Protecting Scotland's Children National Policy and Child Abuse Prevention Activity.
- National Child Protection Leadership Group

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