



5th days
 **APFEL**
 ACTING FOR PROMOTION OF FOSTERING
 AT EUROPEAN LEVEL

december
 1 & 2
 2016

the gymnasium
 7 place Sébastopol
 Lille



**Foster Care in Europe,
 two study days
 on the theme :**



**Following the thread of the life story,
 The Art of combined parenthood**

Apfel, supported by ANPF, offers you two seminars proposing that we :

- Focus on the child and how he/she might experience the separation from his/her birth parents and the consequence of having to deal with multiple parental figures. We will introduce practical tools designed to help the child make sense of his/her experience and build his own personal narrative.
- Tour across the European scenery of Foster Care, in order to examine how family relationships are impacted by the child's placement. Is multiple parenthood used as a way to combine strengths and compensate weaknesses? Or, on the contrary, could our intervention generate exclusion and competition between birth and foster families, instead of/rather than cooperation?
- Explore Foster Care practice with our colleagues from neighboring countries, in order to discover new visions and proposals for organizing the relationships between birth parents and the foster family. Introducing and developing innovative approaches of parenting, going beyond the substitution of one family with another. Learn how to build new intervention models, based on cooperation, partnership., and inclusion.

In line with APFEL's mission, we will expand our scope to Europe, to better understand the developments in the field of foster care. We invite you to share our resolution to combine theory and practice. Come and travel with us, step aside and, who knows, you might discover alternative pathways, leading to stronger commitment and greater attention to the child's concerns.





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is a bilingual French/English International Non for Profit Association created in 2012 which brings together groups individuals ,all types of representatives of Foster Care in Europe.

Ambition of APFEL is to offer a platform for debate and create a resource base for those who want to promote and improve Foster care of children and young people in Europe

The main objectives of APFEL are:

To promote the exploration and comparative analysis

To bridge theory and practice

To encourage the dissemination of knowledge and experience

To compare national contexts and identifying trends and best practice

To disseminate innovative and promising tools through the 3 existing working groups

-Quality care through training and support of carers

-Voice of the Child through life books and children participation on the basis of child's rights

-Plural parenting to open way to cooperation between birth and foster families

To organize seminars, training courses on the pathway of APFEL caravan

Paris 2014, Geneva 2014, Milano 2015, Lille 2016, Italy in 2017 and Spain 2018

These two day seminar are organized by APFEL - European Network for the Promotion of the Family Foster Care in Europe

With support of ANPF

National Association for family placements

Information

As soon as we have your personal email, we will be able to send you all practical information and the detailed program of the seminars. For more information, please contact APFEL at apfel@apfelnetwork.eu

Thursday 1 December 2016

On the thread of the life story

★ Objectif

This half-day seminar is the continuation of another APFEL event, organized in Paris in May 2014 on "The Life album in Europe." After this event, several French partners decided to create a biographical companion for foster children, which will be presented here. My Backpack, another narrative tool, created in the Netherlands, addresses the same question very differently. These two presentations will highlight the importance of listening to the child and storytelling for the child. It will demonstrate how this can favorably impact the child in care : enabled them to make sense of his/her life experience and to give consistency and continuity to his personal narrative.

This biographical work with the child raises fundamental questions : Who fuels the biographical work ? The child, or the professional ? Who decides to initiate it ? Who and how to coach it, and set its limits ? What is the role of birth parents and the foster family in its development ? Such questions, reaching the essence and dynamics of foster care, will be debated.

Language of this event: French speakers without translation, foreign speakers translated into French

13.00 Registration

13.30 Life History of the Child

Introduction to the theme of the day

Robert Theisen, Clinical Psychologist in Luxembourg, leading APFEL's working group on "The voice of the Child" of APFEL, Vice President of APFEL.

14.00 My Backpack

My backpack is a methodology intended for foster children under 12. The aim of this tool is to ease the dialogue with the child in care, and sustain his/her capacity to tell about what has been happening to them.

Bep van Sloten, Member of APFEL Board, Consultant in The Netherlands for Best Care for Children, initiated the concept and tool "my back pack".

14.45 Exchanges

15.00 Break/coffee

15.30 Life Album of the foster child

From the conception to the implementation/delivery of a new French life album for the foster child, created in 2016.

Nathalie Chapon, teacher and researcher at Université Aix Marseille, France

16.30 Roundtable on the issues that affect the design and implementation of the memory/life album with several representatives of Apfel from Belgium, Spain, Italy and The Netherlands

17.15 Conclusions

17.45 End of first day

Friday, December 2,
2016

Foster care in Europe : The Art of combined parenthood

Languages : plenary interventions: French and English
with simultaneous translation scrolling on screen.

- 8.15 Registration and coffee
- 8.45 Opening by Vincent Ramon, President of APFEL-Acting for the Promotion of Foster care in Europe and Benedicte Aubert, President of ANPF
- 9.00 The real voyage is not about seeing new places, it's about opening one's eyes...
Apfel Presentation by Frédérique Lucet, Secretary General of APFEL
- 9.20 Foster Parenthood, plural parenting : an European overview tour
By Nathalie Chapon, teacher and researcher at Aix Marseille University, heading the APFEL working group on Plural Parenting.
- 10.15 Panel discussion with APFEL European delegates from Italy, Spain, Belgium and UK
- 10.45 Coffee Break /contacts with delegates with international delegates APFEL / visit the library.
- 11.15 What does the foster child teach us about what is a family? ★
Daniel Coum, clinical psychologist, Associate lecturer at University of Brest, director of Parentel (Brest)
- 12.25 Exchanges



12.40 Lunch break

- 14.15 Creating cooperation and a network around the child :
Discovering a program called " Social Network strategies" for families in need as for children who may be placed out of home to create cooperation, activate and keep all actors around the child and, together with important people for the child and its parents, create a plan for the future of the child.
Maggie Gillissen, psychologist in charge of the project Prima Pleegzorg, Edith Deckers, XONAR and Arno Derikx, therapist, Rubicon, Limbourg – The Netherlands

15.00 Break with a little walking time to join the salons of workshops.

15.15 Concurrent Workshops

-Workshop 1 (English to French translation) ★
Going further in practice and methodology of the program "Social network strategies"
Maggie Gillissen and Edith Deckers. Xonar –The Netherlands

- Workshop 2 (Italian to French translation) ★
Support and cooperation with birth parents of the child in care : the theoretical and practical example set up in Bergamo.
By Francesca Nilges, social operator from AEPER, Italy ★

-Workshop 3 (English to French translation)
The methodology of experts by experience in social exclusion : the story of a new way of working in foster parenting
Anna de Laat and Els Van de Velde of Pleegzorg Vlanderen – Flanders, Belgium

-Workshop 4 (no translation, French only)
Through plural parenting: young people talk about their experiences in care.
(With video testimonials) Xavier Verstappen and Michael Clavie from Foster Care service "l'Accueil familial" – French Speaking Belgium

16.45 End of workshops / Break

17.10 Conclusions: "from one thread to the other, how to unravel and connect?" ★

17.30 End of seminar



Registration Fees - Lille seminar

3 options and fees for your registration, depending on your choices and status :

Option 1 : Both seminars, Dec 1 and 2 : Life Album and Plural Parenting

Note that the first day seminar is only French speaking

-80€ individual registration

-60€ associate member of APFEL (France and other countries)

-30€ students

Option 2 : 1st of December seminar on Life Album only

Only French speaking that day

30€ individual registration

20€ APFEL associate member

10€ students

Option 3 : 2nd of December seminar on Plural Parenting only

French/English speaking

50€ individual registration

40€ APFEL associate member in 2016

20€ students

Membership Fee to join APFEL associate membership fee for APFEL 10€

Dates and Location :

Thursday, December 1st and Friday, December 2nd, 2016

Salle du Gymnase 7 place Sébastopol Lille

Your registration is processed by ANPF

Fill in the registration form and send it to :

- by email à anpf@anpf-asso.org with the subject : « journée de Lille 2016 »

- by mail to ANPF 63 rue de Provence 75009 Paris, France at anpf@anpf-asso.org Or use internet registration form on our website www.apfelnetwork.eu fill it and send it to anpf@anpf-asso.org

Billing

→ Check to ANPF

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please mention your name + journée de lille 2016

→ **Use IBAN code for international transfer .**

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To become an associate member of APFEL(10€) Add 10€ to the registration fee .

Cancellation policy : no charge for cancellation before November 1st, 2016 ; non refundable charge after this date.

Registration

→ I choose one of the 3 possible options :

☐ OPTION 1 : TWO DAYS Dec 1 and 2

☐ OPTION 2 : FIRST DAY DEC 1 only

☐ OPTION 3 : SECOND DAY DEC 2 only

→ Individual registration ☐ YES ☐ NO

→ I am a full member of APFEL ☐ YES ☐ NO

→ I am an associate member of APFEL in 2016 ☐ YES ☐ NO

→ I want to join APFEL (10€) ☐ YES ☐ NO

Your contact detail :

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A certificate of attendance and receipt of payment will be given on the spot.

Depending on my choice, I opt for the following optional workshops on Friday, Dec 2 2016, in the afternoon:

Desired workshops :

→ my first choice is workshop number

→ my second choice is workshop number

You will be informed of your choice when confirmation of registration or contacted for choosing another one if your first or second choice cannot be satisfied .