



**R/SE**

CRIMINAL SANCTIONS AGENCY

# **”Let`s talk about children” - model**

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## Protective factors

- Ensuring stable conditions at home
- Promoting good relationships through mutual understanding
- Open communication
- Having social activities (friends, hobbies, school, etc) outside the home environment

## The goal of the model

- Support parenting and child development
- Asses the need of the children and the family for additional support services offered by, for example, the child health clinics, student welfare services, family guidance clinics etc.
- Asses the need for child welfare and other social services
- Introduce the children and the family to the additional services they need

## Contents

- What is the child`s situation (“strength” and “vulnerability”)
- Means for the parents to support the developement of their children
- Additional support and services

## Structure of a "Let`s talk about children" discussion

- The preliminary discussion
  - the affected parent, explaining what the method is about
- Discussion no 1
  - involves charting the developmental stage and overall situation of the children, together with the parent(s)
- Discussion no 2
  - explaining how the parental problems affect the family and children

## The effective family network meeting

- Representatives of the child`s and the family`s social networks, of different supportive services, are invited to participate
- Child`s position in various daily environments is charted
- Participants discuss how they could each provide support for the child in question
- The goal is to activate the people from the child`s own social network to support the child together with the parents