

Building a social care programme for Brazil

On May 31 and June 1, at the invitation of the Ministry of Social Development and Agrarian Reform (MDSA), Jonathan Hannay participated in the “Family and social care” Workshop promoted by MDSA. In the morning, the Municipality of Campinas formally concluded its campaign promoting participation in federal foster family programmes, and then launched a national campaign to promote the creation of municipal and state level foster care programmes for children without parental care. Another important step was for Minister Osmar Terra to sign a decree allowing federal funds to be used for direct financial transfers to families, something that had previously had to be done at municipal level.

In the afternoon, the audience heard 10 different experiences of foster family and social care programmes from several municipalities and states. Jonathan opened the afternoon session by talking about how kinship care is being done and within legal and governmental frameworks in England, South

Africa and the United States. He then shared the experience of ACER Brasil and its Family Guardian programme, a programme providing social care within the extended family, that has been running since 2009 in the municipality of Diadema. Foz d’Iguassu shared a similar programme that has been in operation since 2001 and we also heard about the work of Cascavel among others, whose foster care programme has reduced the number of children and adolescents in institutional care to almost zero; including managing to place adolescents with drug addictions in rural families.



On the morning of June 1, we had presentations and discussions from Judge Ruy Muggiati and Attorney General Murilo Digiácomo from Paraná State on children’s interactions with the legal system, relating to the right of every child to be raised in a family. This session and that of the previous afternoon were useful to prepare the workshop participants for the activities in the afternoon sessions.

The afternoon was very productive, as participants worked with Jane Valente and people from many municipalities and Brazilian states to collectively build a new “Subsidized Guardianship” programme to guarantee ‘Family and Community Living’ in the country, as part of the commitment to have no children aged 0 to 6 in institutional care. This initiative adds to the Foster Family programme and the campaign launched yesterday by Minister Osmar Terra with the Mayor of Campinas Jonas Donizete. The workshop was closed by Mariana Neris, Director of Special Protection at the Ministry. Much work is still needed until the programme fully comes to life and at ACER Brasil we will continue to work with others to make this happen.



Advertising our bazaar

For a few years ACER Brasil has been holding bazaars selling clothes, bed sheets, kitchen items and games to families who attend the ACER centre. In doing this we aim to fund our continued mission 'to restore the dignity of children and young people, promoting the transformation of the social environment'.

Although the idea behind donating is to help those who are less fortunate than you, people don't often think about how it feels to have to receive donations instead of being able to acquire what you and your family need with money you've earned. We aim to give people who have very little the dignity and opportunity to buy what they need, and our bazaar is full of quality items at prices our families can afford.

In order to put on the bazaar this year, we relied on two big partnerships: the [GWI Institute](#) who held their Shelter Campaign 2017 in May and June and donated items to us; and [St Paul's School](#), who collected games and toys during a month of action in support of ACER Brasil. We were really thankful for the generosity of our donors, whose donations were enjoyed by the community of Eldorado. The bazaar was held on 8th July at 9am at ACER Brasil



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On 31 May and 1 June Jonathan Hannay took part in the Foster Family and Social Care workshop held by MDSA 01 June

Our partners Coaches Across Continents published their annual report featuring an article about our partnership 08 June

Women's football with Coach João Victor - always great fun! The team is growing every week. 17 June



AGENDA JULY

10th - Start of the holiday programme

21th - July party

22nd to 30th - Youth group exchange trip to Hungary