

# Ongoing research & some publications on family foster care at the University of Groningen, Department of Special Needs Education and Youth Care

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## 1. Current Research Topics

### *Trauma related*

- Psychosocial needs of youth in foster care and the impact of traumatic experiences (PhD study Anne STEENBAKKERS)
- The impact of caring for a foster child with a history of sexual abuse (PhD study Dorijn WUBS)
- Violence in family foster care: A historical study over the years 1945-2015 (Study commissioned by the Dutch Government – Hans GRIETENS & Mijntje TEN BRUMMELAAR)

### *Decision-making related*

- The matching decision in family foster care: literature overview and experiences in practice (PhD study Kirti ZEIJLMANS)
- Assessing parenting in the context of reunification decisions on young fostered children and their families (PhD study Anne-Fleur VISCHER)

### *Culturally related*

- Follow-up on the needs and experiences of unaccompanied refugee children in foster families with a comparable ethnic-cultural background (PhD study Jet RIP)

## 2. Publications 2016-2018 (selection)

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