

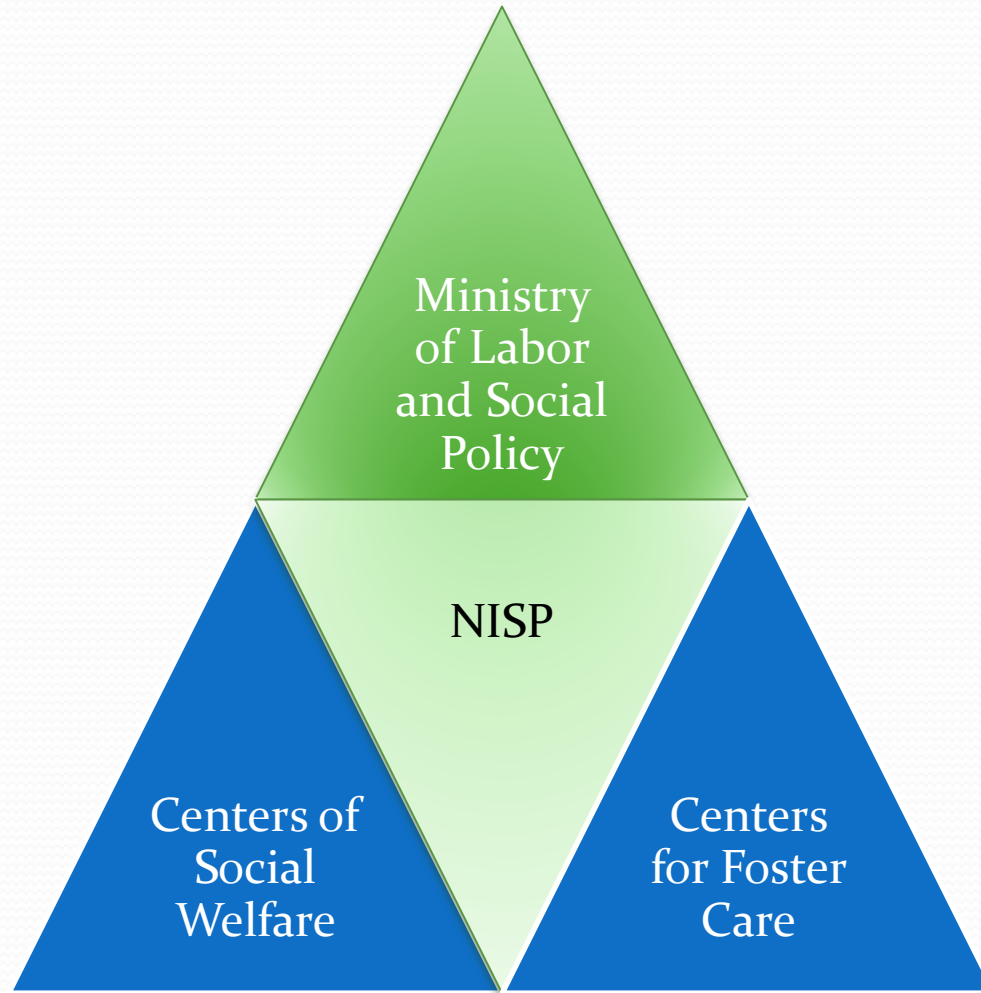


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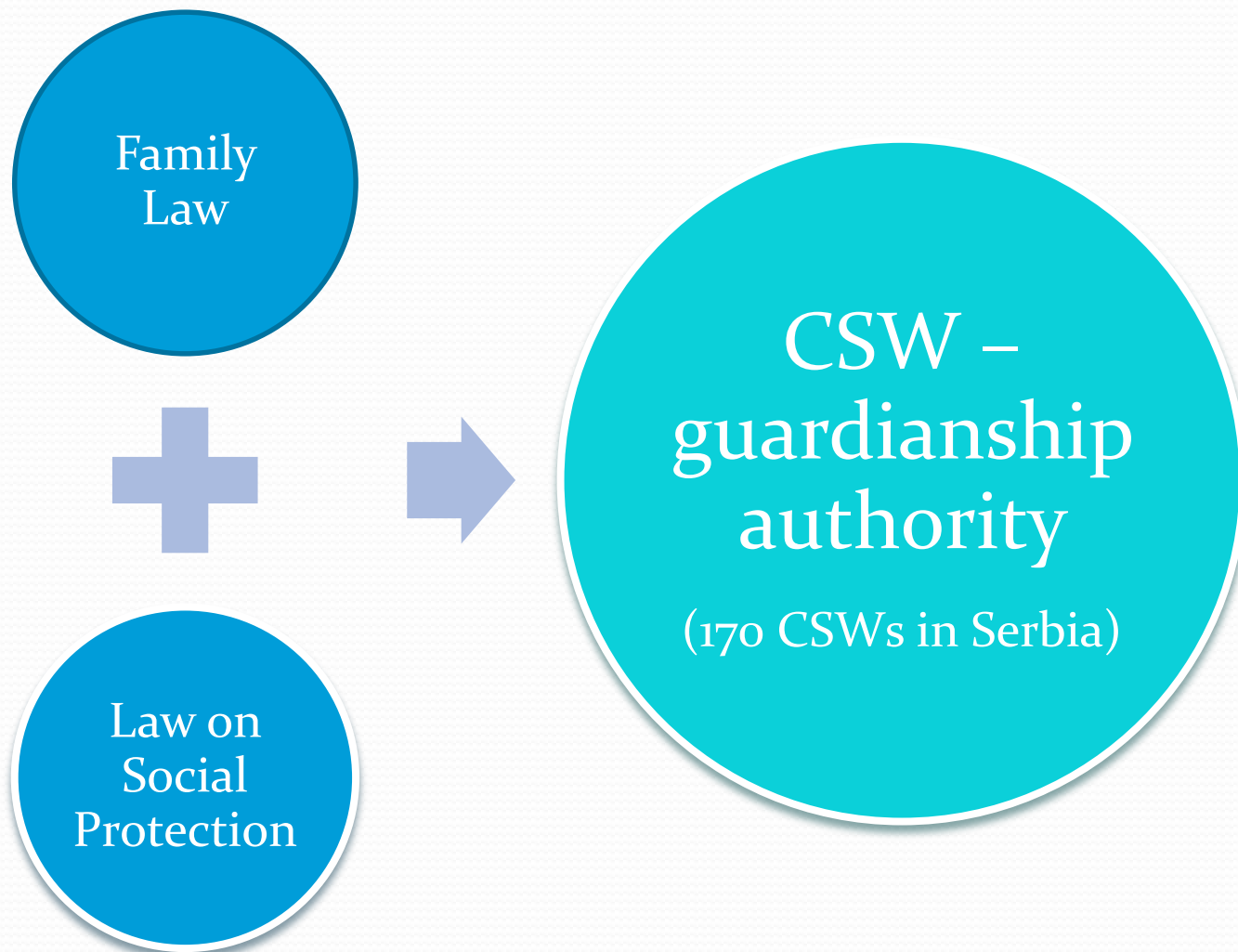
Maximizing and improving the value of foster care data - experience from Serbia

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Pyramid of Authority



Normative Framework



Children without parental care

- Guardianship care – informal care givers, or private residential care institutions N.E.
- The Law requires registration – contract

Type of placement

- Residential care institutions
- Foster Care
- Families of relatives, cousins...

The role of NISP

- Legally authorized by Ministry of Labor, Employment, Veterans and Social Affairs to collect individual data, reports from CSW and other state providers
- 3 data sources on foster care:
 1. CSWs
 2. Information system of MoLESVA
 3. CFC
- Monitoring unit: child up to 18, or 26 years
- DATA DISCREPANCIES

NISP`s activities:

- Activities to minimize data discrepancies between different government entities, and optimizing the value and usability of the data:
 1. Foster Care Definitions – legal definitions were the basis for an operational definitions (used in questionnaires)
 2. Revising indicators and meta data
 3. Revising specific data collection instruments
 4. Reviewing reliability of each data source – to define the optimal source for key indicators
 5. Data triangulation and quality control

NISP` decisions:

1. Uniform definition of indicators have been introduced throughout three data sources, all deriving from the legal definitions, and allowing the databases to be synchronized
2. Info system of MoLESVA – defined as the most reliable data source. Optimization of other data sources.
3. Monitoring unit – a Decree, “not” a child

Inflow – number of Decrees on foster care in that year

Stock – number of Decrees in the system at the end of the year

Outflow – number of Decrees on termination of FC

Challenges

- A premise for synchronization of data sources was a legal definition of FC used as a base for uniformed operational definition
- Data on children with disabilities – previous exercises not possible because of the definition of CWD (too wide for “operationalization” and for a consensus throughout the system
- ... centralized electronic database to link all service providers