

*Reform of the Residential Care for  
Children without Parental Care:  
Russian regional patterns*

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## Talk outline

1. **Particularities of the deinstitutionalization** in Russia: conceptual and methodological facets
  
2. **Regional patterns:**
  - Regional patterns of the reform of the public orphanage system
  - Regional patterns and types of nonprofits involved in service provision for foster families and children without family
  
3. **Context and predictions** for regional patterns

# Deinstitutionalization of residential care for children without families:

- The reform and substitution of public residential care facilities with family-like forms of care, assisting services for families and children: shelters and centers of support
- The development of the foster care and assistance from non-state entities (nonprofits)
- **Russian specific:** the key reason of orphanage – unbearable living conditions of the native family is neglected by the *residential reform* **BUT** embedded in the *social provision reform* (FZ-442)

# Deinstitutionalisation as a two-way road

- The reform of the **public residential care for children** (Decree RF #481), family-like treatment, foster family placement etc.
- The involvement of **NGOs in service provision** for children without parents, foster and native families (FZ-442), from alternative to integrated providers

*What regional patterns of the deinstitutionalization of residential care do exist?*

# Sample and dependent variable

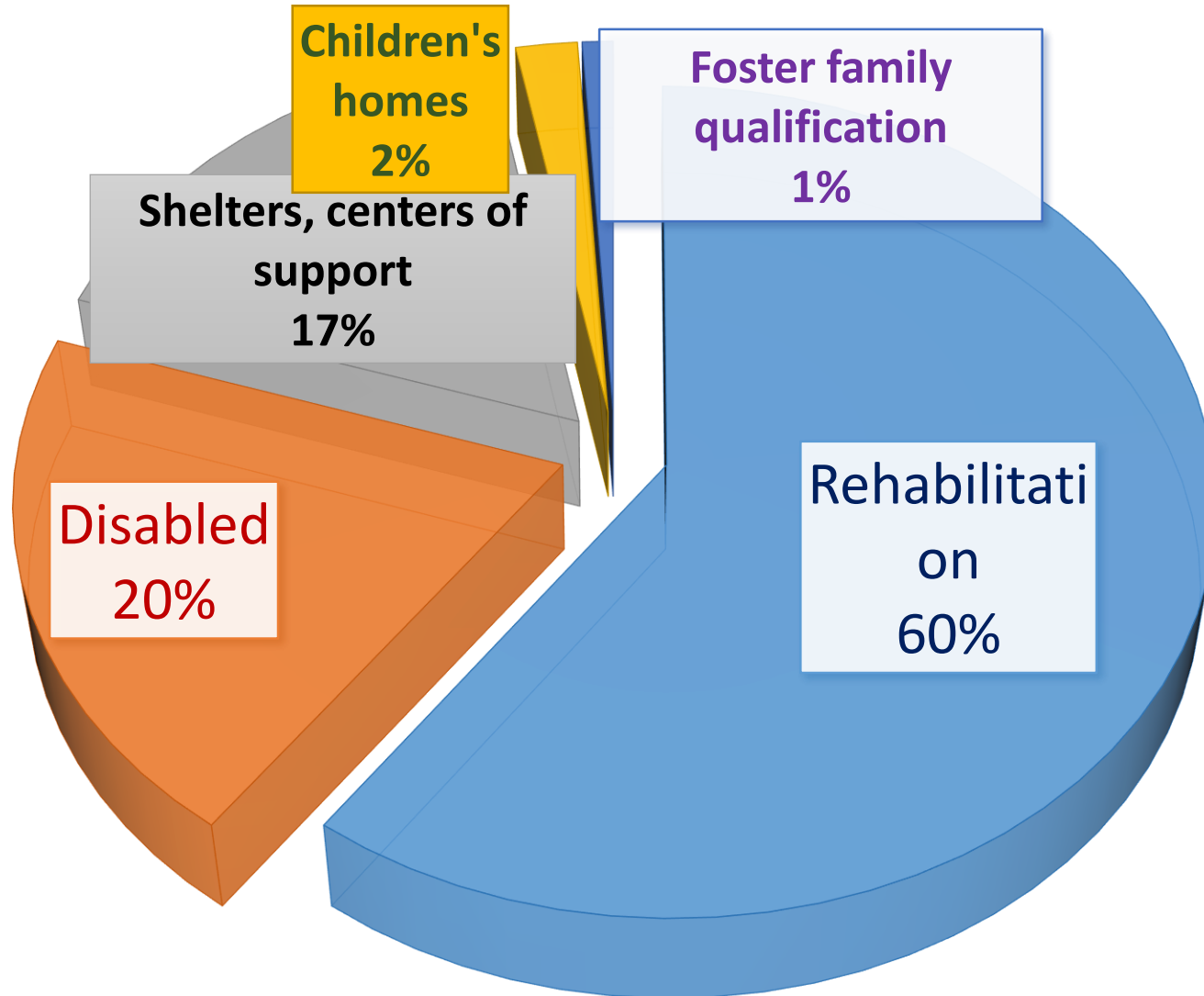
## 1) **Sample – 70 Russian regions in 2017**

11 outliers and 8 regions without official lists of providers out of 85 Russian regions

2) **Quantitative data** gathered from official lists of social service providers and measured as a percentage / number of NGOs and private companies (**official statistics: Rosstat**)

3) **Qualitative data** available openly: official websites of public providers and nonprofits, welfare bureaucracies etc.

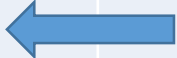
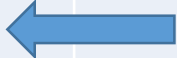
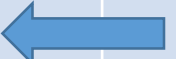
# Public organisations for children left without parental care



1646 childrens' homes  
operated in 2015  
(Galina Semya)

24 childrens' homes  
operated in 2017  
(reestr of providers)

**1 072 public  
organisations  
(2017)**

	Number of children's homes (2017)	Percentage of orphans per population (2017)	Regional Gross Domestic Product per capita, RUB (2015)	The number of NGO providers working with orphans (2017)
Ulyanovskaya oblast'	7	0,5%	239 209	0
Kurganskaya oblast'	6 	0,6% 	207 554	1
Amurskaya oblast'	4	0,5%	342 762	0
Kaluzhskaya oblast'	2	0,4%	331 468	2
Voronezhskaya oblast'	2	0,2%	352 926	0
Altayskii krai	1	0,5%	206 712	0
Sakhalinskaya oblast'	2	0,6% 	2 047 998	1

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<b>Chechenskaya Respublika</b>	?	0,1%	116 120	?
Stavropol'skii krai	0	0,1%	217 648	2
<b>Respublika Tatarstan</b>	0	0,2%	474 695	0
<b>Respublika Mordovya</b>	0	0,2%	231 878	0
<b>Respublika N.Osetia</b>	0	0,2%	116 008	2
<b>Respublika Dagestan</b>	0	0,2%	186 370	0
Rostovskaya oblast'	0	0,2%	276 427	0



# Perm' region as an exceptional case

## 10 Limited Liability Companies:

- Complex centers for adaptation for children without families
- Rehabilitation and service centers
- Services for children without families on site
- Resource center for families and children
- Center for psychology and social work (helpline)
  
- Charity foundation on social support and protection of children's right and upbringing/breeding in a family "A cradle of hope" (Kolybel' nadezhdy) in Perm' krai (**baby-boxes**)

# NGOs that provide services for children left out of parental care

- **4 *SOS villages*** (Orlovskaya oblast', Murmanskaya oblast', and Pskovskaia oblast'), except Leningradskaya oblast' and Moskovskaya oblast'
- ***Russian orthodox church*** (Kostromskaya oblast') 2 NGOs affiliated with Russian Orthodox Church take care for orphans; Nizhegorodskaya oblast' the head of the NGO
- ***Alliances of foster families/parents***: Khabarovskii krai, Krasnodarskii krai, Leningradskaya oblast'
- **Professional nonprofits** working in this sphere (Ulyanovskaya oblast': Charity foundation "Gift kindness" working since 2009)

# To sum up

1. Though the public orphanage system has been rigid and nontransparent for a long time, the majority of organisations (56% of all registered SO NGOs) work in this field
2. Co-existing of created from above associations of parents and long existed grass-roots and self-help organisations

1. Drastic policy reform without any space of maneuver result in adaptation strategies employed by public organizations **BUT** not all (2% of children's homes secured their status)
2. Regional cases requiring explanation: South Caucasus, resisting regional cases (Ulyanovskaya and Amurksaya oblast') and Perm' region