



EUROPEAN FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER ALLIANCE

AFFILIATION PROCESS OF EUROPEAN FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY MODELS

Introduction

The European Family Justice Center Alliance is honored to support formally affiliated Family Justice Centers and Multidisciplinary Models across Europe. We strongly recommend our affiliated Centers to funders in the public and private sector. Affiliated Centers have demonstrated their commitment to the Guiding Principles of the European Family Justice Center Alliance in service delivery and comply with the ethical principles and EU core values bases on Article 2 of the Treaty on the European Union and Article 21 of the EU-charter of Fundamental Rights. Affiliated centers do also have a close working relationship with our technical assistance and training program, and a focus on providing trauma-informed care for survivors and their children.

Goal

The affiliation process of the European Family Justice Center Alliance offers two levels of affiliation, each designed to reflect the individual needs of local communities, while ensuring adherence to best practices and trauma-informed approaches in service provision and the core EU values. These standards ensure communities are creating systems change and challenging the traditional way of providing services to victims and their families by bundling services and integrating critical service providers from the advocacy and criminal justice systems.

The levels of affiliation include:

- Affiliated European Multidisciplinary Models and
- Affiliated European Family Justice Centers.

Affiliated European Multidisciplinary Models

To be considered an Affiliated Multidisciplinary Model applicant must:

- Have to be a privileged EFJCA member
- Have at least three different co-located service providers
- Adhere to and demonstrate the implementation of the EFJCA Guiding Principles in service delivery and comply with the ethical principles and EU core values bases on Article 2 of the Treaty on the European Union and Article 21 of the EU-charter of Fundamental Rights.
- Have a Child Protection Policy in line with the content 'Keeping the Children Safe, Child safeguarding standards and how to implement them'.
- Engage meaningfully with the European Family Justice Center Alliance's team
- Provide requested statistics and data to the EFJCA.



Affiliated European Family Justice Center Models

- Have to be a privileged EFJCA member
- Have a centralized intake process and an information sharing process with a minimum of the following, co-located¹ agencies:
 - A community-based organisation
 - Law enforcement and/or Prosecutors' unit and/or justice department
 - Civil legal services.
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Benefits and perks of a European affiliated Center:

- Recognition as affiliated European Center (FJC or Multidisciplinary Model).
- All benefits within the privileged membership, by example:
 - Free participation in the annual EFJCA conference (including financial support for travel and accommodation in accordance with EFJCA guidelines and EU standards in accordance with the EU funding)
 - Free access to the EFJCA-exchange meetings
 - Price reduction on trainings provided by the EFJCA
 - Price reduction on books & publications provided by the EFJCA
 - Active involvement in European FJC developments
 - Interaction with the EFJCA network
 - Free access to EFJCA webinars
 - Possibility to apply for regranting project if the EFJCA recognized for regranting by the EC
- Letters of Support for Grants and other funding solicitations.
- Video endorsement and other public support on an as-needed basis.
- European spotlight of your Center in EFJCA communication and social media platforms.
- Permission and ability to utilize trademark logos and taglines.
- Advocacy and support for Family Justice Center and Multidisciplinary Models at the local, national and European level.
- Connection and referrals to experts in the field.
- Information on current trends and promising/best practices.
- Visibility on the EFJCA website.

¹ co-location means: present on the work floor, seconded employee(s) present on the floor on a regular basis,... Given the legal differences in the various countries, this is discussed and assessed on a situational basis.



The general process is as follows:

1. Interested Center submits an Initial Affiliation Application
2. The Center participates in a One-hour orientation call with the Alliance.
3. The Center completes the Formal Affiliation Application and submits supplementary documentation.
4. The FJCA Team reviews application and materials.
5. A Center's affiliation status is determined.
6. The Center signs and returns the Memorandum of Agreement.
7. The Center is affiliated for a two-year period.

THE FJC GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- **Human Rights driven**
Human rights as leading principle, to recognize gender-based violence as a violation of universal human rights.
- **EU Values non-discrimination and gender-equality**
Subscribes to the EU treaty and conventions and guarantees non-discrimination and gender equality.
- **Safety Focused**
Increase safety, promote healing, and foster empowerment through services for victims and their children.
- **Victim-centered**
Provide victim-centered services that promote victim autonomy.
- **Kind-Hearted**
Develop a multidisciplinary center that values, affirms, recognizes and supports staff, volunteers and clients.
- **Survivor-driven**
Shape services to clients by asking them what they need.
- **Holistic Approach**
See the client as a whole and take into account all areas of life.
- **Empowering**
Strengthen victims to have control over their lives again.
- **Relationship-based**
Maintain close working relationships among all collaborators/agencies.
- **Offender-accountability**



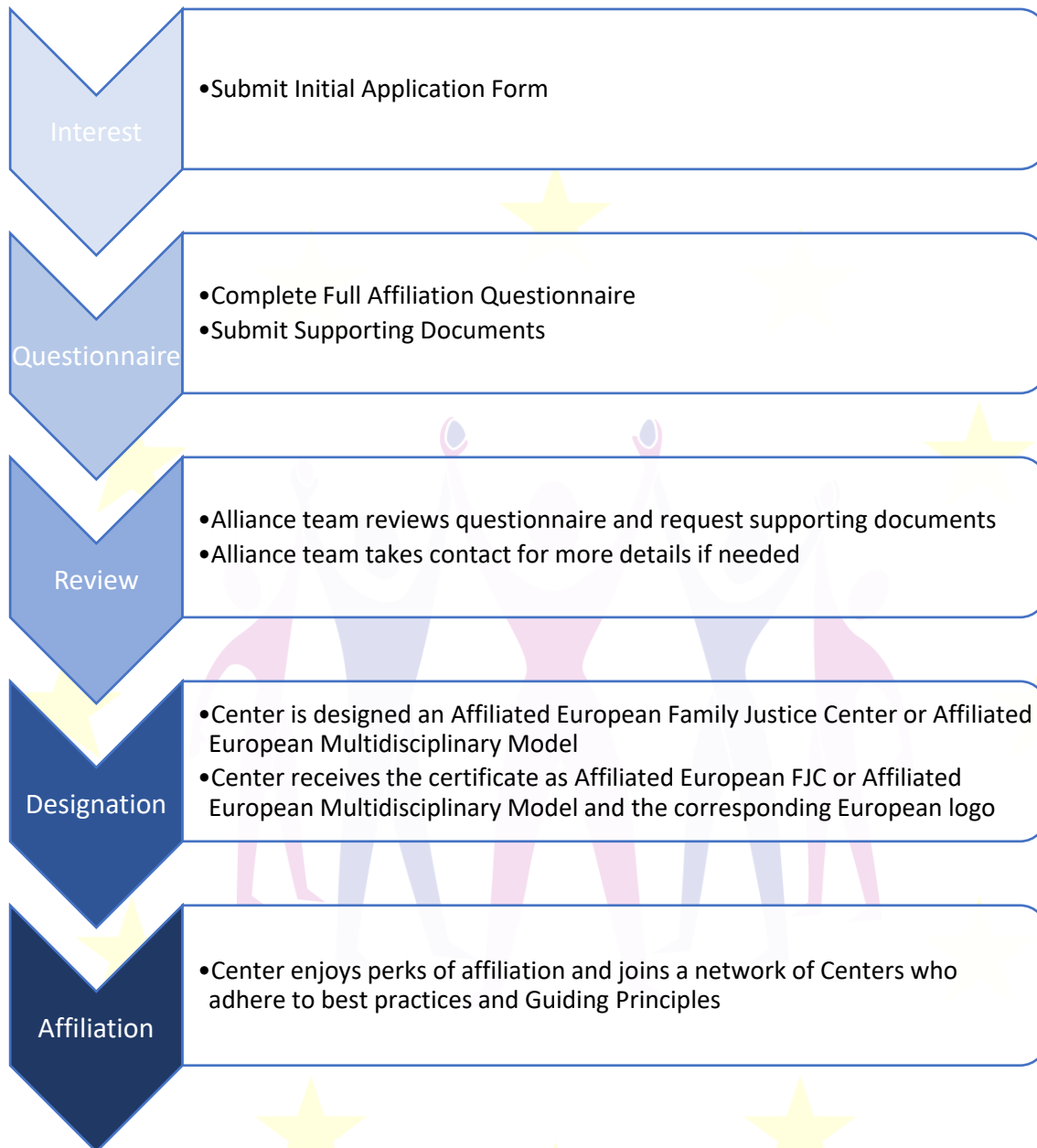
Increase offender accountability through evidence-based prosecution strategies and/or evidence-based treatment programs.

- **Offender change of behaviour and mind-set**
Include (working together with) programs and services, to obtain a sustainable impact on change of behaviour and mind-set of offenders.
- **Preventive**
Include actions in awareness raising and prevention of gender-based violence and domestic violence.
- **Transformative (willing to change)**
Evaluate and adjust services by including survivor input and evidence-based best practices.
- **Culturally responsive**
Commitment to the utilization of culturally competent services approaches.





OVERVIEW OF THE PROCESS





ANNEX 1

INITIAL APPLICATION FORM FOR AFFILIATION

NAME OF CENTER:

NAME OF DIRECTOR/RESPONSIBLE OF THE CENTER:

WE ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING TO BE AN:

- AFFILIATED EUROPEAN FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER
- AFFILIATED EUROPEAN MULTIDISCIPLINARY MODEL

You will be contacted by the board of the Alliance and receive a questionnaire to start the affiliation process.

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:

DATE AND PLACE:

SIGNATURE:

For more information, contact us: board@efjca.eu



ANNEX 2

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FJC AFFILIATION PROCESS

1. What are the steps for affiliation?

Affiliation is not meant to be a burdensome or restrictive process; however, it is meant to help define and standardize some basic procedures and values within an affiliated Center's work. While many of the details and questions of the affiliation process will be discussed during the orientation call, the general process entails:

- Interested Centers submit an [Initial Affiliation Application](#) and become a privileged member
- Center completes and submits the [Formal Application Questionnaire](#) and submits supplementary documentation
- Alliance's team reviews application and material and takes contact for more details if needed
- Center affiliated status is determined by the Alliance team
- Center is designated an Affiliated European Family Justice Center or Affiliated European Multidisciplinary Model
- Center receives the certificate as Affiliated European FJC or Affiliated European Multidisciplinary Model and the corresponding European logo
- Center is considered affiliated for a two-year period.

2. What are the perks and benefits of affiliation?

There are several benefits and perks to be a European affiliated Center, benefits include:

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3. How long is my Center considered 'affiliated' once we received the European Affiliation Certificate?

A Center is considered affiliated for two years. We understand that communities are undergoing constant change in staff, leadership, political environment, etc. thus affiliation must be reassessed and revised every two years to ensure promising/best practices and trauma-informed services in all Centers and similar Multidisciplinary Models.

4. Who do I contact if I have additional questions or need help filling out the Application Form?

If you need help during the application process, you may contact the EFJCA team via email at info@efjca.eu.

5. What if we think we have been wrongly categorized?

After the review process from the EFJCA team, if you believe your Center has been wrongly categorized, or you would like additional feedback and information, you may request a conference call with our EFJCA team. Your Center's information may also be reviewed and evaluated by a team of current affiliated Centers.