

## Presentation of PACH Adoptive and foster children Switzerland

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## **Most important points for PACH**

- 1. Lack to respect the rights of foster children with regard to child participation rights
- Lack of appointing a deputy to represent the child
- 3. Little consideration of bonding theory aspects
- 4. Lack of appointing a person of trust
- Little to no support and counseling of the birth parents



## Further questions and pending issues from PACH's point of view in the overview (1/2)

- Will there be enough foster parents in the future who want to do such "work" under today's conditions?
- Switzerland-wide statistics on children in foster care: Federal Council has commissioned one, but it's not yet available.
- Do cantons/municipalities have enough resources to supervise foster families?
- Revision of the PAVO: Postulate has been submitted, response pending.



## Further questions and pending issues from PACH's point of view in the overview (2/2)

- Role clarification KESB/child deputy/authorisation and supervision and DAF.
- Implementation of the Ombudsman's Office for Children's Rights Switzerland with comprehensive competences.
- Systematic longitudinal studies are needed to investigate how former foster children fare in the course of their lives.

