



**SOS CHILDREN'S  
VILLAGES**



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CONFERENCE  
Prague 2011**

## CALL FOR PAPERS

For various reasons millions of children worldwide are unable to live with their biological families. Different care systems are offered for these children to ensure and improve their chances of development. However, an inadequate care environment can hinder this development and leave children vulnerable and at risk of violations of their fundamental rights.

Against this background, SOS Children's Villages, with the support of various partners, will hold the international conference

**Quality in Alternative Care  
in Prague from 4 – 6 April 2011.**

Submissions of papers describing the following topics are enthusiastically encouraged:

- **Quality management in alternative care** (quality standards, monitoring, evaluation, trainings, staff motivation, challenges of financial crisis, etc.)
- **Changes in policies and practices in correlation with international documents** (CRC, Guidelines, CoE Recommendations, Q4C Standards, etc.)<sup>1</sup>
- **De-institutionalization processes** (status quo, developments, challenges, etc.)
- **Special quality requirements** (leaving care, care of siblings, child and youth participation, decision-making & admission process, care of children with special needs, early childhood, emergency relief, etc.)

The Call for Papers includes submission for paper presentations, workshops and posters at market place.

This Call for Papers invites **any researchers, policy makers, youth welfare service providers, NGOs, carers and young people with care experience** (see also Call for Youth Participants at [www.quality-care-conference.com](http://www.quality-care-conference.com)) that are interested to take part. If you would like to participate, please submit your abstract (max. 300 words) online via the abstract submission form which you will find at [www.quality-care-conference.com](http://www.quality-care-conference.com) by 10 November 2010.

Please note that the conference language will be English, but key notes will be translated simultaneously into Czech and abstract submitters may submit abstracts in Czech.

For registration and further information please go to [www.quality-care-conference.com](http://www.quality-care-conference.com) and use our online registration form to register and pay for the conference.

For any further information please contact the conference organisers:  
[quality-care-conference@sos-kd.org](mailto:quality-care-conference@sos-kd.org).



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<sup>1</sup> Guidelines for the alternative care of children, Recommendation(2005) of the Council of Europe on the rights of children living in residential institutions, Quality4Children Standards, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child