



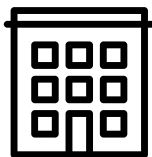
**Community Services for Children Reform Project:**  
Helping vulnerable families access services to care for their children



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**96,577**

children live and study in 697 child care institutions, 90 per cent have living parents



Through this Reform Project, SURGe works to prevent children from entering the welfare system. Integrated child-oriented services in the community are a key focus, implemented within the *National Strategy of Reforming the Institutional Care and Upbringing of Children for 2017-2026*. Throughout 2020, SURGe helped the local government of the Lviv Region assess 2,798 families of institutionalized children returned home due to the global pandemic and used this data to address their urgent needs during lockdown. This is one example of work underway to provide all children with a safe family or family-like environment.

## Integrated services

build capacity within communities to support vulnerable pregnant women & families through evidence-based planning and evaluation



## Child-centred

care is central to contributions by SURGe to legislation & policy development for Ukraine’s child welfare system



**“We work closely with the Government of Ukraine to make the child welfare system more family-based. Our Reform Project ensures vulnerable families have access to the services they need in their communities.”**

- Tawnia Sanford Ammar, SURGe Project Director

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