



EUROPEAN ALLIANCE FOR HOPE AND EMPOWERMENT



AFFILIATION PROCESS EUROPEAN FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY MODELS

Fact Sheet

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Level of affiliation include:

1. Affiliated European Multidisciplinary Models and
2. Affiliated European Family Justice Centers.

Affiliated European Multidisciplinary Models

To be considered an Affiliated European Multidisciplinary Model, applicants must:

- Have at least three different co-located partner organisations
- Adhere to and demonstrate the implementation of Family Justice Center Guiding Principles in service delivery
- Engage meaningfully with the Alliance's team
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Affiliated European Family Justice Center Models

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 - Community based organisations
 - Victim services
 - Demonstrable collaboration with law enforcement and/or justice services
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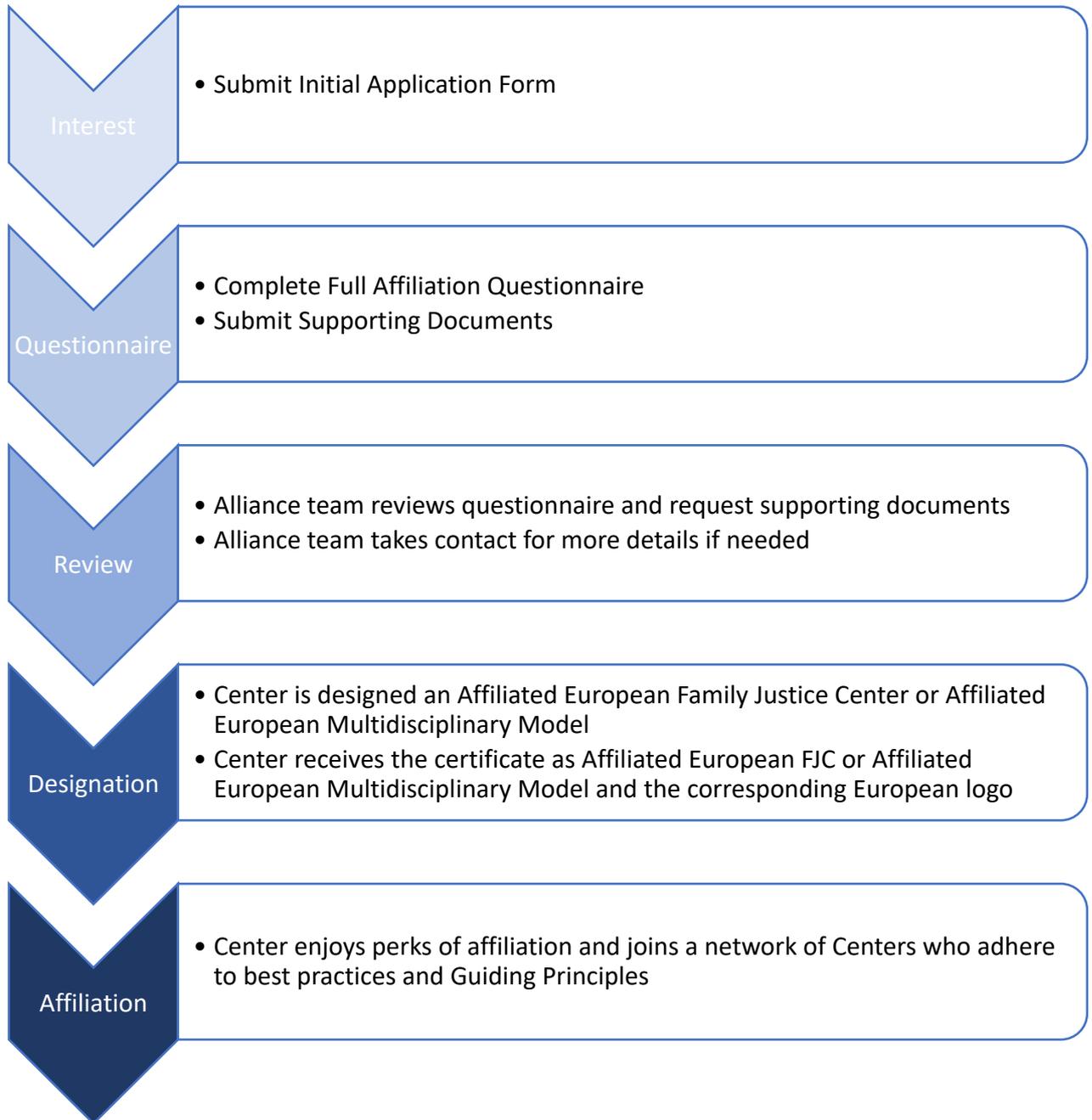


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OVERVIEW OF THE PROCESS





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THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **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
- **Survivor-driven**
Shape services to clients by asking them what they need
- **Relationship-based**
Maintain close working relationships among all collaborators/agencies (law enforcement, prosecution, community-based domestic violence programs, shelters and other social services)
- **Kind-hearted**
Develop a Family Justice Centre community that values, affirms, recognizes and supports staff, volunteers and clients
- **Transformative**
Evaluate and adjust services by including survivor input and evidence-based best practices
- **Offender-accountability**
Increase offender accountability through evidence-based prosecution strategies and/or evidence-based treatment programs.
- **Culturally competent**
Commitment to the utilization of culturally competent services approaches that are measurable and behaviour based
- **Empowered**
Offer survivors a place to belong even after crisis intervention services are no longer necessary



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Why is there an affiliation process and what's the difference between the U.S. and European affiliation process?

Since the creation of the first Family Justice Center in San Diego 2002, the U.S. Family Justice Center Alliance, a program of Alliance for Hope International, has been working towards the creation of Family Justice Centers and similar Multidisciplinary Models across the United States and around the world. As a result, the U.S. Alliance has begun to set more definitive standards and definitions in order to assure quality and trauma informed service provision for survivors and their families in all Centers. While organic and community-based solutions are the best solution to complex social problems, adhering to the Family Justice Center Guiding Principles and committing to integrated work among partner agencies can help enhance victim safety and offender accountability. The U.S. Alliance has two levels of affiliation. The levels of affiliated organizations include Affiliated Multidisciplinary Models and Affiliated Family Justice Centers. The difference between an affiliated Multidisciplinary Model and an affiliated Family Justice Center is the number of partner agencies and the presence of full-time versus part-time core partner agencies and professionals. The European Alliance for Hope and Empowerment (EFJCA) follows in general the principles of the U.S. affiliation process but doesn't in contrast to the U.S. affiliation process require the full-time presence of law enforcement and specialized prosecution unit. The main reason is that there's a great difference among the European countries in how law enforcement and prosecutor offices are legal organized/embedded in their own individual juridical systems. Therefore, the European affiliation process requires a close and demonstrable collaboration with law enforcement and/or justice services.

Affiliated European Centers are identified by the European Alliance every two years. European Centers affiliated with the European Alliance have demonstrated the integration of the Family Justice Center Guiding Principles into service provision, their policies and procedures are in accordance to promising practices, and leadership is involved and participates with the European Alliance on a regular basis as defined below.

To learn more about the difference between these levels of affiliation, please see the Affiliation Fact Sheet above.

There are no costs for affiliation.



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2. 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 submits an [Initial Affiliation Application](#)
- 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 designed 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.

3. What are the perks and benefits of affiliation?

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

- Recognition as affiliated European Center (FJC or Multidisciplinary)
- 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 logo's 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



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4. 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.

5. Can we be an affiliated Center, even if we don't call ourselves a Family Justice Center?

Yes, we encourage and respect the unique circumstances and naming decisions of Centers and other Multidisciplinary Models across Europe. Many Centers are now choosing to utilize different names to describe their co-located models. It is not a limiting factor if your Center is not called a 'Family Justice Center'. The Alliance is looking for the implementation of our Guiding Principles and the basic definition of Centers and Multidisciplinary Models as discussed in the Affiliation Fact Sheet.

6. 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.

7. 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.



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INITIAL APPLICATION FORM

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: info@efjca.eu



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Goal

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Benefits and perks of a European affiliated Center, including:

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