

#EUROMACHILDREN22

Breaking the silence

THE RIGHT OF YOUNG ROMA CHILDREN
IN EUROPE TO DEVELOP AND THRIVE

DATA ON KEY AREAS IMPACTING CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT

Young Roma children status in

 **BULGARIA** 



DISCRIMINATION



73%

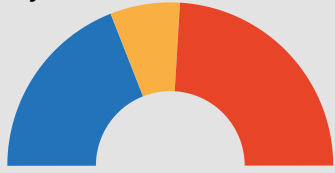
of Roma children face
discrimination when accessing
public service or premises!



ROMANI
EARLY YEARS
NETWORK

FAMILY AND LIVING ENVIRONMENT

Family status and economy



38.2% are employed

13.8% are retired or cannot work

48% are unemployed

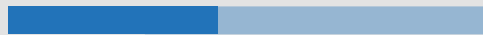
Financial support

73% of families with young children depend on financial support from public funds



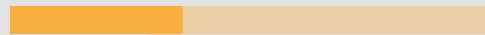
Water

44% of families do not have access to hot water



Sanitation

40% of families do not have a toilet



EARLY LEARNING

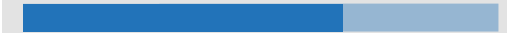
Early learning

68.9% of children do not have access to quality services



Language

68.9% of children experience difficulties understanding the main language of instruction



Proximity



Roma children do not have access to these facilities near their homes



36% to libraries



38% to theater



18% parks or playgrounds

HEALTH, NUTRITION AND WELL-BEING

Family and emotional support



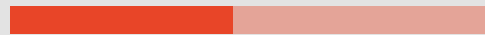
56% of families never asked for support when emotionally distressed



Nutrition



47.1% of children do not eat nutritious food at least 3 times per day



SAFETY AND SECURITY

Social security



2/5 families do not have access to social security

Safety



40% of families report that the place or neighborhood where they live is not safe for their children



RESPONSIVE PARENTING

Care

82% of mothers are the main caregivers of children in their family



20% of mothers do not feel supported by other family members



Play

50% of families think that they do not play enough with their children



DISCOVER OUR STUDIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES:
WWW.REYN.EU/RESOURCES

The REYN Early Childhood Research Study in Bulgaria involved 50 Roma families with young children and 30 professionals working with families in different ECD services. The questionnaires were conducted with the support of Roma researchers from Bulgaria.

The REYN Early Childhood Research Study has been done in partnership with the Roma Studies Groups (CEG) at CREA – University of Barcelona. The study in Bulgaria has been led by Trust for Social Achievement Foundation, the hosting organization of REYN Bulgaria.



The Romani Early Years Network (REYN) is a European-wide initiative of ISSA that promotes access to quality early childhood development for Roma and Traveller children, professionalism in early years services, and a better representation of Roma and Travellers in the early childhood workforce.



ISSA is an early childhood membership association that serves as a learning community and a champion for quality, equitable and integrated services. The ISSA network is a dynamic mix of expert organizations, ranging from NGOs to research institutes, from public bodies to early childhood services, primarily from Europe and Central Asia.