

#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

 **CROATIA** 



DISCRIMINATION



80%

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



ROMANI  
EARLY YEARS  
NETWORK

# FAMILY AND LIVING ENVIRONMENT

## Education level of families



**6.8%**

have upper secondary or higher education

**17.1%**

have lower secondary education

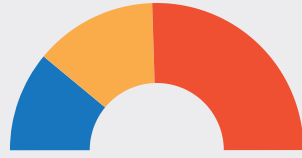
**37.6%**

have not been to school or did not complete

**38.5%**

have primary education

## Family status and economy



**22%**

are employed

**27%**

are retired or cannot work

**51%**

are unemployed

## Water

**30%** of families do not have access to hot water



## Financial support

**66%** of families with young children depend on financial support from public funds



# HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

## Family and emotional support



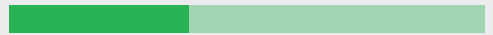
**5%** of families who asked for psychosocial support did not get it!

**95%** of families never asked for support when emotionally distressed

## Health care



Only **39%** of families with young children have access to health care services



# SAFETY AND SECURITY

## Social protection

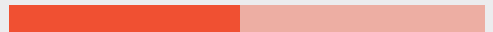
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children are growing up in neighborhoods with crime, violence, or vandalism



## Safety

**49%** of families report that the place or neighborhood where they live is not safe for their children



# EARLY LEARNING

## Early learning

85% of children do not have access to quality services



## Proximity



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



32% to libraries



75% to theater



86.7% to sports center

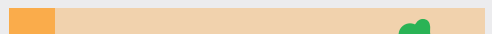
# RESPONSIVE PARENTING

## Care

90% of mothers are the main caregivers of children in their family



9% of mothers do not feel supported by other family members



## Play

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



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The REYN Early Childhood Research Study in Croatia involved 50 Roma families with young children and 29 professionals working with families in different ECD services. The questionnaires were conducted with the support of Roma researchers from Croatia.

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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.