

11.30 WORKSHOPS

1. Children's rights and parental responsibilities

Child Right Protection Act, LAILA RIEKSTA- RIEKSTINA,
State Children Rights Protection Inspectorate

2. Participation of parents and children in parenting support

How can parents establish and run good (private) schools and kindergardens?, LAZSLO MARKI, NOE, Hungary

3. Protection of children facing new technologies

Net-safe & Hotline, LIENE KALNA, Ministry for Electronic Government Affairs, Latvia

Our children safe on-line, LUK DE SMET, Gezinsbond, Flanders- Belgium

4. Conducing to sustainable partner relationships as a basis for positive parenting

Family enrichment programmes for parents, RAUL SANCHEZ, Large Families Federation, Spain

5. Parenting: an element in preventing the risk of social exclusion

Family solidarity and social exclusion, VICTORIA GOMEZ, University Carlos III of Madrid, Spain

Single parents and their competence in educating their children, FRANÇOISE KNAACK-HITTI, VAMV-Bundesverband, Germany

13.00 Lunch

14.30 Plenary session with key points from work shops and perspectives

16.30 Closing session

17.00 End

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PARENTING SUPPORT

Raising children is increasingly viewed as a complex task and as a process in which various factors constantly interact with each other : factors specific to the child, to the parents or other educators and contextual factors.

Parents aim to be good mothers and fathers, and succeed in creating for their children a good, safe and secure environment in which to grow.

A large majority of the parents experience few serious problems in raising their children. But even they can sometimes feel uncertain in today's complex world.

If problems present themselves, parents can often rely on their immediate environment, their families and their neighbours.

This is not always sufficient as parents may need additional support.

What can contribute to and what hinders improvements to the upbringing situation of children by supporting parents in their upbringing responsibility?

What "activities" are experienced by parents and children as supportive of and complementary to the upbringing? What "activities" help parents and educators raise children?

An initiative of particular relevance for this conference is the Council of Europe - Recommendation on Positive Parenting of december 2006 (Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe : Recommendation 19/2006)

PROGRAMME

SUNDAY, 25 MAY 2008

- 09.00 Registration
- 09.30 Welcome
LEONIDS MUCENIEKS, President Union of Latvian Large Families Associations
- 09.45 Opening Ceremony
AINARS BASTIKS, Minister for Children and Family Affairs of the Republic of Latvia
PH.D. JURIS ZAKIS, Chairman of Education, Youth and Sports Committee, Riga Municipality
FRANÇOISE MEAUZE, President European Region - WFO
- 10.30 KEYNOTE 1 : Parenting Support in Europe. Major antecedents and developments
FREDDY DEVEN, Scientific Director Kenniscentrum wvg Dept. Welfare, Health & Family, Belgium
- 11.00 Break
- 11.30 KEYNOTE 2: Parenting support and family policy measures
GYULA PULAY, Deputy-director general, Research and Development Institute of the State Audit Office of Hungary
- 12.00 KEYNOTE 3 : Parenting programmes. Major findings and policy implications
CLEM HENRICSON, Director of research and policy, Family and Parenting Institute, United Kingdom
- 12.30 Questions – General Discussion
- 13.00 Lunch and networking
- 14.30 WORKSHOPS: visions and good practices
1. The role of childcare and school
Parents & childcare: partners in education, SANDRA VAN DER MESPSEL, VBJK, resource, research and training centre on early childhood care and education, Flanders-Belgium
2. The role of media and information technologies
University of Families, CHANTAL LEBATARD, UNAF, France
- The violence, the television, and the children, DAINA MARKOVA, Latvian Television, Latvia

3. Work and care: how to recognize family and educational work by parents?

'The family' in EU-policies: unknown or partner? MARIELLE HELLEPUTTE, FEFAP

4. Programmes of parenting support for parents

The positive parenting programme "Triple P", HEIDI LOTTI, University of Fribourg, Switzerland

5. Services for parents and children: public and private (family organisations).

Home-Start Latvia, OLGA CERNISOVA, Large Family Association of Vecumnieki, Latvia

Les Chantiers - Education, XAVIÈRE ARTUR, CNAFC, France

16.30 Break

17.00 Plenary session with key points from workshops

18.00 End

20.00 Welcome dinner

MONDAY, 26 MAY 2008

09.15 Welcome

09.30 KEYNOTE 4 : Parenting support in Latvia: Present and Future

ABOLINA LIGA, Director of Children and Family Policy Department of the Ministry for Children and Family Affairs of the Republic of Latvia.

10.00 KEYNOTE 5 : Positive parenting in the best interest of the child A Council of Europe project
ELDA MORENO, Head of the Children's rights and family policies Division. Manager of the Programme "Building a Europe for and with children". Directorate General of Social Cohesion of the Council of Europe.

10.30 Questions – General Discussion

11.00 Break