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This directory is aimed at increasing understanding of functions and problems of families, by providing information on research activities which fall within the goals of the International Year of the Family (IYF) initiative. Compiled through a cooperative effort of the Australian Institute of Family Studies and The United Nations Secretariat for the IYF, the directory contains 332 entries from 47 countries. Research activities include research conducted to investigate family issues and problems; studies to determine characteristics of family structures in different regions; collections of statistical data on families; reviews of public and private institutions providing family care programs; evaluation of innovative family programs; reviews of family-related policies; and studies on the legal, social, and economic rights of families. Each directory entry lists country name, project name, organizations involved, contact person, summary, timetable, funding source and amount, and keywords. A separately-bound Supplement contains entries received after the publication deadlines for the main volume. It contains 107 research projects from 21 countries. (BGC)

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FOREWORD

Through the designation of 'international years' the United Nations has played a major role in focusing international attention on a range of issues concerning fundamental human rights, the social and economic wellbeing of peoples and the particular needs of children, women and people with disabilities.

The 1994 International Year of the Family has focused world attention on the family in its variety of forms across many different cultures, increasing awareness of family issues among governments and the private sector, enhancing understanding of family functions and problems, promoting knowledge of the economic, social and demographic processes affecting families, and focusing attention upon the rights and responsibilities of all family members.

As the Australian national centre for family research, the Australian Institute of Family Studies has welcomed the opportunity to be involved in this project with the United Nations International Year of the Family Secretariat to record the many and varied research activities and projects undertaken in connection with the Year, the outcome of which has been the preparation and publication of this Directory. The Directory provides a record of the range and diversity of research projects and related activities being carried out across the world within the context of the International Year of the Family. We have been impressed by the rich variety of work being undertaken in many countries and take this opportunity to thank all contributors for their cooperation in the preparation of submissions for inclusion in the Directory.

Our work on the Directory reflects the commitment of the Australian Institute of Family Studies to international cooperation on family research. We hope that the *International Directory of IYF Research Activities* will serve as a resource to promote international cooperation by assisting countries in the process of developing policies that support families and by facilitating international information sharing.

Harry McGurk

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Australian Institute of Family Studies*

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PREFACE

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Secretariat for the International Year of the Family and the Australian Institute of Family Studies, which initiated our close cooperation, has given proof of its vitality: the first *International Directory of IYF Research Activities*. Because the Institute has so readily accepted the challenge of this unique publication, it also deserves due credit for the enormous accomplishment.

Research on families and family issues has been a major task of the International Year of the Family. One of the concerns which underscored the importance of proclaiming the Year was the realization that there was a great deal to learn about families. In addition, it was also considered very important that the Year should provide an opportunity for strengthened cooperation and dialogue between the users and producers of research on families.

Even the most cursory review of the activities being undertaken around the world in connection with the Year reveals that substantial progress has been made on both of those dimensions. This multi-faceted development process has taken many forms, including numerous initiatives on the part of research and academic institutions; a vast number of expert group meetings on selected issues, bringing together and building upon our knowledge; strengthening the infrastructure of family research, as in institutions, funding programs or data collection; as well as greater public awareness of the produce of family research. Many governments have completed special reports on the state of families in their countries. As an awareness-raising event, the Year has provided an opportunity for research findings to be popularised through the media and placed much closer to the fulcrum of public and political debate.

These major achievements testify to the foresight and wisdom of our many partners, at all levels, whose efforts have contributed to the success of the Year. At the national level, there was broad recognition that sound policies and practice can only be achieved on a foundation of solid information on the situation of families, their needs and their contributions. The range of activities reported here represents only a small sampling of the far-ranging work in this sector that has taken place around the world. At the same time, however, it indicates the richness of the knowledge, developed in connection with the Year.

Among all the things we are now more aware of in respect to families, one fact deserves special consideration on the occasion of this publication: families, as dynamic and adaptive human organizations, change over time and space, including over the life-course. Some of these changes are reactive; others productive. In all cases, however, the basic lesson is that our knowledge of families is forever in need of reconsideration and supplementation.

As with the Year itself, this publication should serve as a starting point for further efforts and strengthened collaboration, at all levels, on the formidable challenge of learning before us.

Henryk J. Sokalski

*Coordinator
for the International Year of the Family*

DIRECTORY OVERVIEW

Background

The *International Directory of IYF Research Activities* project is the product of a cooperative effort of the Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) and the United Nations Secretariat for the International Year of the Family (IYF) in support of family research as a key objective of the year.

In compiling the *IYF Inventory of National Action*¹ which recorded IYF national action plans of countries around the world, the IYF Secretariat noted that research activities focusing on families were an important element of many national plans.

Research activities identified in the *Inventory* included research being conducted to investigate various family issues and problems; studies to determine the specific characteristics of family structures in different regions; collections of statistical data on the situation of families and family members; reviews of public and private institutions providing family care programs; evaluation of innovative family programs; reviews of family-related policies; studies on the social, legal, and economic rights of families.

Recognising the value of a more detailed record of such research initiatives, the idea of an International Directory began to take form. It was within this context, and under the terms of a cooperation agreement between the IYF and the Australian Institute of Family Studies that the IYF Secretariat in Vienna invited the Institute to 'catalogue the various and many research activities being undertaken under the auspices of the IYF'. Following the IYF Secretariat's proposal, the Institute developed the *Directory of IYF Research Activities* to serve as a resource that could: promote international cooperation, particularly in support of countries in the process of developing family policies or plans; facilitate international sharing of information and networking within the research community; and possibly to lead to cooperative or comparative research projects.

Such an aim was consistent with IYF objectives, to increase better understanding of functions and problems of families and to promote knowledge of the economic, social and demographic processes affecting families and their members.

Information collected from the many country contributors has been registered in an online database at the Institute. From the database the *International Directory of IYF Research Activities* has been produced to form a record of national research activity in connection with the International Year of the Family. As a longer term goal the Institute hopes to work together with contributors to form an international network of family research organisations as a tangible expression of follow-up to the Year.

¹ *Inventory of National Action* (United Nations, Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, Secretariat for the International Year of the Family, March 1994)

Methodology

The IYF Secretariat's network of National Coordinating Committees/Focal Points was requested to assist in the identification of IYF research activities in countries around the world. To be most effective, the Directory needed to be published as close to the end of 1994 as possible, resulting in a limited time frame to collect, translate, prepare and publish the data.

Guided by the types of activities listed in the *Inventory of National Action*, a questionnaire was developed in English, French and Spanish to form the basis of a Request for Information. The questionnaire was designed to be as short and straight-forward as possible. Information requested included: the title of the research project/activity, the organisation responsible, a project leader or key contact person, timetable and funding, a 150 word summary, and details of publications resulting from the project. (See appendix for questionnaire and associated documentation.)

Requests for Information, accompanied by an introductory letter from the Coordinator for IYF, were sent to the National Coordinating Committees/Focal Points in each country in July 1994, requesting that they use their knowledge and contacts to collect information on as many research projects and activities as possible. Follow-up mailings were undertaken in September and in October by the Institute. The project schedule was structured to produce a printed Directory in time for the United Nations Interregional Meeting of National Coordinators/Focal Points for the International Year of the Family, in February 1995. Entries continued to arrive after a revised deadline and were accepted until the end of November.

From correspondence received, difficulties appear to have been experienced in some countries receiving the initial Request for Information. Once problems were identified every effort was made to assist countries wishing to contribute.

Scope of the Directory

In a global project of the dimensions of the International Year of the Family, the enormous number and variety of activities being undertaken at all levels present significant editorial problems. Invariably, difficult choices have to be made as to what is to be included and what is not. A key consideration was that the Directory should not replicate the type of information already contained in other documents produced by the IYF Secretariat. It was also felt that the Directory would be most useful if priority were given to those activities that would serve to provide contact points for future collaborative work. For the most part, therefore, conferences and seminars were not included in the Directory, even where research papers were presented. Moreover, many such conferences and seminars have been listed in the country reports in the *Inventory of National Action* or in the *Calendar of Events Related to the International Year of the Family*, prepared by the IYF Secretariat, and in fact few countries sent entries about them for the Directory.

The Directory's focus was on research projects or activities initiated or otherwise developed under the auspices of the International Year of the Family, although it was not strictly essential for the project to be conducted or completed in 1994.

Examples included research studies on the family or family related issues; surveys or reviews of the situation of the family or of family services or legislation; statistical reports on the family; special books or publications based on research; and action research projects.

Some contributions received described ongoing research and research commenced and completed many years prior to the International Year. These projects were judged to be outside the Directory's

scope, although it was recognised that such pre-existing research may have been an important resource to the preparation and observance of the International Year of the Family. Whether or not their contribution appears in the Directory, all contributors are to receive future information about international family research activities and all will receive a copy of the Directory.

Contributions

The Directory contains 332 entries from 47 countries. Correspondence from approximately ten countries indicates more entries are forthcoming; four countries responded with interest in the project but reported that no IYF research activities had been conducted for the Year; three Requests for Information packages were returned to sender.

The national processes for collection of information varied broadly. In some cases, the information was provided directly by National Coordinators/Focal Points based on their own records, while in others, they surveyed partners nationally as to research activities. Another approach was to distribute copies of the Request for Information through existing research networks at the national level for response directly by researchers or institutions. In some measure these decisions, at the national level, account for the diversity in the types of responses received.

Notwithstanding the impressive collection of contributions already available, it is apparent through correspondence and other communications that a number of relevant research activities, from many countries, remain to be reported. In order to present as complete a record as possible of research activities associated with the International Year of the Family, a Supplement to the main volume will be produced in 1995 containing entries received after the publication deadlines for the present volume. In addition, this will also permit clarification or receipt of further information to finalise some incomplete contributions.

Final contributions *must be received* at the Australian Institute of Family Studies *not later than 20 April 1995*.

The Australian Institute of Family Studies is a government research agency established to improve the understanding of factors affecting family wellbeing. On a national level, the conduct, encouragement and coordination of research on families and the dissemination of information to support research and policy development are some of its major functions. To support this role, the Institute is also interested in international cooperation and establishing networks with other centres involved in research on families.

For more information on the *International Directory of IYF Research Activities* Supplement, planned for 1995, or continuing international cooperation on family research, please contact:

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**RESEARCH PROJECTS
AND ACTIVITIES**

ALBANIA

1

Improvement of Mother and Child Health and Family Planning

Organisation(s)

Ministere de la Sante (Health Department), UNFPA, OMS, Tirana, Albanie
Telephone: 355 42 34663; Fax: 355 42 34663

Contact

Dr Fjodor Kallajxhin, Family Planning Project Director

Summary

The project on family planning in Albania has a long-term objective: to improve the health of mothers and children by integrating family planning in Albania. The specific objective is to increase the coverage to 10% of women in procreative years through the implementation of family planning activities. The strategy is to establish family planning in all maternity hospitals and P.M.I. of the country; to train all gynaecologists and 400 midwives as well as 400 pharmacists; and, to provide the necessary medical equipment and contraceptives. At present the family planning clinics are being equipped, personnel are being trained and facilities are being improved.

Timetable

Commenced 1992; In progress

Funding

UNFPA; Amount: \$1.5 million

Keywords

Family planning; Health; Mothers

ARMENIA

2

Beacon Research Project on Economic and Social Problems of Families in Urban and Rural Areas of Armenia

Organisation(s)

Ministry of Labour and Social Security, Isahakian str.18, Yerevan 25, Republic of Armenia
Telephone: 56 53 21; Fax: 007 8852 151 080

Contact

Mr. Ashot Yesayan, Minister of Labour and Social Security

Summary

The main objective of the project is to find the most vulnerable families in urban and rural areas of Armenia. Data about these families will be entered in specially created Family Passports by 518 workers from 65 social services, and about 500 students during their summer holidays. With the help of these Passports, social workers will be able to follow the distribution of the humanitarian assistance provided to the Republic and avoid overlapping. At the same time, the project will give the real picture of the economic and social situation of Armenia. This will provide a good basis for further research work in the Republic of Armenia.

Timetable

Commenced July 1994; In progress

Funding

United States Agency for International Development (USAID); Amount: US\$ 80,000

Keywords

Disadvantaged groups; Social services; Living standards

AUSTRALIA

3

An Identification and Segmentation of Australian Community Values and Attitudes to the Family

Organisation(s)

Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Health, Research and Marketing Group, Public Affairs Branch, GPO Box 9848, Sydney NSW 2001, Australia

Elliott and Shanahan, 3 Berry Street, North Sydney NSW 2060, Australia

Contact

Margaret Lum, Director, Research & Evaluation, Department of Human Services and Health

Summary

Qualitative focus groups were conducted, followed by a national telephone survey of 2344 people aged 18 and over. The purpose of the study was to assist in the development of themes, objectives and priorities for IYF, and provide strategic direction into the overall marketing of the IYF philosophy and initiatives.

Timetable

Commenced May 1993; Completed

Australia (cont.)

Funding

Department of Human Services and Health; Amount: \$12,500.

Keywords

Attitudes; Surveys; Family values

4

Attitudes to Parenting and a Statistical Profile of Non English Speaking Background

Organisation(s)

Year of the Family (WA) Unit, Department for Community Development, Level 1, A Block, 189 Royal Street, East Perth, WA 6004, Australia
Telephone: 09 222 2763; Fax: 09 222 2768

Contact

Carmen Harrison, 111 Second Avenue, Mount Lawley, WA 6050

Summary

The study plans to use the findings of a recent McNair study on attitudes to parenting as a reference point and compare it with the opinions of 200 families of non English speaking background. It is expected that the differences that emerge will be used to inform methods and strategies to modify mainstream service practice to enable them to more effectively address the needs of a culturally diverse population.

Timetable

In progress

Funding

Year of the Family (WA) Unit; Amount: \$10,000.00

Keywords

Child rearing; Parent education; Immigrant families

5

Australia's Families: Selected Findings from the Survey of Families in Australia

Organisation(s)

Australian Bureau of Statistics, PO Box 10, Belconnen, ACT 2616, Australia
Telephone: (06) 252 7030; Fax: (06) 253 1673

Contact

Jenny Dean, Assistant Director, Welfare Section

Summary

This publication presents a selection of findings from the 1992 Survey of Families in Australia, which obtained information on the characteristics of families and family members, and the nature of family support. The survey was designed to assist understanding of contemporary social and family issues, reflecting the objectives of the International Year of the Family. Data in the document focus on family formation, family care giving, work and family issues and a variety of other support aspects.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed

Publications

Australian Bureau of Statistics. Australia's families: selected findings from the Survey of Families in Australia 1992. Canberra, ACT: ABS, 1993. (ABS no. 4418.0)

Keywords

Statistics; Demographic trends; Family characteristics

6

Australian Defence Force Families Mobility and Dislocation Study – Monograph

Organisation(s)

Australian Institute of Family Studies, 300 Queen Street, Melbourne, Vic. 3000, Australia
Telephone: 03 214 7888; Fax: 03 214 7839

HQ Australian Defence Force (HQADF), Russell Offices, Canberra, ACT 2600, Australia

Contact

Dr Gregg Snider, Senior Research Fellow, AIFS

Summary

For the last four years, AIFS and HQADF have engaged in research into the effects on family wellbeing of the Defence Force lifestyle. For International Year of the Family, a monograph is being prepared for wider dissemination, collating the findings of that research.

Timetable

Commenced July 1994; In progress

Funding

Australian Institute of Family Studies and HQ Australian Defence Force

Publications

Book forthcoming 1995

Keywords

Armed forces; Geographic mobility; Father absence

7

Australian Family Resources on CD-ROM**Organisation(s)**

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Contact

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Development

Summary

As part of its contribution to the International Year of the Family the Institute has compiled a collection of resource documents on a CD-ROM published by a number of key Australian organisations working to support children and families. The selection of documents was guided by the Australian themes for the international year: the diversity of families – composition, demographic trends; family and social policy; services to families; disadvantaged families; work and family issues; child abuse and domestic violence; children and young people; gender issues and sexual behaviour. The CD-ROM provides interactive searching of a database of citations and abstracts which are linked directly to a facsimile image of the original document which can be viewed on the screen or printed.

Timetable

Commenced February 1994; Completed

Funding

Australian Institute of Family Studies

Publications

Australian Family Resources on CD-ROM: Getting
Started User Manual 1994. Melbourne, Vic.: AIFS and
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

Keywords

Data bases; Disadvantaged groups

8

Blue Collar Workers' Childcare Arrangements: The Impact on Productivity**Organisation(s)**

The Child Care Connection, 28 Oakley Road, Hawthorn,
Vic. 3122, Australia

Work and Family Unit, Department of Industrial
Relations, GPO Box 9879, Canberra City ACT 2601,
Australia

Contact

Ms Rosemary Lever, Director, The Child Care Connection

Summary

This is a study of blue and white collar workers at manufacturing companies which examines attitudes to child care and child care arrangements. The project is examining issues including employees' utilisation of child care, child care costs, links between absenteeism and access to child care, and access to quality child care. The study will attempt to identify any barriers or obstacles to blue collar employees accessing quality, reliable child care. The methodology of the project includes four case studies and interviews with employees.

Timetable

Commenced February 1994; In progress

Funding

Department of Industrial Relations, Work and Family
Grants Program; 1993/94; Amount: \$30,500

Keywords

Child care; Needs assessment

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Children, Law and Rights**Organisation(s)**

Australian Institute of Family Studies, 300 Queen Street,
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Telephone: (03) 214 7888; Fax: 214 7839

Contact

Dr Kathleen Funder, Senior Research Fellow

Summary

The objective of this project is to produce a book on "Children, Law and Rights" for service providers to children in Australia. The collection derives from contributions to a symposium sponsored by the Australian Institute of Family Studies. Authors have expertise in law, social policy, philosophy and service provision for children. The topics include law and rights issues pertaining to: education, family law, child protection, juvenile justice, health and reproduction. A philosophical discussion of rights and an historical perspective are also included.

Timetable

Commenced March 1994; In progress

Funding

Australian Institute of Family Studies; Amount: \$34,000

Publications

Funder, Kate, ed. Children, law and rights: a collection for
service providers. Melbourne: Australian Institute of
Family Studies (forthcoming 1995)

Keywords

Children's rights; Child welfare; Family law

Australia (cont.)

10

Child-Care Needs of Parents in the Retail Industry

Organisation(s)

Shop Distributive and Allied Employee's Association (SDAEA)

Work and Family Unit, Department of Industrial Relations, GPO Box 9879, Canberra City 2601, Australia

Contact

Ms Anna Bradley, Project Officer, SDAEA

Summary

This project consists of a year long examination of child care needs in the retail industry. The study will provide valuable information on child care needs and will be applicable to many other industries. It will include extensive survey of, and consultation with, employees and employers in the retail industry as well as employer organisations. The project will also draw on the expertise of child care providers, relevant community organisations and government departments. Many aspects of child care will be considered, including the hours and patterns of hours of work, the age structure of children and after-school care.

Timetable

Commenced February 1994; In progress

Funding

Department of Industrial Relations, Work and Family Grants Program, 1993/94; Amount: \$44,369

Keywords

Child care; Needs assessment

11

Consultation Report by the New South Wales International Year of the Family Advisory Committee

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Peter Connelly, Manager

Summary

The report provides an overview and discussion of the key issues and current concerns identified by consultation

participants from the community, from non-government and government agencies working with families, and members and representations of population groups such as people from non-English speaking backgrounds, Aboriginal people, geographically isolated communities, older people, gay men and lesbians, and young people.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; Completed

Publications

A Report on Consultations Conducted by the NSW International Year of the Family Advisory Committee (1994).

Keywords

Attitudes; Family policy; Community consultations

12

Consultations in Rural and Remote Areas Regarding Rural and Remote Families to Assist the Development of the Australian Government's Agenda for Families

Organisation(s)

Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Health, Family Services Branch, GPO Box 9848, Canberra City ACT 2601, Australia

The Country Women's Association of Australia, c/-40 Fort Street, Riverside, Launceston TAS 7250

Contact

Lesley Loxton, Project Officer, Department of Human Services and Health

Summary

The objectives of the project are to identify and explore the attitudes of people from rural and remote families to a range of public policy matters as they impact on families, including barriers to accessing services, and to contribute to future directions. The Country Women's Association (CWA) engaged a consultant to undertake the project. In addition, the project was linked to the Rural Access Program, Department of Primary Industries and Energy. The following activities contribute to the consultation methodology: a literature search of existing research and inclusion of relevant findings in the consultation report; an open consultative workshop; and, written responses from CWA constituency.

Timetable

Commenced July 1994; Completed

Funding

Department of Human Services and Health; Amount: \$5,100.00

Keywords

Rural families; Services; Policy evaluation

13

Consultations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People to Assist with the Development of the Australian Government's Agenda for Families

Organisation(s)

Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Health, Family Services Branch, GPO Box 9848, Canberra ACT 2601

National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC), The Secretariat, 171 Smith St, Fitzroy Vic. 3065

Contact

Rocco Weglarz, Project Officer, Department of Human Services and Health

Summary

The objectives of the project were to identify and explore the attitudes of indigenous people to a range of public policy matters as they impact on families including barriers to accessing services, and to contribute to future directions. The project involved: undertaking literature searches; liaising with key organisations and individuals; field trips and interviews with indigenous Australians; a workshop of key individuals.

Timetable

Commenced August 1994; Completed

Funding

Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Health; Amount: \$40,827

Keywords

Indigenous people; Social services; Family policy

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Consultations with Carers to Assist with the Development of the Australian Government's Agenda for Families

Organisation(s)

Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Health, Family Services Branch, GPO Box 9848, Canberra ACT 2601, Australia

Carers Association of Australia, PO Box 3717, Weston ACT 2611, Australia

Contact

Lesley Loxton, Project Officer, Department of Human Services and Health

Summary

The objectives of the project are to identify and explore the

attitudes of people who care for relatives and dependents who are ill or disabled to a range of public policy matters, including barriers in accessing services. A multi-method approach was adopted involving analysis of existing secondary sources and primary data collection which included: an open consultation process, predominantly involving focus groups and semi structured interviews in metropolitan as well as rural centres; telephone outreach, including a phone-in in selected states and a tele-survey; free post questionnaire distributed by Carers Associations and at all consultations. In addition, a random sample of several hundred NSW carers will be selected and a questionnaire sent to all 20,000 recipients of the 'Carer' national newsletter with reply-paid post.

Timetable

Commenced July-September 1994; Completed

Funding

Department of Human Services and Health; Amount: \$35,017.00

Keywords

Carers; Services; Needs assessment

15

Consultations with Families from a Non-English Speaking Background in Relation to Issues Being Explored to Assist with the Development of the Australian Government's Agenda for Families

Organisation(s)

Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Health, Family Services Branch, GPO Box 9848, Canberra ACT 2601, Australia

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia, 541 George St, Sydney NSW 2000

Contact

Lesley Loxton, Project Officer, Department of Human Services and Health

Summary

The objectives of the project are to identify and explore the attitudes of people from a non-English speaking background (NESB) to a range of public policy matters as they impact on families including barriers to access to services, to contribute to future directions. The project involves: 1) Broad consultations with a range of non-English speaking background organisations and ethno-specific service providers around Australia on the nine IYF priority issues; 2) Focused consultations with families from NESB on two key issues within which participants are able to set their own agenda: The changing roles and relationships within the NESB family unit, and the context of the family from

Australia (cont.)

NESB within Australian society today; Focus on five communities to include representatives from the Chinese, Islamic, Italian, Salvadorean and Turkish communities.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Funding

Department of Human Services and Health; Amount: \$30,700.00

Keywords

Attitudes; Family policy; Immigrant families

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Creating Family-Friendly Workplaces: Current Perspectives and Initiatives

Organisation(s)

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Mr Don Dunnon, New Futures Pty Ltd

Summary

This project aims to develop a broadly accessible resource document dealing with current research issues and perspectives, in order to stimulate interest and informed debate among employers, unions, employees and the wider community about strategies for making Australian workplaces more family-friendly. The document will present: an overview of Australian and international research literature in the field, so that readers may better inform themselves about strategies being adopted in different countries and industries; the research evidence on the effectiveness or otherwise of these strategies; government policies to promote family friendly workplaces. It will also describe family friendly initiatives in Australian workplaces, with a focus on outcomes and benefits for employers; develop an overall synthesis of the research, pointing to general themes and conclusions from the case studies; offer guidance for action for employers and others; and suggest implications for policy. The methodology includes a literature search and case study field work.

Timetable

Commenced February 1994; In progress

Funding

Work and Family Grants Program, Department of Industrial Relations 1993/94; Amount: \$37,300

Publications

Anticipated publication early 1995

Keywords

Work family relationship; Literature reviews

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Creating the Links: Families and Social Responsibility

Organisation(s)

National Council for the International Year of the Family, PO Box 666, Woden ACT 2606, Australia

Contact

Professor Bettina Cass, Chair

Summary

This is the final report of Australia's National Council for the International Year of the Family. Based on the ideas and views provided by the community during consultations, and through written responses to the Council's discussion paper, the report provides the community contribution to shaping Commonwealth Government family policy through the 1990s and beyond. Ten priorities are identified and discussed: To recognise the diversity of families in Australia; To acknowledge the value of caring and nurturing provided by families; To strengthen partnerships between families, governments, education and community services, business, unions, religious organisations and community groups; To address the circumstances and needs of families in disadvantaged circumstances; To promote policies which recognise and support the choices which families are making in combining paid work and family care; To promote gender equality and explore ways in which men and women can share more equally in the various responsibilities and pleasures of family life; To address the significant problems of family violence and abuse; To address the needs of families facing personal crisis; To recognise the rights of families and of all family members; To recognise the key role of appropriate, affordable and secure housing in ensuring families' economic welfare and quality of life.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; Completed

Funding

National Council for the International Year of the Family

Publications

National Council for the International Year of the Family. Creating the links: families and social responsibility. Canberra: Australian Government Publishing Service, 1994.

Keywords

Family policy

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Developing a Model of Eldercare

Organisation(s)

Libby Brooke and Associates

Work and Family Unit, Department of Industrial Relations, GPO Box 9879, Canberra City ACT 2601, Australia

Contact

Ms Libby Brooke, Libby Brooke and Associates

Summary

The objective of this project is to explore elder care as an issue for work and family. The project is targeting two particular areas: employees with responsibilities for older and disabled dependents, and the concerns of older workers as they consider retirement or retrenchment. The methodology of the project includes examining overseas experiences with elder-care programs and their applicability as models in the Australian context. Employer bodies and unions will be consulted during the project. Consultations on the applicability of models will be held with selected employers in three states. One aspect of particular interest is the examination of service delivery linkages between government and industry, community services and aged care.

Timetable

Commenced February 1994; In progress

Funding

Department of Industrial Relations, Work and Family Grants Program 1993/94; Amount: \$18,860

Publications

Publication anticipated early 1995

Keywords

Work family relationship; Family responsibilities; Aged care

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Families and Cultural Diversity in Australia

Organisation(s)

Australian Institute of Family Studies, 300 Queen Street, Melbourne Vic, 3000, Australia
Telephone: 03 214 7888; Fax: 03 214 7839

Contact

Ms Robyn Hartley, Research Fellow

Summary

The publication resulting from the project will be a book of ten individually authored chapters, each of which discusses

changing family values from the perspective of groups in Australia with different cultural backgrounds. Included are an introduction to the volume and chapters on Aboriginal, Chinese, Italian, Greek, Filipino, Latin American, Lebanese and Vietnamese families. Also included will be a chapter on the history of changing family values in Australia.

Timetable

Commenced December 1993; In progress

Funding

Australian Institute of Family Studies

Publications

Robyn Hartley, ed. Families and cultural diversity in Australia. Sydney, NSW: Allen & Unwin (forthcoming).

Keywords

Ethnic groups; Cross cultural differences; Family values

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Families in our Culturally Diverse Society

Organisation(s)

Ethnic Affairs Commission, 164-174 Liverpool Street, Ashfield, NSW 2131, Australia

Contact

Linda Pettersson, Principal Policy Officer, Ethnic Affairs Commission

Summary

This project is being undertaken by the Ethnic Affairs Commission of New South Wales. It involves: 1) The preparation of a series of media articles dealing with issues involving, and facing, families of non-English speaking background in New South Wales; 2) The preparation of four research papers on families of non-English speaking background. These are: Intergenerational conflict; The ideology of migrant families of non-English speaking background - identifying the myths and understanding the reality; The impact of migration policies on the formation and settlement of immigrant families since the Second World War; Refugee families from Indo-China; 3) The preparation of a publication which will be a statistical profile detailing the characteristics of 30 family groups from non-English speaking backgrounds, based on 1991 Census data.

Timetable

Commenced June 1994; In progress

Funding

International Year of the Family; Amount: \$35,000; and Ethnic Affairs Community staff resources

Publications

Statistical profile of families in the culturally diverse comm

Australia (cont.)

unity of New South Wales (working title) (forthcoming).

Issues for families in the culturally diverse community of New South Wales (research papers) (forthcoming).

Keywords

Demographic trends; Cross cultural differences; Immigrant families

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Family Matters: Special IYF Edition

Organisation(s)

Australian Institute of Family Studies, 300 Queen Street, Melbourne Vic. 3000, Australia
Telephone: (03) 214 7888; Fax: (03) 214 7839

Contact

Meredith Michie, Publishing Coordinator

Summary

The April 1994 issue (no. 37) of the magazine of the Australian Institute of Family Studies, *Family Matters*, marked the International Year of the Family with fifteen major papers dedicated to the priority issues identified by Australia's IYF Council. Institute researchers and invited external authors covered the key areas of family diversity, the economic value of unpaid work, integration of private and social responsibility, disadvantaged families, supporting people with a disability and their families, the rights of Indigenous people in the International Year of the Family, workers with family responsibilities, sharing paid work and family life, human rights, family crisis and family violence.

Timetable

Commenced January 1994; Completed

Funding

Australian Institute of Family Studies, Esso Australia for extended IYF print run

Publications

Family Matters no. 37 April 1994

Keywords

Family change; Family research

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Family Studies Curriculum Units Project

Organisation(s)

Department of Employment, Education and Training,

Quality Schooling Branch, Canberra ACT 2601, Australia
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Curriculum Corporation, 141 Rathdowne Street, Carlton Vic. 3053

Contact

Ms Kathy McLean, Curriculum Project Officer, Curriculum Corporation

Summary

The Project will develop teaching and learning materials aimed at students in years 6–10. The materials will draw from the curriculum statement and profile on studies of society and environment for Australian schools and will investigate the historical development of family patterns and structures; examine the gender distribution of the various roles in families; explore the relationship between family structures and participation of men and women in economic, political, social and community life; explore issues and problems related to family life, and investigate the role of government in relation to these issues. It will also map the available curriculum materials that address the above issues and add these data to a national database.

Timetable

Commenced November 1994; In progress

Funding

Department of Employment, Education and Training; Amount: \$300,000

Publications

Two publications of classroom materials will be prepared and published by the Curriculum Corporation in early 1996. Also planned are some units for dissemination via a CD-ROM.

Keywords

Education; Curriculum; Family studies

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Flexible Families: New Directions in Australian Communities

Organisation(s)

Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS), 4–16 Yurong Street, East Sydney NSW 2011, Australia
Telephone: (02) 332 4355; Fax: (02) 332 1515

Contact

Robert Fitzgerald, President

Summary

ACOSS is the Australian national peak council for independent social welfare organisations, professional groups and individuals who work in the social welfare field.

The promotion of social and economic policies and programs which alleviate poverty and significant hardship faced by disadvantaged families and individuals and the achievement of sustainable improvements in their quality of life, were proposed by ACOSS as tasks which deserved high priority for the International Year of the Family. In this context ACOSS initiated a book as a contribution to the IYF covering many issues central to improving the economic circumstances and quality of life of low income and disadvantaged families. Leading researchers, policy experts and community workers contributed to the volume which addresses a range of issues including: Aboriginal family values; family incomes and inequality; family needs and community services; changing gender roles; legal perceptions of the family and same sex partners; key principles for developing family policies; priority themes for reforming family policies.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; Completed

Publications

Flexible families. Sydney, NSW: Australian Council of Social Service and Pluto Press, 1994.

Keywords

Family policy; Family support services; Low income families

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Focus on Families

Organisation(s)

Australian Bureau of Statistics, PO Box 10, Belconnen, ACT 2616, Australia
Telephone: (06) 252 7030; Fax: (06) 253 1673

Contact

Jenny Dean, Assistant Director, Welfare Section

Summary

As a special initiative for the IYF the Australian Bureau of Statistics has produced a series of publications focusing on families. Data collected from the 1992 Survey of Families in Australia, the 1992 Time Use Survey, the 1993 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, and the 1993 Child Care Survey have been used to present information on a number of topics which relate to key issues identified by the Australian National Council for the International year of the Family. Topics covered include: family demography and family formation; education and employment; work and family; income and housing; caring in families; families and quality of life.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Publications

Titles in the Focus on Family Series are: Demographics and family formation, 1994. (ABS no. 4420.0) Education and employment, 1994. (ABS no. 4421.0) Work and family responsibilities, 1994. (ABS no. 4422.0) Income and housing, 1994. (ABS no. 4424.0) Caring and families: support for persons who are older or have disabilities, 1994. (ABS no. 4423.0) Family life, 1994. (ABS no.4425.0)

Keywords

Statistics; Demographic trends

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Home Economics in the Secondary School

Organisation(s)

Curriculum Corporation, 141 Rathdowne Street, Carlton Vic. 3053, Australia

Contact

Kathy McLean, Curriculum Project Officer

Summary

The purpose of this project is to develop a definition of home economics curriculum in the light of the Australian curriculum statements and profiles and, in the context of this definition, to assist junior secondary school teachers of home economics to use the relevant statements and profiles to plan discrete home economics courses and/or to incorporate home economics content areas into the curriculum. Initially a discussion paper on the definition of home economics will be prepared for national consultation among professionals and school systems. This will be followed by the development of exemplary units.

Timetable

Commenced July 1994; In progress

Funding

Commonwealth Department of Employment, Education and Training; Amount: \$120,000

Keywords

Home economics; Curriculum

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Household and Family Trends in Australia

Organisation(s)

Australian Bureau of Statistics, PO Box 10, Belconnen, ACT 2616, Australia

Contact

Director, Information Consultancy Section

Australia (cont.)

Summary

In recognition of the designation of 1994 as the International Year of the Family, the Australian Bureau of Statistics commissioned Dr Peter McDonald to contribute a special chapter on 'Household and family trends in Australia' to its 'Year Book Australia 1994'. The chapter considers statistical trends in: number and size of households; types of households and families; transitions in families; the forming of relationships; families and the labour force; having children; ending relationships and repartnering.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed

Publications

McDonald, Peter. Household and family trends in Australia. In: Year Book Australia 1994. Canberra, ACT: Australian Bureau of Statistics, 1993, pp.149-165. ISSN 0810-8633.

Keywords

Statistics; Demographic trends; Family change

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Integrating Family Responsibilities into Employment Contracts

Organisation(s)

CCH Australia Limited, PO Box 230, North Ryde NSW 2113, Australia

Work and Family Unit, Department of Industrial Relations, GPO Box 9879, Canberra City ACT 2601, Australia

Contact

Ms Joan Napoli, Senior Analyst, CCH Australia Ltd

Summary

The objectives of the project are to: inform organisations of their legal obligations in relation to workers with family responsibilities; give practical advice to organisations to assist them to introduce family-friendly practices; give examples of initiatives that have successfully been introduced in other organisations; give examples of legal decisions in cases of alleged discrimination etc. The main audience target is human resource managers and unions. The methodology of the project was a literature search, study of case law, interview with companies.

Timetable

Commenced April 1994; Completed

Funding

Department of Industrial Relations, Work and Family Grant, Program 1993/94; Amount: \$29,714

Publications

Work and family responsibilities: adjusting the balance. North Ryde, NSW: CCH Australia Ltd, 1994. ISBN 1862646368.

Keywords

Work family relationship; Family responsibilities; Contracts

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Integrating Step Fathers – an Investigation of how Couples Negotiate their Role in Step Families

Organisation(s)

Year of the Family (WA) Unit, Department for Community Development, Level 1, A Block, 189 Royal Street, East Perth, WA 6004, Australia
Telephone: 09 222 2763; Fax: 09 222 2768

Contact

Paul Murphy, Unit 9, 615 Hay Street Jolimont WA 6014

Summary

The object of the study is to gain an understanding of some elements of the stepfather's 'world view'. The study is exploratory, essentially ethnographical and involves interacting with participants. The sample will be drawn from volunteers who attend a step-parenting program.

Timetable

Commenced December 1994; In progress

Funding

Year of the Family (WA) Unit; Amount: \$10,000.00

Keywords

Stepparents; Fathers; Stepfamilies

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Mother Knows Best – An Inquiry into the Epistemology of Mothering

Organisation(s)

Curtin University of Technology, Hayman Road, Bentley, WA 6102, Australia

Contact

Dr Susan Maushart, School of Social Sciences and Asian Languages

Summary

The research will answer: Precisely how do contemporary mothers learn the complex management skills necessary for their task? What sources of information affect their decision

making and which factors most significantly affect their performance? The study will concentrate on a small number of highly focused participant-observer interactions.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Funding

Year of the Family (WA) Unit; Amount: \$9994.00

Keywords

Mothers; Skills; Information access

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National Local Government IYF Coordination

Organisation(s)

Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Health, Family Services Branch, GPO Box 9848, Canberra, ACT 2601, Australia

Australian Local Government Association, 8 Geils Court, Deakin ACT 2600, Australia

Contact

Jeff Herbert, Project Officer, Department of Human Services and Health

Summary

This project is a joint initiative between the Office of the International Year of the Family and the Australian Local Government Association which aims to increase awareness within Local Government of the principles of IYF and to ensure the needs of families are included in planning and delivery of Local Government services. The methodology proposed required provision of information to local government councils, encouragement and assistance to individual councils to undertake profiles and to identify major planning issues in their areas. The project also aimed to research, document and distribute to councils examples which best met the needs of families. It was proposed that four councils be used to undertake the above research and to develop the concept of utilising demographic data to identify economic and social needs of families in planning services in council areas. Specific objectives, outcomes, performance indicators and an implementation plan were developed with each council so that the project was relevant to the local area. The information will be used to assess economic and social needs of families for example, unemployed, ageing, sole-parents etc and consultations between all sectors will be initiated to develop understanding of needs and partnership approaches to improve planning and service delivery for families.

Timetable

Commenced February 1994; Completed

Funding

Department of Human Services and Health; Amount: \$96,000.00

Keywords

Local government; Services; Needs assessment

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New South Wales Families: a Profile

Organisation(s)

Social Policy Directorate, Level 11, 169-183 Liverpool Street, Sydney, NSW 2000, Australia

Contact

Edwina Deakin, Director, Office on Social Policy

Summary

This is a joint publication between the Social Policy Directorate and the Australian Bureau of Statistics. In an informative and accessible manner, it presents an extensive range of up-to-date statistical data on families in New South Wales and the issues which affect them.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; Completed

Funding

NSW Social Policy Directorate, IYF Secretariat; Amount: \$40,000.00

Publications

NSW Families: a Profile. Sydney, NSW: Social Policy Directorate and Australian Bureau of Statistics, 1994.

Keywords

Demography; Statistics; Family characteristics

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Non Custodial Fathers Involvement in their Children's Schooling

Organisation(s)

Year of the Family (WA) Unit, Department for Community Development, Level 1, A Block, 189 Royal Street, East Perth WA 6004, Australia
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Contact

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Summary

Until recently little has been directly known of the variables that affect the non custodial father's post divorce adjustment,

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though much has been inferred. In particular no research exists on how fathers view their changed relationship to their children's schooling. Since school life comprises a significant part of a child's life it is reasonable to assume it also influences the overall relationship to their non custodial parent, affecting both parent and child. This study focuses on the non custodial father's perception of this situation, using a qualitative research methodology.

Timetable

Commenced December 1994; In progress

Funding

Year of the Family (WA) Unit; Amount: \$4,360.00

Keywords

Father role; Education; Child custody

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Overseas Adoption and Adoption within the Aboriginal Community

Organisation(s)

New South Wales Law Reform Commission, GPO Box 5199, Sydney, NSW 2001, Australia

Contact

Peter Hennessy, Executive Director

Summary

A study is being undertaken into aspects of adoption, in particular focusing on intercountry adoption. Another research project is being undertaken on adoption within the Aboriginal community. These studies will look at the positive and negative effects of adoption on adoptees, immediate and extended families and the community.

Timetable

Commenced May 1994; In progress

Funding

International Year of the Family Secretariat; Amount: \$40,000

Keywords

Adoption; Intercountry adoption; Aborigines

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Part-time Managers, Organisational and Skill Requirements for Success

Organisation(s)

Work and Family Unit, Department of Industrial

Relations, GPO Box 9879, Canberra City, ACT 2601, Australia

Contact

Marie Crozier-Durham, 27 Claremont Ave, Malvern, Vic. 3144, Australia

Summary

The objective of this project is to: develop an understanding of the nature of change which occurs when managers move to the part-time workforce because of family responsibilities; conduct an investigation of career paths of managers; identify competencies required of managers to work effectively in a part-time of capacity; document and examine examples of successful transitions to part-time including changes in behaviour, attitudes, agreements and organisational rearrangements; identify strategies and techniques used in the workplace to support part-time managers. The methodology of the project includes interviews, group meetings, a conference of key commentators and a literature search.

Timetable

Commenced March 1994; Completed

Funding

Department of Industrial Relations, Work and Family Grants Program 1993/94; Amount: \$17,145

Publications

Anticipated publication late 1994.

Keywords

Part time employment; Work family relationship

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Perceptions of Financial Counselling in Western Australia

Organisation(s)

Year of the Family (WA) Unit, Department for Community Development, Level 1, A Block, 189 Royal Street, East Perth, WA 6004
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Contact

Natalie Dall, Geraldton Resource Centre, PO Box 159, Geraldton, WA 6530, Australia

Summary

The purpose of this study is to examine the work being performed by financial counsellors and to draw conclusions about the relationship between what financial counsellors think they are doing, what they want to be doing and what they are actually doing for their clients. This information will be used to identify inconsistencies which may assist in the development of more effective practice.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Funding

Year of the Family (WA) Unit; Amount: \$3,600,00

Keywords

Financial counselling

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Planning, Programs and Services for Families: Best Practice in Commonwealth Funded Organisations

Organisation(s)

Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Health, Family Services Branch, GPO Box 98-18, Canberra ACT 2601

Purdon Associates Pty Ltd, Southern Cross House, 3/9 McCay Street, Turner ACT 2601, Australia

Contact

Lesley Loxton, Project Officer, Department of Human Services and Health

Summary

The project seeks to promote awareness of the need to consider families, family formation and the situation of disadvantaged families in the development and operation of services provided by Commonwealth-funded agencies. Methodology involved selecting 10-12 services in consultation with Commonwealth government departments and peak consumer groups as examples of best practice of service delivery such as assessment and referral, case management, service management, user rights etc. and documenting these services through interviews and analysis and documenting the principles and strategies arising from the case studies and consultations with departments and peak organisations.

Timetable

Commenced August 1994; Completed

Funding

Department of Human Services and Health; Amount: \$59,000.00

Publications

A booklet documenting case studies and models of excellence in service development and operation by commonwealth funded agencies; a guide for Government-funded agencies including recommended principles and practical strategies for 'family friendly' approaches to planning, program design and service deliveries.

Keywords

Services; Public administration; Family policy

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Position of Young People in Relation to the Family

Organisation(s)

Australian Institute of Family Studies, 300 Queen Street, Melbourne Vic. 3000, Australia
Telephone: 03 214 7888; Fax: 03 214 7839

National Youth Affairs Research Scheme, Commonwealth Youth Bureau, GPO Box 9880, Canberra, ACT 2600, Australia

Contact

Ms Robyn Hartley, Research Fellow, Australian Institute of Family Studies

Summary

The aim of the project was to ensure that the needs of young people are included in the policy formulation, program development and resource allocation processes taking place during IYF and in subsequent years. The objective was to produce a discussion paper which reviewed the changing nature of families in Australia; discussed the implications of these changes for young people aged 12-25; reviewed relevant research on the outcomes for young people; reviewed existing youth policies and identified gaps, priorities and new directions for youth policy.

Timetable

Commenced February 1993; Completed

Funding

National Youth Affairs Research Scheme; Amount: \$40,000

Publications

Hartley, Robyn and Wolcott, Ilene. The position of young people in relation to the family. Hobart, Tas: National Youth Affairs Research Scheme, 1994.

Keywords

Youth; Youth policy

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Post-Natal Stress and Depression

Organisation(s)

Ministry for the Status and Advancement of Women, Women's Consultative Committee, Level 11, 100 William Street, East Sydney, NSW 2010, Australia

Contact

Jennifer Vincent, Policy Officer

Australia (cont.)

Summary

This project report on community needs for support and services for post-natal stress and depression includes recommendations for government departments.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; Completed

Funding

Women's Consultative Committee, Ministry for the Status and Advancement of Women; Amount: \$20,000

Publications

If motherhood is bliss, why do I feel so awful? Community consultation on post-natal stress and depression by the New South Wales Women's Consultative Committee (1994).

Keywords

Mothers; Mental depression; Community consultations

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Recognising Workers' Family Responsibilities in Workplace Bargaining: Aged Care

Organisation(s)

Specialist Research Services, RMB 4002, Wodonga Vic. 3691, Australia

Work and Family Unit, Department of Industrial Relations, GPO Box 9879, Canberra City ACT 2601, Australia

Contact

Ms Rosemary Kelly, Partner, Specialist Research Services

Summary

This project aims to study the needs of workers with family responsibilities who work in the aged care industry who are involved in the process of enterprise bargaining. The focus of the project is on: discussion of ways to ensure that employees benefit from the creation of flexible, efficient and competitive workplaces; discussion of ways to ensure equitable access to training and career progression to all aged care workers, including those who are employed part-time; producing a workable model of incorporating the needs of workers with family responsibilities into workplace bargaining which will have relevance to other parts of Health and Community Services. The methodology of the project included a literature search, survey questionnaire and analysis of industrial awards.

Timetable

Commenced February 1994; In progress

Funding

Department of Industrial Relations, Work and Family Grants Program 1993/94; \$37,200

Publications

Anticipated publication early 1995.

Keywords

Family responsibilities; Working conditions; Work family relationship

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Report on the Work and Family Phone-in held in July 1994 in New South Wales

Organisation(s)

Ministry for the Status and Advancement of Women, Level 11, 100 William Street, East Sydney, NSW 2010, Australia

Contact

Jennifer Vincent, Policy Officer

Summary

An overview is presented of findings of the work and family phone-in held in July 1994. The report is aimed at community and employers to encourage change in the workplace. Themes were associated with how people balance work and family issues. The report covers policies and practices of employers and general comments on barriers to the implementation of family friendly work practices.

Timetable

Commenced May 1994; In progress

Funding

Ministry for the Status and Advancement of Women

Publications

Work and Family Phone-In. East Sydney, NSW: Ministry for the Status and Advancement of Women, 1994.

Keywords

Work family relationship; Phone-ins

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Resource Based Approach to Family Services for Low Income and Disadvantaged Families with Young Children

Organisation(s)

Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Health, Family Services Branch, GPO Box 9848, Canberra ACT 2601, Australia

Brotherhood of St Laurence, 67 Brunswick St, Fitzroy Vic. 3065

Contact

Lesley Loxton, Project Officer, Department of Human Services and Health

Summary

This project aims to trial and evaluate a resource-based approach to family service provision with twenty low income families in two small group settings. It aims to seek the advice of these families on the best way to establish a resource based approach including mechanisms for ongoing consumer input into the development and planning of social services. The project will work with the twenty families over a period of 12 weeks. Each group will meet at least once a week with an experienced facilitator and will focus on: the ways in which the service provision can better assist families in maintaining a quality of life and standard of living; identifying services, practices and policies from all sectors of government and the community that have significant impact on their lives in attempting to meet these needs; the extent to which services have been effective in meeting these needs and the positive and negative experiences of interaction with these agencies; designing strategies that address deficiencies and difficulties experienced by group members in assessing resources.

Timetable

Commenced June 1994; In progress

Funding

Department of Human Services and Health; Amount: \$44,080.00

Keywords

Needs assessment; Services; Low income families

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The Heart of the Matter: Families at the Centre of Public Policy: Discussion Paper

Organisation(s)

National Council for the International Year of the Family, PO Box 666, Woden ACT 2606, Australia

Contact

Professor Bettina Cass, Chair, National Council for the IYF

Summary

This paper was prepared by the National Council as a basis for discussion and consultation with the community. The paper explains why a special international year for families was designated, and provides information about a range of issues affecting families in Australia.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; Completed

Funding

National Council for the International Year of the Family

Publications

National Council for the International Year of the Family. The heart of the matter: families at the centre of public policy: discussion paper. Canberra: Australian Government Publishing Service, 1994.

Keywords

Family policy

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The Impact of Workplace Bargaining on Women in the Part-time Labour Market

Organisation(s)

Centre for Applied Social Research (CASR), Macquarie University North Ryde, NSW 2113, Australia

Australian Centre for Industrial Relations Research and Teaching (ACIRRT), University of Sydney, Sydney NSW 2006

Contact

Associate Professor Ron Callus, Director, ACIRRT

Summary

This project is examining: the relaxation of restrictions on part-time employment; shifts in the boundaries between full time and part-time work and between part-time and casual employment; changes in part-time job descriptions; restructuring of hours worked by part-timers, changes in pro-rata arrangements, penalty rates and loadings; best practice involving flexibility arrangements appropriate to workers with family responsibilities; career development opportunities for part-timers; and models which enhance pay equity for part-timers. The project will include an examination of awards and enterprise bargains and a number of case studies.

Timetable

Commenced March 1994; In progress

Funding

Department of Industrial Relations, Work and Family Grants Program 1993/94; Amount: \$38,225

Publications

Publication anticipated early 1995.

Keywords

Working conditions; Part time employment; Working women

Australia (cont.)

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The Processes and Outcomes of Family Friendly Policies in Australian Organisations

Organisation(s)

Macquarie University, Graduate School of Management, North Ryde NSW 2113, Australia

Work and Family Unit, Department of Industrial Relations, GPO Box 9879, Canberra City ACT 2601, Australia

Contact

Ms Robin Kramar, Macquarie University

Summary

The project aims to examine the processes contributing to the implementation of family friendly policies in Australian organisations and assess the benefits of these policies through: the identification of the types of policies being introduced in Australia to accommodate the family responsibilities of employees; the identification of factors which encourage the development and implementation of these policies as well as those which inhibit them; assessing the impact of these policies on the employees, the operation and performance of the organisation, and the operation of the labour market. The principal methodology to be used will be a case study analysis. This approach will enable an examination of the dynamics operating in a range of five family friendly organisations in selected industries. It will also provide qualitative information about the forces influencing the implementation and success of family friendly policies.

Timetable

Commenced May 1994; In progress

Funding

Work and Family Commissioned Research, Department of Industrial Relations; Amount: \$49,998

Keywords

Work family relationship; Employment policy; Policy evaluation

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Tracking Research to Evaluate Initial Impact and Awareness of the IYF National Communication Program

Organisation(s)

Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Health, Research and Marketing Group, Public Affairs

Branch, GPO Box 9848, Sydney NSW 2001 Australia

Roy Morgan Research Centre, 2nd Floor, 333 Kent St, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

Contact

Margaret Lum, Director, Research and Evaluation, Department of Human Services and Health

Summary

A national telephone survey of 1200 people aged 18 and over was conducted to measure community awareness of IYF communication objectives in the middle of the year, to assess community perceptions of IYF, and to measure any changes in attitudes in comparison with the June 1993 research.

Timetable

Commenced June 1994; Completed

Funding

Department of Human Services and Health; Amount: \$37,900.00

Keywords

Communication strategies; Attitudes

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Work and Family Grants Program 1994/95 Research

Organisation(s)

Work and Family Unit, Department of Industrial Relations, GPO Box 9879, Canberra City ACT 2601, Australia

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Summary

As part of the 1994/95 Work and Family Grants Program, research will be conducted in the following areas: work and family needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers and workers from non-English-speaking backgrounds; relocation; work and family needs of men from non-traditional backgrounds; employment practices appropriate to seasonal and rural workers with family responsibilities; workplace practices which address the needs of breast-feeding women.

Timetable

Commenced 1995; In progress

Funding

Department of Industrial Relations Work and Family Grants Program 1994/95

Keywords

Work family relationship

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Work and Family: Achieving an Integrated Vision

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The aim of this project is to produce a monograph which will analyse Australian Institute of Family Studies research studies exploring how respondents perceive the connections between family life and work roles. Chapters will examine the values and attitudes towards work and family that contribute to satisfaction in both spheres. The significance of work conditions and requirements will be examined in relation to family functioning and work place performance. Reciprocal impacts of work and family will be placed in the broader context of the industrial relations and social environment.

Timetable

Commenced February 1994; In progress

Funding

Australian Institute of Family Studies and Esso Australia

Publications

Book forthcoming Spring 1995.

Keywords

Work family relationship

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Year of the Family Churchill Fellowship to Investigate Overseas Family Mediation Programs

Organisation(s)

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Contact

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Summary

Family mediation is a conflict resolution process designed to provide a cooperative, private, collaborative and informal environment whereby family members can resolve a wide range of issues. Mediation has the potential to control the cost, speed up the process and, most importantly, to promote

effective communication between family members. Family mediation is a new and developing field of practice in Australia which has recently been brought to centre stage in family law matters by proposed changes to the Family Law Act. Australia has yet to develop national standards for mediation training and practice and is in many ways lagging behind other countries such as the United States and the United Kingdom. Lynn Stephen has been awarded the 1995 Year of the Family Churchill Fellowship to study family mediation overseas. Investigation of mediation programs in these countries will contribute new knowledge and ideas to the national network of mediators who are endeavouring to establish high quality mediation services and competent mediators to meet the rapidly increasing demand for family mediation in Australia.

Timetable

Commenced 1995

Funding

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust; Amount: \$12,800.00

Keywords

Mediation

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Youth Consultation Project to Assist with the Development of the Australian Government's Agenda for Families

Organisation(s)

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Australian Youth Policy and Action Coalition, PO Box 519, Dickson ACT 2602, Australia

Contact

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Summary

The objectives of the project were to identify and explore the attitudes of young people to a range of public policy matters as they impact on families including barriers to accessing services, and to contribute to future directions. The Australian Youth Policy and Action Coalition, (AYPAC) engaged a Project Officer for six weeks to develop a substantial paper on IYF and young people which uses the conference sessions and workshops (AYPAC's Youth Gathering 1994 Conference in Sydney on 7-9 July 1994) as the foundation for the paper.

Timetable

Commenced July 1994; Completed

Australia (cont.)

Funding

Department of Human Services and Health; Amount:
\$6,000.00

Keywords

Services; Youth; Attitudes

AUSTRIA

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Austrian Institute for Family Research

Organisation(s)

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Summary

Established in 1994, the Institute's objectives, with a view to safeguarding and improving conditions of family life for the general welfare are: to examine the conditions, trends, resources, opportunities and problems of relations between the sexes and generations, especially within the family; to provide for an evaluation of relevant policies; to bring about cooperation with and by scientists and scientific institutions active in this field; to develop and help apply an interdisciplinary approach and preventive outlook in family research and family work; to present proposals for scientific counselling to government; to provide basic research, applied research, development and testing of methods and models of family research, and to develop expertise; to publish periodic information and case studies; to organise lectures, discussions and training in theoretical science and practice; to maintain a scientific library and reference documentation; to establish a network for cooperation in national and international research.

Timetable

Commenced July 1994; In progress

Funding

Federal Ministry of Environment, Youth and Family;
Amount: 3 Mio ÖS

Keywords

Family policy; Family relations; Family research centres

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Chances and Problems of Step-Families

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Prof. Dr Liselotte Wilk

Summary

This study involves analysis of factors that facilitate or aggravate circumstances which allow step-families to organise their lives so as to meet the psycho-social needs of their members. The purpose is to obtain information on what kind of support is needed and wanted by step-families and would be most suitable to combat their problems. The project examines the terms of reference for life in a stepfamily; reviews the composition, individual life history and economic situation; identifies features of how life is organised in the family as a holistic structure of relations – problems and mechanisms for problem solution; studies patterns of family relationships – natural parents, step parents, children; and, investigates links between these factors and development processes within the step-family.

Timetable

Commenced October 1994; In progress

Funding

From: Federal Ministry of Environment, Youth and
Family; Amount: 996.320 ÖS

Keywords

Stepfamilies; Family relations

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Computer Games and the Family

Organisation(s)

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Contact

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Summary

This project studies the psychological effect of computers on thought processes, creativity, perception and communication behaviour. It is assumed that the impact of computer games depends on their type as well as on the extent to which they are included in the family's social life and the value awarded to playing. The study identifies current knowledge of this issue and develops principles for concrete recommendations on the type, time scale and family/social

environment to be aimed for to make computer games a positive rather than a negative experience.

Timetable

Commenced Autumn 1994; In progress

Funding

Federal Ministry of Environment, Youth and Family;
Amount: 420,000 ÖS

Keywords

Family relations; Psychological effects; Computer games

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Cradle-to-Grave Welfare: Systemic Development Psychology Exemplified by Normative Crises

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Ass. Prof. Hildegard Katschnig

Summary

Preparation of printed teaching materials and a videotape to be used for teaching physicians, nurses, education workers, social workers and psychologists. The printed material provides a theoretical background to the development stages experienced by the family, to be prepared in line with the methodology of life event research and is intended as a guide for didactic and pedagogical presentation. The videotape will highlight the theoretical background based on the example of a normative crisis (beginning school), pointing out ways of coping with a crisis.

Timetable

Commenced Autumn 1994; In progress

Funding

Federal Ministry of Environment, Youth and Family;
Amount: 990,000 ÖS

Keywords

Child development; Crisis intervention; Family therapy

54

Distribution of Family Benefits and their Effect

Organisation(s)

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Dr Guger

Summary

This study involves the detailed analysis of the impact of benefits resulting from family policy considerations or which serve the interests of families and their financing. In addition to studying direct family benefits and family allowances granted by the provinces, the project looks into expenditure for education, health care and labour market policy as well as the old age pension and health insurance system. Attention is focused on the life and income of single parents, families with several children and low income families. The project studies the sources of financing family benefits; identifies beneficiaries and their use of benefits; examines the distribution of family benefits horizontally, vertically, within the life cycle and as a contribution to combating poverty; and reviews the scope to which benefits enhance compatibility between work and family and contribute to family earnings.

Timetable

Commenced Autumn 1994; In progress

Funding

Federal Ministry of Environment, Youth and Family;
Amount: 999,000 ÖS

Keywords

Benefits; Family policy; Low income families

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Farmers' Wives Living Between Tradition and Modern Life: Attitudes Towards Women's Employment, Marriage and the Family in a Rural Environment

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Dr Christine Goldberg

Summary

Demographic data about the recent developments of marriage, fertility and divorce within the European and Anglo-american countries point out the decreasing importance of traditional models of marriage and family life. Trends to individualistic attitudes, the loss of partnership-orientation as well as the increasing employment of women are the most mentioned reasons. So far, empirical studies in this context are based solely on inquiries within the urban environment. This project studies the changes of attitudes towards marriage and family life and women's roles in family and working life in the view of farmers and farmers' wives.

Austria (cont.)

Timetable

Commenced Autumn 1994; In progress

Funding

Federal Ministry of Environment, Youth and Family; and, Federal Ministry of Science and Research

Keywords

Rural families; Attitudes; Farm families

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Raising and Caring for Pre-schoolers – An International Comparison

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Professor Volker Krumm

Summary

The study examines the quality of selected types of child care and their effect on children and their families. The longitudinal study, set in the context of an international comparison, focusses on four-year-old children and their development up to the time they enter school. One third each of the children are chosen from an urban, small town, and rural environment in the provinces of Salzburg and Upper Austria. The study also includes an international component aimed to gain new insights from a comparison with other countries.

Timetable

Commenced October/November 1994; In progress

Funding

Federal Ministry of Environment, Youth and Family; Amount: 805.000 ÖS

Keywords

Child care; Rural urban differences; Comparative studies

57

Reconciliation of Family Responsibilities and Working Life

Organisation(s)

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Summary

As child care and child rearing by families is in the interests of all society, families must not be left alone to fulfill their responsibilities. Aiming at appropriate compatibility between family responsibilities and professional life for both men and women, a broad scale of options for flexible arrangements in working life – taking into account the requirements of employers – has to be obtained. This is a central challenge for family policy as well as for social and economic policy. This project analyses the variety of possible arrangements of family and working life: child care facilities; working time arrangements; part time jobs and flexible hours for parents; parental leave; measures to facilitate the return to work; vocational guidance and training facilities.

Timetable

Commenced 1994–1995; In progress

Funding

Federal Ministry of Environment, Youth and Family, and Federal Ministry of Science and Research

Keywords

Work family relationship; Family responsibilities

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The Federal Nursing Care Allowance Act and its Impact on the Family

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The Federal Nursing Care Allowance Act and its associated regulations at the provincial level became effective on 1 July 1993. The benefit – a milestone in Austrian social legislation – has considerable leverage on family policy considering that 80 per cent of those in need of nursing care are attended by the family. The project investigates the effect on the economic and social situation and the structure of relations within the family when more money is available to nurse and encourage the development of disabled family members. The project will examine: quality assurance and development of assistance provided within the family or by external sources of education and training; provision of expert external assistance for persons in need of nursing care; legal status of persons extending nursing care and how to improve it; need for social welfare and counselling services to relieve families.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Funding

Federal Ministry of Environment, Youth and Family;
Amount: 680.000 ÖS

Keywords

Family policy; Benefits; Disabled

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Summary

There is a crisis among brides and bridegrooms and within families, which did not occur in Bangladeshan families in the past. Problems include: breaking away from joint families due to poverty and unemployment; migration from villages to cities; newly-wed brides of the 'nuclear families' preferring one or two children and to be free from the bondage, responsibilities and duties to the parents, especially to their husbands' relatives; and bridegrooms' resentment of interference by their wives' relatives in family matters. Many of these 'agro-to-urban' educated nuclear families would like to stay in cities keeping their relatives in the villages, their children having limited contact only with these relatives. Television media and video media are playing key roles of building the life styles of the new generation. The project aims to provide 'pathways to save the families from the scourge of heartlessness', in order to allow the family to be 'the best nest of peace, happiness, harmony, cooperation and fellow-feeling among each other'.

Timetable

Commenced July 1994; In progress

Funding

S.M. Mizanur Rahman

Publications

A report is planned, if outside funding can be obtained.

Keywords

Rural families; Extended family; Family values

AZERBAIJAN

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The History and Theory of Pedagogics

Organisation(s)

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Contact

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Summary

The age for marriage in Azerbaijan is 17 for girls and 18 for boys. Marriage is registered in the state regulations and also by religions. Monogamy is accepted according to the law. Marriage is an equal and voluntary union of the young. Virginity is considered the priceless dowry for a girl to bestow on a husband. Unfaithfulness of the wife results in the dissipation of the family. These are some examples of the moral principles incorporated in teaching materials being prepared for teaching in the education system. Scientific research is carried out on the problems of training education specialists, and supervising the public educational process at preschool, secondary and higher educational institutions.

Keywords

Family life education; Education policy

BARBADOS

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Family Context of Selective Social Services Clients in Barbados

Organisation(s)

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BANGLADESH

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Family Ties in Break-Away Migration from Villages to Cities: A Case Study

Organisation(s)

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Barbados (cont.)

Summary

Social problems such as crime, drug usage and other forms of deviant behaviour have frequently identified the dysfunctional family as a causal factor. In spite of the frequency and consistency with which this relationship between family and deviance has been proposed, there is no documented research in the Barbadian context which examines such a relationship. The objectives of this research project are to document the structural context of families of selective social services clients in Barbados; to examine the relational context of families of selective social services clients in Barbados; and to determine whether a relationship exists between family context and social pathology (as manifested in social services usage). A number of social services have been identified as agencies from which clients will be identified for the purpose of the research. Data collection methods used will be documentary research and in depth interviews.

Timetable

Commenced July 1994; In progress

Funding

Ministry of Labor and Community Development

Keywords

Social services; Social problems; Family background

Timetable

Commenced October 1993; In progress

Funding

Nationaal Fonds voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek

Keywords

Behaviour problems; Children

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Catholic Teaching on Marriage and Sex in the Flemish Dioceses from the Council of Trent to the Concordat (1801)

Organisation(s)

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Contact

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Summary

The purpose of this project is to study the Catholic discourse on marital sex in various sources between the end of the 16th and the end of the 18th centuries. The standards laid down by Catholic doctrine, interpretations of theologians, communication of this complex sexual code to married couples, and the reception and observation of the ecclesiastical guidelines are considered in the study.

Timetable

Commenced October 1992; In progress

Funding

National Fonds voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek

Keywords

Marriage; Sexual behaviour

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Conceptual Scheme for Family Education

Organisation(s)

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BELGIUM

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An Investigation into the Differences of the Parenting Process of Consulting and Non-consulting Families with a Behaviourally or Emotionally Disturbed Child

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Summary

Behavioural and emotional problems in children seem to occur much more frequently than is generally supposed. A small minority of parents appear to seek professional help for their child's problems. This study aims to investigate to what extent variables in the educational process influence whether or not professional help is sought for the behaviour problems of children.

Summary

Analysis of the situation of family life education programs in an organisation for liberal adult education. Development of an innovative concept and implementation on a small scale.

Timetable

Commenced October 1993; Completed

Funding

Flemish Government; Amount: 1.961.000, BEF

Keywords

Family life education

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Coordination of the European Observatory on National Family Policies

Organisation(s)

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Professor W. Dumon, Sociologische Onderzoeksinstituut

Summary

Coordination of a European network of experts on family policy. For each member country a report is supplied. These national reports serve as the basis for a comparative analysis with emphasis on convergencies and divergencies in the development of national family policies in Europe.

Timetable

Commenced December 1993; Completed

Funding

European Union; Amount: 2.395.000, BEF

Keywords

Family policy

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Development of Family Policies in the Member States of the European Union

Organisation(s)

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Professor W. Dumon, Sociologische Onderzoeksinstituut

Summary

Preparation of a collective work on the trends and developments in family policies in member states. This collective work constitutes the contribution of the European Observatory on national family policies for the International Year of the Family.

Timetable

Commenced January 1994; Completed

Funding

C.C.E.; Amount: 2.395.000, BEF

Publications

Dumon, W., ed. Evolutions des politiques familiales dans les Etats Membres de l'Union européenne.

Changing family policies in the member states of the European Union.

Veränderungen der Familienpolitik in dem Mitgliedsstaaten der Europäischen Union.

Keywords

Family policy

67

Emotional Autonomy in Adolescence: Parenting Style, Family Context and Successful Resolution of Developmental Tasks

Organisation(s)

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Summary

This project is investigating the development of emotional autonomy in adolescence (ages 12 to 22); possible influences of parenting style (parental support) on this type of autonomy; associations between autonomy and support on the one hand and perception of the family environment, coping with major developmental tasks and behaviours deemed typical for adolescence (loneliness, egocentrism) on the other hand.

Timetable

Commenced July 1994; In progress

Funding

National Fonds voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek; Amount: 250,000, BEF

Keywords

Adolescent development

Belgium (cont.)

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Environmental Monitoring Using New Techniques

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Professor M. Mercier, FUNDP

Summary

Various technologies may be envisaged as aids to improve the lives of handicapped individuals and to enhance their social integration. In this area, the research is looking at the interface between man and machine and developing communication tools for use in daily life (domotics).

Timetable

In progress

Funding

PSINHA; ASBL 'Technique et Handicap'

Keywords

Disabled; Quality of life; Technology

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Equality between Men and Women in the Labour Market: Professional Careers and Income of Men and Women in the 1980s

Organisation(s)

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Summary

This project will provide a) a description of the growth in the participation of women in the labour market during the period 1985-1992; b) a socio-demographic profile of professional careers for women; c) the consequences for the income of men and women

Timetable

Commenced August 1994; In progress

Publications

Cantillon, B., Van Herck, R., Andries, I. and Marx, I.
Werden man nen en vrouwen gelijken? Beroepsloophpanen
en inkomens van mannen en vrouwen in de 80'er jaren'
Handboek Vrouwenstudies. Diensten Wetenschapsbeleid
(forthcoming).

Keywords

Dual careers; Demographic trends; Working women

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European Survey of National Family Policies

Organisation(s)

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Summary

Survey of, and trends in, national family policies in Belgium that have a direct and indirect effect on the structure and operation of families.

Timetable

Commenced October 1994; In progress

Funding

European Commission

Keywords

Family policy; Family structure; Demographic trends

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Evaluation of Steps Taken in the French-speaking Community in Belgium in respect of Children who have been Mistreated

Organisation(s)

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Summary

In the French-speaking community, multidisciplinary teams have been established to deal with the problem of mistreatment. The study shows how they approach their task: emphasis on accessibility, network approach, care for the child and the family, multidisciplinary approach (psychological, medical, social and legal).

Timetable

Commenced June 1991; Completed

Funding

Houtman Fund

Keywords

Child abuse; Child protection; Program evaluation

72

Families of People Aged 50 and Over: Typology of Households and Intergenerational Relations

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Professor Dr. Theresa Jacobs

Summary

The project consists of data analysis, provided by a database, Panel Study on Belgian Households (PSBH), with the objective to present the results at a conference, organized by the Flemish Community. The analysis concentrates on the 1992 and 1993 data and is limited to the Flemish region. The research aims to describe families of people aged 50 and over. First, the researchers develop family typologies in accordance with the presence of children in the household, with the socio-economic status and with the presence of a couple. Typologies are studied in accordance with the age of the reference person in the household. Then, a typology of households is established in accordance with their integration in a parental network and the intergenerational transfers between households are analyzed. These two typologies are then put together to study the effect of a type of household on the integration of the household in a familial network. This last step provides ideas to argue the importance of the study on family types for the development of social policies.

Timetable

Commenced January 1994; Completed

Publications

In Dutch: Th. Jacobs, Gezinstyles bij ouderan: transitie en gevolg voor het intergenerationele netwerk. (manuscript)

Keywords

Intergenerational relations; Households; Family types

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Family Dimension of Social Security and the Tax System

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Bea Cantillon, Director

Summary

Following a survey of family policy measures in Belgium, their horizontal and vertical redistributive effects in the areas of social security and taxation are analysed. Alternative policy measures are examined by means of the social security and taxation micro-simulation model (MISIM). An international aspect is provided by cooperation with the research group for 'Dynamic Analysis of Social Policy Effects' of the University of Nancy (France). This involves the project 'Simulations of Family Policies in Europe', which has been commissioned by the Caisse Nationale d'Allocations Familiales (National Family Allowance Fund), France.

Timetable

Commenced October 1992; In progress

Funding

Ministry of the Interior, Department of Scientific Policy;
Amount: 4,000,000 BF

Publications

Cantillon, B., Lambert, K. and Verbist, G. Het micro-simulatiemodell van de sociale zekerheid (MISISZ). CSB-berichten, 1993, 21p.

Cantillon, B., Houvenaghel, I., Lambert, K. and Verbist, G. Kostprijs- en doelmatigheidseffecten van een geïntegreerd basispensioen: simulatieresultaten voor België. CSB-berichten, 1993, 14p.

Keywords

Family policy; Taxation; Social security

Belgium (cont.)

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Individual Child Psychotherapy and Family Dynamics

Organisation(s)

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Contact

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Summary

Theoretical and clinical study of family dynamics for the purposes of indicating the need for child psychotherapy. Case study of children and their families.

Timetable

Commenced 1992; In progress

Funding

K.U. Leuven

Keywords

Children; Family relations

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Poverty and Inequality of School Opportunity

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The first purpose of this project is to make an analysis and come to a synthesis of inequality of school opportunity, especially of socioeconomically disadvantaged children. Secondly, a description and an assessment of the many compensatory programs will be given. Thirdly, two groups of youngsters, one belonging to very poor families and the other to working class families, will be investigated using interpretative research techniques. Using the biographical approach and in-depth interviewing of these young people, their parents, directors and teachers of their schools and school counsellors, the study will also answer questions about the influences of sociocultural and family characteristics influencing school achievement.

Timetable

Commenced 1991; Completed

Funding

National Government; Amount: 5,800,000 BF

Publications

Kochuyt, T. and Verhoeven, J. C. *Het leven beschreven. Een inleiding tot de biografische methode.* Leuven: Sociologisch Onderzoeksinstituut.

Departement Sociologie, 1993, 43pp. Kochuyt, T. and Verhoeven, J. C. *Ongelijke Onderwijskansen. Een literatuurstudie.* Leuven, Departement Sociologie, 1993, 212pp. *Armoede en kansengelijkheid in het Onderwijs.* Brussel. DWTC (forthcoming 1995).

Keywords

Educational participation; Disadvantaged groups

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Safeguarding the Rights of the Child

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The Convention on the Rights of the Child is a vital human rights instrument. To ensure the implementation of children's rights is extremely important. This project studies in detail the general aspects of the protection of the implementation of the rights of the child, including: question of direct implementation; inclusion of the rights in national legislations; setting up the rights of the child amongst other international instruments on human rights; national reports submitted to the Committee for the Rights of the Child; consequences of the right to be informed on the rights of the child; possibilities and necessary skills to organize the NGOs and citizens around a constant safeguard of the rights of the child at various levels; children's participation in the process of the safeguarding of their rights. This is a multi-disciplinary project which uses various research methods. An associated event is the European Conference on the Safeguard of the Rights of the Child, which will take place 11-14 December 1994 in Gand.

Timetable

Commenced April 1992; In progress

Funding

Ministry of the Netherlands Community, Department for Education and various other sources; Amount: 22 million Belgium francs for the total project.

Publications

Verhellen, Eugeen and Spiesschaert, Frans (Eds.)
Children's rights: monitoring issues, Mys & Breesch
publishers, Gent, 1994, ISBN 90-5462-081-1.

Verhellen, Eugeen, Convention on the rights of the child.
Background, motivation, strategies, main themes, Garant,
Leuven, 1994, ISBN 90-5350-315-3.

Verhellen, Eugeen (Ed.), Monitoring children's rights,
1995, Martinus Nijhoff (in preparation).

Keywords

Children's rights; Legislation.

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Sexual Abuse of Young Children

Organisation(s)

Facultés Universitaires Notre-Dame de la Paix (FUNDP),
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Liege University, and Universite Libre de Bruxelles

Contact

Professor M. Mercier, FUNDP

Summary

The aim of the research is to show how acts of sexual
abuse committed on young people in the French-speaking
community in Belgium are dealt with. A wide-ranging
survey, covering the various parties involved in this
problem, and an examination of relevant records are the
basis for a description of the situation and the approaches
used.

Timetable

Commenced October 1992; In progress

Funding

Houtman Fund

Keywords

Sexual abuse; Social policy; Child abuse

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The Future of the Family: Bibliography

Organisation(s)

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Sociologische
Onderzoeksinstituut, Faculteit Sociale Wetenschappen,

E. Van Evenstraat 2C, 3000 Leuven, Belgium
Telephone: 016 28 31 11; Fax: 016 28 33 65

Contact

Professor W. Dumon, Sociologische Onderzoeksinstituut

Summary

A bibliography focusing on the following themes has
been prepared: the new fathers; family and children;
family and work.

Timetable

Commenced January 1993; Completed

Funding

European Union; Amount: 200.000, BEF

Keywords

Bibliographies; Work family relationship; Father child
relationship

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The Handicapped Child in His or Her Family

Organisation(s)

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Centre 'Handicap et Sante'

Contact

Professor M. Mercier, FUNDP

Summary

The Centre is studying health education for handicapped
children. The main areas are acceptance of the handicapped
child by his or her family and the relationship between the
child and his or her family. Also being examined are matters
connected with the child's emotional and sexual life. In
general, these subjects relate to the quality of life of the
child and his or her family.

Timetable

In progress

Funding

French-speaking community in Belgium

Keywords

Disabled children; Quality of life; Family relations

Belgium (cont.)

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Work of the Medical Social Workers of the Birth and Childhood Office in Today's Context: Analysis, Evaluation and Proposals

Organisation(s)

Facultés Universitaires Notre-Dame de la Paix (FUNDP),
Département de Psychologie, Faculté de Médecine, Rue
de Bruxelles 61, 5000 Namur, Belgium
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Contact

Professor M. Mercier, FUNDP

Summary

The aim of this study is to describe and evaluate the work of the medical social workers of the Birth and Childhood Office, who have the task, in the French-speaking community, of monitoring children (and their families) from conception up to the age of six years. A survey of these workers has indicated some key points: need for precise objectives, importance of teamwork and coordination and need to respond to local, specific requirements.

Timetable

Commenced November 1991; Completed

Funding

Birth and Childhood Office

Keywords

Child protection; Social work; Program evaluation

child abuse and neglect in Brunei Darussalam. This includes where they happened within the society, the number of cases and the frequency of cases. In the national context this research could be used as rationale for the formulation of policy and strategies in combatting these problems. The methodology involves using data from case studies of child abuse and neglect, and a random public survey.

Timetable

Commenced 1991; In progress

Funding

Social Affairs Services Unit; Amount: \$B5,000 (estimate)

Keywords

Child abuse

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Impact of Working Women Towards Family Development

Organisation(s)

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Services Unit, Bandar Seri Begawan 1200, Brunei
Darussalam
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Contact

Dayang Hj Zaliha binti Hj Mohiddin, Head, Social
Affairs Unit

Summary

The research aims to find out the trends of working women and their impacts and effects on family development – such as factors affecting marriages, and the welfare of families. A questionnaire has been developed for all working women to complete to be disseminated through all government organisations. The research will become the basis for future progress and projects with regards to family development.

Timetable

Commenced 1995; In progress

Funding

Social Affairs Services Unit; Amount: \$B5,000
(Estimated)

Keywords

Employment; Family relations; Working women

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Child Abuse and Neglect

Organisation(s)

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Services Unit, Bandar Seri Begawan 1200, Brunei
Darussalam
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Contact

Dayang Hajah Zaliha binti Haji Mohiddin, Head Social
Affairs Services Unit

Summary

The study aims to find out how significant are the cases of

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One Parent Families

Organisation(s)

Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, Social Affairs

Services Unit, Bandar Seri Begawan 1200, Brunei Darussalam
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Contact

Dayang Hajah Zaliha bt Haji Mohiddin, Head, Social Affairs Services Unit

Summary

Objectives of this project are: to survey the population of one parent families; to find out their involvement and participation in the national development and participation in the labour force; and also to find out where particular assistance could be extended to them. The method applied in this research is a questionnaire survey to respondents being extracted by random sampling from a list of recipients of welfare assistance.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Funding

Social Affairs Services Unit; Amount: \$B5,000 (Estimated)

Keywords

One parent families; Surveys; Needs assessment

CANADA

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A Portrait of Families in Canada

Organisation(s)

Statistics Canada, Housing, Family and Social Statistics, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0T6, Canada
Telephone: (613) 951 2603; Fax: (613) 951 0387

Contact

Colin Lindsay, Manager, Target Groups Project, Statistics Canada

Summary

Statistics on Canadian families are presented and analysed, covering: family characteristics and status, labour force characteristics, income and expenditures, housing and household amenities, time allocation and family violence.

Timetable

Completed

Keywords

Statistics; Family characteristics

85

An Inventory of Family-Supportive Policies and Programs in Federal, Provincial and Territorial Jurisdictions

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Dr Robert Glossop, Director of Programs and Research

Summary

How do the policies and programs in one province or territory compare with those in another? What range of family supports is offered by a particular province or territory? The 'Inventory of family-supportive policies and programs in federal, provincial and territorial jurisdictions' was commissioned especially for the International Year of the Family. It provides information about services and benefits available to families as well as on the policies that underpin those programs. It lists the programs of federal, provincial and territorial governments and how to contact the central offices of these programs. The inventory is intended as a reference tool for use by researchers, policy-makers and those who administer and deliver programs and services to families. It also helps inform the debate on how best to support various family functions. Programs are classified by the following categories of family functioning: family formation; care and protection; economic support; and, socialization and nurturance.

Timetable

Commenced June 1992; Completed

Funding

Donner Canadian Foundation

Publications

Hunsley, Terrance. An inventory of family-supportive policies and programs in federal, provincial and territorial jurisdictions. Ottawa: Vanier Institute of the Family, 1994.

Keywords

Social services; Family policy; Program evaluation

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Assessing the Abusive Personality

Organisation(s)

West Coast Social & Behavioural Research Enterprises, 1975 McNicoll Ave, Vancouver BC V6J 1A7, Canada
Telephone: (613) 991 2834

Canada (cont.)

Summary

This research project examines personality differences between abusive men and two comparison groups (clinical and community). A series of measures are administered and the results are analysed to produce a final report.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed 1994

Funding

Solicitor General Canada, Secretariat

Publications

Final report (forthcoming).

Keywords

Domestic violence

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Basic Facts on Families in Canada, Past and Present

Organisation(s)

Statistics Canada, Housing, Family and Social Statistics Division, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0T6, Canada

Telephone: (613) 951 2544; Fax: (613) 951 0387

Contact

Janet Che-Alford, Manager, International Year of the Family Program

Summary

This project of secondary analysis was designed to fulfill public education objectives. Key aspects of family life in Canada focused on include: changing family structure, marriage and divorce, children in families, families and the workplace, and family income. Where appropriate, historical data are used to show trends in family life.

Timetable

Completed

Keywords

Statistics; Demographic trends; Family change

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Batterer Treatment Multi-site Evaluation

Organisation(s)

J & J Research Associates Ltd. 416 Charlotte St, Fredericton NB E3B 1L8, Canada

Summary

A multi-site study of male batterer treatment programs was conducted on sites in five regions: Calgary, Windsor, Richmond Hill, Montreal, New Glasgow (NS). The methodology involved repeated assessment of the men and collection of collateral information from partners. Sample size was approximately 500 men: 400 partners. The aim of the study was to identify dynamic risk factors for abuse and to prepare presentations for professional conferences and academic journals.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed 1994

Funding

Solicitor General Canada, Secretariat

Keywords

Domestic violence; Program evaluation

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Canada's Changing Families: Challenges to Public Policy

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Dr Robert Glossop, Director of Programs and Research

Summary

This publication brings together analyses and insights from Canada's leading thinkers on trends, issues and policy directions that affect families in Canada today ... and tomorrow. Topics covered include family law, work and family, education, families in crisis, family income security, health and models of family policy.

Timetable

Commenced January 1993; Completed

Funding

Donner Canadian Foundation

Publications

Baker, Maureen. Canada's changing families: challenges to public policy. Ottawa: Vanier Institute of the Family, 1994.

Keywords

Family policy; Demographic trends; Family change

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Canadian Families**Organisation(s)**

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Contact

Jean Guy Desgagné, Executive Director, Canada Committee for IYF

Summary

This revised and up-dated edition of a booklet prepared by the Vanier Institute is addressed to people who are concerned about families in Canada. Its goal is to stimulate thinking and discussion about the structural changes that occurred in families in recent decades. The book serves as a basic introduction to the subject for a broad cross-section of Canadians who might not otherwise be aware of the most up-to-date information about families in Canada.

Timetable

Commenced July 1993; Completed

Funding

Canada Committee for IYF

Publications

Canadian families. Ottawa: Vanier Institute, 1994.

Keywords

Demographic trends; Family structure; Family change

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Canadian Social Trends**Organisation(s)**

Statistics Canada, Housing Families and Social Statistics Division, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0T6, Canada

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Contact

Cynthia Silver, Manager, Canadian Social Trends

Summary

In International Year of the Family, the journal Canadian Social Trends Quarterly included a number of articles focusing on family issues. No. 32, Spring 1994 presented 'Adoption in Canada' by Kerry J. Daly and Michael P. Sobol; no. 33, Summer 1994 presented 'Marriage in Canada:

changing beliefs and behaviours, 1600-1990', adapted by Jillian Oderkirk; no.35 Winter presented an interview with Robert Glossop of the Vanier Institute of the Family, dealing with The Canadian family in IYF.

Timetable

Completed

Keywords

Marriage; Adoption

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Child Nomads: Shared Parenting and Dual Residence**Organisation(s)**

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Centre for Future Studies in Housing and Living Environments, 700 Montreal Road, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0P7, Canada

Contact

Denys Chamberland, Senior Analyst, Centre for Future Studies in Housing and Living Environments

Summary

This exploratory study examines the impact of joint custody arrangements on housing and residential needs and patterns. Joint custody arrangements refer to situations where children live part-time in two homes with each parent, following separation or divorce. Where children of divorced or separated parents live part-time in two homes, the family and the home are no longer concomitant. Through in-depth interviews with families living in joint custody arrangements, this study explores how parents and children organise their lives; how families that are divided spatially make decisions about where to live and how to raise children; the cost of dual residence to the family and community; and the impact of these arrangements on children's feelings about their homes.

Timetable

In progress

Funding

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (Experts in Residence Program)

Publications

Wexler, Martin. Child nomads: shared parenting and dual residence. Ottawa: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (forthcoming).

Keywords

Housing; Joint custody

Canada (cont.)

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Children and Youth: An Overview

Organisation(s)

Statistics Canada, Demography Division, Jean Talon Building, 6-A, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0T6, Canada
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Contact

Dr Don Kerr and Daniel Larrivee

Summary

How do Canada's children live? This publication examines the living arrangements, educational and economic conditions of young people. The portrait is drawn from data collected by the 1991 Census of Population and Housing, making historical comparisons with the 1981 and 1986 Censuses.

Timetable

Commenced January 1993; Completed

Publications

Kerr, Don, Larrivee, Daniel and Greenhalgh, Patricia. Children and youth: an overview. Ottawa: Statistics Canada and Prentice Hall Canada, 1994 (Focus on Canada series. Catalogue no.96-32OE).

Keywords

Statistics; Youth; Children

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Coming of Age in Alberta: An Overview of Parents' and Children's Rights and Responsibilities

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Sally Huemmert, Executive Director

Summary

Alberta's laws establish the framework of parents' responsibilities to their children, whether or not the parents are married and whether or not the parents live together. The report informs parents about the current state of laws in Alberta and identifies areas that may need further discussion and debate. This report was prepared by the Council in order to inform Albertans about current laws and to provide a basis for further public discussion.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed

Funding

Premier's Council in Support of Alberta Families

Publications

Coming of age in Alberta: an overview of parents' and children's rights and responsibilities. Available from the Premier's Council. ISBN: 0-7732-1039-3.

Keywords

Parent responsibilities; Legislation; Children's rights

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Community Holistic Circle Healing

Organisation(s)

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Summary

Community Holistic Circle Healing is a process for the prevention, intervention and healing of victims, offenders, families and communities from the effects of family violence and sexual abuse.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; In progress

Funding

Solicitor General Canada, Secretariat

Publications

Final report (forthcoming).

Keywords

Domestic violence; Child sexual abuse

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Dimensions of Job-Family Tension

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Dr L.O. Stone, Associate Director General

Summary

Results are presented of research on selected issues associated with conflicting demands arising from persons'

jobs and from their family responsibilities. The book identifies key attributes of the population that simultaneously has job related and family related responsibilities in Canada. It also analyses ways in which persons' obligations for family-caring work have impacts upon the pattern of their participation in the paid labour market.

Timetable

Completed

Funding

Statistics Canada

Keywords

Family responsibilities; Work family relationship

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Discrimination Against Families in Rental Housing Markets

Organisation(s)

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 700 Montreal Road, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0P7, Canada

Contact

Marie-Helene Pastor, Researcher - Economic Analysis

Summary

The main objective of the study is to test the degree of discrimination against families which may exist in the private rental market for housing. Testing will compare how families and non-family households are treated in accessing the rental market. The study will also attempt to establish a profile of how different types of families (single-parent, two-parent with one, two and three or more children) are affected. In designing the study, audits, evidence from human rights cases and interviews of families and landlords will be considered as methods to investigate discrimination against families. Other characteristics that could be the basis of discrimination, such as ethnicity and income source (welfare), will be controlled to isolate the factor 'family'.

Timetable

Commenced January 1994; In progress

Funding

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; Amount: \$60,000

Publications

A research report will be available from CMHC.

Keywords

Housing; Rental housing; Discrimination

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Evaluation of the Coverdale Community Chaplaincy Project

Contact

Margaret Shaw 3425, Ave. de Vendome, Montreal Qc H4A 3M6

Summary

The project is based on a feminist approach to pastoral counselling for women in conflict with the law who have experienced abuse in a home setting. The project also involves developing partnerships and networks with resources for women who use the service.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed 1994

Funding

Solicitor General Canada, Secretariat

Publications

Final report (forthcoming).

Keywords

Domestic violence; Legal services

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Facts on Families: IYF Edition

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Sally Huemmert, Executive Director

Summary

This brief overview is intended to provide updated facts about Alberta families, with a focus on the more significant demographic trends. In recognition of IYF, the document includes national and international data. Summary information, selected population statistics, and definitions to assist in the interpretation of the data are included.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed

Funding

Premier's Council in Support of Alberta Families

Publications

Facts on families: IYF edition. Available from the Premier's Council. ISBN: 0-7732-1257-4.

Keywords

Statistics; Demographic trends

Canada (cont.)

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Families: Social and Economic Characteristics

Organisation(s)

Statistics Canada, Housing, Family and Social Statistics Division, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A OT6, Canada

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Contact

Family Unit Housing, Family & Social Statistics Division

Summary

Data from the 1991 Census are presented, focusing on the structure and socio-economic characteristics of families in Canada.

Timetable

Completed

Keywords

Statistics; Family structure; Socioeconomic status

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Families in Canada

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Janet Che-Alford, Head, Family Unit Housing, Family & Social Statistics Division

Summary

One of the eleven reports in the Focus on Canada series from the 1991 Census, this report examines the dramatic changes in the family which have occurred in recent decades, analysing family size and structure, composition, living arrangements and economic well being. The report is available from Prentice Hall Canada.

Timetable

Completed

Keywords

Statistics; Family structure; Family change

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Family and Friends, General Social Survey

Organisation(s)

Statistics Canada, General Social Survey, Housing, Family and Social Statistics Division, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A OT6, Canada

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Contact

Josephine Stanic, Survey Manager, General Social Survey

Summary

This research and analysis publication was designed to summarise the findings of the 1990 Family and Friends General Social Survey. Topics analysed include: union formation and dissolution; children raised; fertility intentions; living arrangements; emotional support and satisfaction; household division of labour and social support; contacts with family and friends; family structure and dynamics of older Canadians.

Timetable

Completed

Keywords

Statistics; Social support networks; Demographic trends

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Family Friendly Community Checklist

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Sally Huenmert, Executive Director

Summary

The Family Friendly Community Checklist was developed as a grassroots tool to assist communities in reviewing those aspects of the community that can detract from, or contribute to, family wellbeing. The intent of the Checklist is to raise the profile of families and their needs. The Checklist is the beginning step in helping communities to make improvements to better support families. Items were developed from related research and through community and academic input.

Timetable

Commenced Summer 1993; Completed

Publications

Family friendly community checklist. Available from the Premier's Council. ISBN 0-7732-1041-5

Keywords

Community development; Social support networks; Needs assessment

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Family Income in Canada

Organisation(s)

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Contact

A. Rashid, Chief, Census Income Statistics Section

Summary

After adjustment for inflation, changes in family total income and income per family member between 1970 and 1990 are traced, highlighting the impact of the recession of the early 1980s. The publication is available from Prentice Hall Canada.

Timetable

Completed

Keywords

Income; Statistics; Working women

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Family Insecurity in Insecure Times

Organisation(s)

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Contact

David Ross, Chair, National Forum on Family Security

Summary

This book contains seven papers which examine family security, each from a different perspective. The book looks at such questions as: How will economic and social security be affected by such things as changing labour markets? How will global restructuring and competition affect family security? How are gender differences affecting families today; and, How have changing political values and structures affected the family?

Timetable

Completed

Funding

Laidlaw Foundation

Keywords

Living standards; Social policy; Social security

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Family Mediation Programs

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Sally Huenmert, Executive Director

Summary

The Alberta Law Reform Institute and the Premier's Council in Support of Alberta Families developed an analysis of court connected family mediation programs in Canada. The report describes the programs in operation across Canada; reviews the advantages and disadvantages of mediation; and examines how these programs are evaluated. A companion document, entitled *Mediation services in Alberta: policy and program options*, has been prepared by the Premier's Council in Support of Alberta Families. This document explores the program and policy options to be considered in redesigning mediation programs in Alberta. A Task Force is proposed to consult with all stakeholder groups and to make recommendations on future directions for mediation services in Alberta.

Timetable

Commenced Summer 1992; In progress

Funding

Alberta Law Reform Institute, and the Premier's Council

Publications

Court connected family mediation programs in Canada. Available from the Premier's Council. ISBN 0-8886-4191-5

Mediation services in Alberta: policy and program options. Under review for release.

Keywords

Mediation; Family policy; Program evaluation

Canada (cont.)

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First-line Assistance at Local Community Service Centres in the Area 'Children – Young People – Family': Linkage between Family Practices and Professional Techniques

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Jacques Alary, Scientific Director

Summary

Those providing first-line (primary) assistance at Local Community Service Centres are currently faced with three urgent requirements, which are having an effect on the scope of the services they can offer: the need to reconcile the objectives of treatment, prevention and promotion; the need to apply an empowerment approach to persons and families; and the need to reduce the duration and frequency of their interventions, to respond to more requests and to do more in the area of preventive work. Accordingly, the staff of the Centres are interested in finding a frame of reference that will enable them to interpret the ways families behave from a fresh perspective and to place their own professional work on a more effective basis. The proposed program is thus aimed at identifying and analysing the standard terms of reference currently used by those helping in explaining family problems, at comparing them with the terms of reference developed and applied by families themselves in their day-to-day lives, and at formulating a new model for linking family practices and professional techniques through reliance on the strategies devised by families to cope with their problems and resolve their crises. The preliminary research for the formulation of the projects will rely on methods of a more qualitative nature during the programming phase.

Timetable

Commenced September 1994; In progress

Funding

Quebec Council for Social Research; Amount: \$120,000

Keywords

Social work; Community services

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Housing the New Family: Reinventing Housing for Families

Organisation(s)

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 700 Montreal Road, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0P7, Canada

Contact

Denys Chamberland, Senior Analyst, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Canada

Summary

The Canadian family is undergoing significant changes in both its structure and role. The traditional family of breadwinner father, homemaker mother and their children has given way to the dual-earner and single-parent family. Further compounding these changes is the need for families to balance work and family demands. The built environment is one untapped source of support for today's over-extended families. This report analyses a set of case studies of family housing projects in Canada and abroad. These case studies of medium-density housing designs illustrate ways that family-oriented amenities and services can be integrated into the residential environment, providing convenience, reducing commuting time and distance, and facilitating opportunities for social interaction among children and adults. In addition, the report identifies the appeal of these new housing ideas for young Canadian families living in Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal. While the survey shows support for a general housing model incorporating higher-density housing with family oriented amenities, this support is concentrated in a particular segment of young Canadian families.

Timetable

Completed

Funding

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (Experts in Residence Program)

Publications

Johnson, Laura. *Housing the new family: reinventing housing for families*. Ottawa: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Keywords

Housing; Family change

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Impact of Mass Media on the Family: A Discussion Paper

Organisation(s)

Premier's Council in Support of Alberta Families.

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Contact

Sally Huemnert, Executive Director

Summary

The paper provides an overview of some of the issues surrounding mass media and the family, and includes a detailed discussion of regulation, censorship and media education. It looks at how the various media may have influenced our current view of the world and how that is shaping our attitudes towards families and family life. The discussion paper was prepared to provide information that will encourage people to critically evaluate the impact of media on their lives, so that actions can be taken to respond to the concerns that have been raised by Albertans.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed

Funding

Premier's Council in Support of Alberta Families

Publications

The impact of mass media on the family: a discussion paper. Available from the Premier's Council. ISBN 0-7732-1043-1.

Keywords

Mass media; Censorship

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Lone Parent Families in Canada

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Colin Lindsay, Manager, Target Groups Project, Statistics Canada

Summary

The publication presents and analyses statistics on Canada's lone-parent families. It covers family and population characteristics, labour force participation and employment, income and housing and household amenities.

Timetable

Completed

Keywords

One parent families; Statistics

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Perspectives on Labour and Income

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Cécile Dumas, Managing Editor, Perspectives on Labour and Income

Summary

Perspectives on Labour and Income is a quarterly publication begun in 1989 by Statistics Canada which deals with labour market and income distribution analysis. In International Year of the Family, there have been a number of articles focusing on family issues. Volume 6 no.1 Spring 1994 includes an article on 'Balancing work and family responsibilities', and a report giving highlights from a September 1993 Symposium on the Family and Work Arrangements. Volume 6 no.2 Summer 1994 presents 'Spending patterns of couples without children', and 'Left behind: lone mothers in the labour market'. Volume 6 no.4 Winter 1994 includes an article on 'High income families'.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; Completed

Keywords

Employment; Income distribution; Work family relationship

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Preliminary Evaluation of Men's Crisis Service

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The Men's Crisis Service (MCS) is a two-year demonstration project funded by Health Canada. Evaluation of the project is funded by the Ministry of the Solicitor General. The objectives of the MCS, which is operated by and accountable to a shelter, are to support women to ensure their own safety, to encourage men to take ownership of the abuse, and to facilitate collaboration among men's and women's services in the shelter and the community. Specifically, the MCS provides same or next day individual counselling to men whose spouses use the shelter services, and runs a weekly

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orientation group which the men can attend until they are admitted to a longer term batterer treatment programme. The MCS is accessed through the female partner, who is advised of the service by counsellors, and informed of the limits of counselling and the need for her to continue her efforts to ensure her own safety.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed 1994

Funding

Solicitor General Canada, Secretariat

Publications

Final report (forthcoming).

Keywords

Domestic violence; Program evaluation

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Profile of Canada's Seniors

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Joseph A. Norland, Chief, Special Assignments Section

Summary

One of eleven reports in the Focus on Canada series from the 1991 Census, this publication examines the composition of Canada's seniors by age, sex, marital status, education, employment and income. The book is available through Prentice Hall Canada.

Timetable

Completed

Keywords

Statistics; Aged

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Profiling Canada's Families

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Dr Robert Glossop, Director of Programs and Research

Summary

The publication analyses the forces affecting Canada's families and the changes they are undergoing. It asks questions about what family is; how, where and with whom Canadians live; how they get by; and what it actually feels like to live in Canadian families. The book examines the statistics on many topics. It then asks, 'And so what?' What do these numbers mean to our families, our communities, our work places and our governments? In the course of this examination, some remarkable new facts are discovered and several persistent myths are exposed.

Timetable

Commenced June 1993; Completed

Funding

Health and Welfare Canada - Government of Canada

Publications

Profiling Canada's Families. Ottawa: Vanier Institute of the Family, 1994.

Keywords

Statistics; Demographic trends; Quality of life

115

Psychopathy and Family Violence in Young Offenders

Organisation(s)

Carleton University, Department of Psychology, B550 Loeb Building, 1125 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa ON K1S 5B6, Canada

Summary

This study collected information from 100 young offenders and 50 community adolescent males concerning history of abuse, current criminality and psychopathic personality, and current abusiveness with intimate partners (dating and sexual violence).

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed 1994

Funding

Solicitor General Canada, Secretariat

Publications

Final report (forthcoming).

Keywords

Young offenders

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State of the Family in Canada: A National Profile

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Ms Natalie Lacey, Senior Consultant, Angus Reid Group

Summary

This national public opinion research study focused on personal family experiences, work and family responsibilities, public policy issues and general attitudes toward family-related issues. A sample of 2000 adult Canadians (randomly selected), an oversample to 500 single parents and a sample of 198 youth were surveyed. The questionnaire was designed in consultation with experts in the field of family issues, and administered by one of the major research companies in Canada. The results of the research were publicly released to media, government and associations.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed

Funding

Canada Committee for the IYF, Labatt's Breweries, Imperial Oil, Nestlé Canada, Bank of Montreal, Macleans, CTV, L'Actualité

Publications

The results are presented in a final report entitled - The State of the Family in Canada: a National Profile. The data diskette is also available.

Keywords

Public opinion polls; Attitudes

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Substance Use Among Alberta Adolescents: Prevalence and Related Factors

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Sally Huenmert, Executive Director

Summary

The report highlights the overall extent of substance use among adolescents, as well as peer and school factors associated with substance use. The research report was prepared by the Canadian Research Institute for Law and the Family. More than two thousand individuals from Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer, St. Paul, and Peace River responded to the questionnaire. Information was also collected from parents, with a total of 1388 parent questionnaires returned.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed

Funding

Premier's Council in Support of Alberta Families; Canadian Research Institute for Law and the Family; Alberta Family Life and Substance Abuse Foundation

Publications

Substance use among Alberta adolescents: prevalence and related factors. Available from the Premier's Council. ISBN: 0-7732-1259-0.

Keywords

Substance abuse; Adolescents; Parent attitudes

118

Tell Me about Your Family (Learning and Study Guide)

Organisation(s)

Canada Committee for the International Year of the Family, 112-63 Sparks Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5A6, Canada
Telephone: (613) 230 7556; Fax: (613) 230 7573

Contact

Jean Guy Desgagné, Executive Director, Canada Committee for IYF

Summary

This guide is for everyone - students, teachers and the entire community. It contains curriculum suggestions for students, from kindergarten to Grade 12, and presents resources and activities for adult workshops or meetings.

Timetable

Completed

Keywords

Curriculum; Family studies

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The Canadian Fact Book on Poverty – 1994

Organisation(s)

Canadian Council on Social Development, 55 Parkdale Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario K1Y 4G1, Canada
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Contact

David Ross, Acting Director, Canadian Council on Social Development

Summary

The Canadian Factbook on Poverty examines numerous questions about poverty in Canada. Highlights of the book include: definitions and measurements of poverty; data on children, aboriginal peoples, disability and literacy; international comparisons; the poor and working poor; a detailed comparison of the distribution and incidence of poverty between 1981, 1986 and 1991.

Timetable

In progress

Funding

Human Resources Development

Keywords

Poverty; Statistics

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The Safety Network – The Policing and Justice Component

Organisation(s)

Dawn Canada – Disabled Women's Network, 776 East Georgia St, Vancouver, BC V6A 2A3, Canada

Summary

The aim of this research project was to determine the training needs of the police and the judicial system concerning violence against women with disabilities. The project surveyed police, judges and women with disabilities who have experienced violence to determine the experiences and needs of both groups in relation to the other.

Timetable

Commenced 1992; Completed 1994

Funding

Justice Canada, Solicitor General Canada, Secretariat

Keywords

Domestic violence; Disabled; Social problems

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The Work and Family Challenge: Issues and Options

Organisation(s)

Canada Committee for the International Year of the Family, Suite 112, 63 Sparks Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5A6 Canada
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Contact

Jean Guy Desgagné, Executive Director, Canada Committee for IYF

Summary

Directed at employers, the author has prepared a book which provides a snapshot of changes occurring in families and within the workforce. It provides a number of options that are available to employers interested in addressing work and family issues now, and in the future.

Timetable

Completed

Keywords

Work family relationship; Employee assistance

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Three Types of Families: Statistical Sketches

Organisation(s)

Statistics Canada, Household, Family and Social Statistics Division, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0T6, Canada
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Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 700 Montreal Road, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0P7 Canada

Contact

Janet Che-Alford, Project Manager, Statistics Canada

Summary

The purpose of the project is to analyse three distinct types of families: young families where the couples are younger than 35 years of age; lone parent families; immigrant families where at least one member of the family is an immigrant. The study looks at demographic and socioeconomic characteristics as well as the geographic distribution of these family households. Particular attention is given to their housing situation. Incidence of housing need among these households is compared to the rate for other families and all households.

Timetable

In progress

Keywords

Statistics; One parent families; Immigrant families

123

Treatment for Family Violence

Organisation(s)

John Howard Society of Ottawa, 506-508 Gladstone Ave.
Ottawa, Ontario K1R 5P1, Canada

Summary

This study evaluated an innovative treatment project for witnesses of family violence which provided services to adolescent and young adult males and females. Data on participant characteristics, the treatment process and the outcome of the treatment were collected.

Timetable

Commenced 1992; Completed 1994

Funding

Solicitor General Canada, Secretariat

Publications

Final report (forthcoming).

Keywords

Domestic violence; Child abuse; Program evaluation

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Will It be a Girl or a Boy? – Giving Boys and Girls an Equal Start – Growing Equal

Organisation(s)

Women's Policy Office, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, PO Box 8700, St. John's, Newfoundland A1B 4J6, Canada
Telephone: (709) 729 5098; Fax: (709) 729 2331

Summary

A series of three pamphlets geared to encouraging parents to raise their children in a gender-bias free environment. Suggestions and advice for gender-fair parenting are presented for three categories: prenatal; parents of 0-2 year olds; parents of 2-5 year olds.

Timetable

In progress

Keywords

Child rearing; Parent education; Sex equality

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Women and Men in the Workplace: A Discussion of Workplace Supports for Workers with Family Responsibilities

Organisation(s)

Women's Policy Office, Government of Newfoundland

and Labrador, PO Box 8700, St. John's, Newfoundland A1B 4J6, Canada
Telephone: (709) 729 5098; (709) 729 2331

Summary

This publication was prepared by Senior Status of Women Officials in collaboration with Federal and Provincial Labour Officials and submitted to the 12th Annual Conference of Ministers Responsible for the Status of Women in June 1993. Copies were published and distributed to various Newfoundland employers and groups in January 1994 as an IYF initiative. The publication describes a variety of existing family-friendly options and explores the implications of each for government, employers and employees. It examines flexible work arrangements, dependent care support, legislative support, and initiatives in family and personal health and wellness.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed

Publications

Women and men in the workplace. St. John's, NF: Women's Policy Office, 1993

Keywords

Work family relationship

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Women in the Labour Force (1994 Edition)

Organisation(s)

Statistics Canada, Housing, Family and Social Statistics, Turney's Pasture, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0T6, Canada
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Contact

Colin Lindsay, Manager, Target Groups Project, Statistics Canada

Summary

The document presents and analyses statistics dealing with various aspects of the labour force experience of Canadian women. It covers labour force participation, employment, earnings and pension coverage, education, work and family responsibilities, union membership, work and health.

Timetable

In progress

Keywords

Statistics; Employment; Working women

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Written Family Histories: Experimentation and Evaluation

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Roch Hurtubise, Project Officer, Social Service Department

Summary

The purpose of the project is to develop, test and evaluate, on a partnership basis, a model for family-centred preventive social work. The idea is to conduct experiments with family groups involving the recollection, sharing, and expression (verbal and written) of family histories. The basic idea is that by developing an awareness of a shared history and by committing it to words and paper it should be possible to help build better relationships within the family and outside it. Each participating family is expected to produce a family journal, presenting the history of the family and also its daily life and the way it is perceived by all concerned. Interviews conducted with each of the families will give a better understanding of their attitudes towards the history and its written account.

Timetable

Commenced September 1993; In progress

Funding

Québec Council for Social Research/Department of Family Affairs of the Québec Government; Amount: \$65,000

Publications

Hurtubise, Roch et Vatz-Laaroussi, Michèle, Espace familial et histoire: lorsque des familles se racontent. In "Les espaces de la famille", Bernadette Bolvin, Liège: Presses Universitaires de Liège, 1995 (forthcoming).

Keywords

Social work; Family relations; Family history

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Youth in Canada: Second Edition

Organisation(s)

Statistics Canada, Housing, Family and Social Statistics, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0T6, Canada
Telephone: (613) 951 2603; Fax: (613) 951 0387

Contact

Colin Lindsay, Manager, Target Groups Project, Statistics Canada

Summary

Aspects of the Canadian youth population covered in this statistical document include: demographic characteristics, family and living arrangements, education, labour force participation, income, time use, health, criminal activity and victimization.

Timetable

Completed

Keywords

Statistics; Youth

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110 Canadian Statistics on Work and Family: A Background Paper

Organisation(s)

Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women, 110 O'Connor Street, 9th Floor, Ottawa, Ontario K1p 5R5, Canada

Contact

Professor Donna S. Lero, Dept. of Family Studies, University of Guelph

Summary

Targeted for use by parents, caregivers and employers, this compendium presents and analyses statistics on various work and family issues. It comprises eight major sections: Changes in the paid labour force; Changes in the family; Family responsibilities and dependent-care needs; Stress at home and in the workplace; Child care; Public policies and protections for employees with family responsibilities; Attitudes, perceptions and public opinion.

Timetable

Commenced October 1993; Completed

Funding

Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women; \$20,000

Publications

Lero, Donna S. and Johnson, Karen L. 110 Canadian statistics on work and family: a background paper. Ottawa: Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women, 1994, 58p (ISBN 0-662-21548-6). Available in French under title: 110 statistiques sur le travail et la famille au Canada.

Keywords

Work family relationship; Statistics; Family responsibilities

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1991 Census Results: Teacher's Kit

Organisation(s)

Statistics Canada, Communications, Tunney's Pasture,
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0T6, Canada
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Contact

Census Communications Project

Summary

Available in English and French, the teacher's kit was prepared to introduce Canadian children in elementary, junior and secondary schools to the concept of the census, the most recent census data and the census as a research tool. Two of the activities presented involve children in reviewing the goals of IYF, and in compiling family histories.

Timetable

Commenced April 1995; In progress

Keywords

Statistics; Curriculum; Family history

of implementation and in the light of the variables associated with the service they provide. The data obtained will be used for promoting the drafting of an overall policy on this subject.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Funding

SERNAM; Amount: \$7,250,000

Keywords

Child care policy; Working mothers; Needs assessment

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Analysis of the Coverage of Social Programmes by Sex and Composition of the Family Group

Organisation(s)

Servicio Nacional de la Mujer (National Women's Service), Rosa Rodríguez 1375, Santiago, Chile

Contact

María Angélica Bórquez, Head of Planning and Research Department

Summary

The diversity of social programmes at present under way in Chile makes a number of demands (e.g. previous savings, ownership of real estate, etc.). Since women and families living in poverty have difficulties in meeting these requirements, it is essential to analyse the coverage of certain social programmes in terms of the head of the household and the composition of the family group, from the viewpoint of accessibility thereto. In addition, an attempt is made in the study to identify those factors forming part of the requirements for access to social programmes which may operate in a discriminatory way.

Timetable

Commenced 1995; In progress

Funding

SERNAM; Amount: \$5,000,000

Keywords

Social services; Discrimination; Disadvantaged groups

CHILE

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Analysis of Schemes to Care for the Children of Working Women

Organisation(s)

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Summary

Women who, apart from being mothers, also work are faced with the need to carry out their duties of care and protection of their children in addition to their obligations as worker. Since for various reasons there is at present no satisfactory solution to this requirement, the present study is intended to: 1) Define the requirements of working mothers as regards care for their children during the working day in order to detect shortcomings in this field, and take account of the variety of requirements arising out of the different forms of work undertaken by Chilean women; and 2) Identify and evaluate the institutional alternatives (public or private) to which these women have recourse, considering their costs

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Analysis of Types of Family and their Requirements

Organisation(s)

Servicio Nacional de la Mujer (SERNAM) (National Women's Service), Rosa Rodríguez, Santiago, Chile

Chile (cont.)

Contact

María Angélica Bórquez, Head of Planning and Research Department

Summary

Today there is in Chile a variety of types of family with differing requirements, calling for a new approach to the shaping of public policies concerning the family. This being so, recognition that public policies, in order to be effective, must take account of the diversity of types of family, beyond the two poles of the nuclear family and the extended family, is one of the inputs of this study. Making use of a qualitative methodology, the study will deepen knowledge of the particular requirements of each type of family, based on their specific socio-cultural and material situations. Emphasis will be placed on the most exposed groups, the potential beneficiaries from public policies.

Timetable

Commenced 1995

Funding

SERNAM; Amount: \$3,500,000

Keywords

Family policy; Social policy; Family types

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Characteristics and Analysis of Chilean families on the Basis of Data from the XVI Population Census and the II Housing Census, 1992

Organisation(s)

Servicio Nacional de la Mujer (National Women's Service), Rosa Rodríguez 1375, Santiago, Chile

Programa de Economía del Trabajo - PET (Labour Economy Program), Santo Domingo 526, Santiago, Chile

Contact

María Angélica Bórquez, Head of Planning and Research Department, Servicio Nacional de la Mujer

Summary

This study has the aim of using census data for identifying those family groups which need to be the targets of social policies. For this purpose a description will be undertaken of the main socio-demographic and economic characteristics which classify the various forms of family organization existing in Chile, a typology will also be prepared of Chilean families, including socio-demographic and economic variables so as to classify family units; and, finally, those family groups will be identified which, due to their characteristics, are likely to be the target of differential social policies.

Timetable

Commenced July 1994; In progress

Funding

SERNAM; Amount: \$10,000,000

Keywords

Demographic trends; Family structure; Social policy

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Comparative Study of Various Strategies and Procedures for Child Care

Organisation(s)

Servicio Nacional de la Mujer (SERNAM) (National Women's Service), Rosa Rodríguez 1375, Santiago, Chile

Contact

María Angélica Bórquez, Head of Planning and Research Department

Summary

There are at present in Chile various child care programs, school and pre-school, available for working women. Alongside these institutional alternatives there exist various informal strategies used by numerous other working women. This study has the aim of carrying out a comparative analysis of formal and informal child care strategies, evaluating their advantages and drawbacks, and their differing implications for children as regards risk prevention, psychomotor development, socio-affective development, behavioural problems, academic performance and self-respect. The study obtained will be used to justify and propose new activities to replace and/or improve existing programs, more closely defining needs for coverage, duration, educational and recreational programs, and cultural factors involved in non-incorporation in the institutional school and pre-school care system.

Timetable

Commenced 1995

Funding

SERNAM; Amount: \$9,400,000

Keywords

Child care; Child development; Child care policy

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Effect of Social Programmes on the Woman and the Family

Organisation(s)

Servicio Nacional de la Mujer (SERNAM) (National Women's Service), Rosa Rodríguez 1375, Santiago, Chile

Contact

María Angélica Bórquez, Head of Planning and Research Department

Summary

The Chilean Government has implemented a number of social programs to improve the quality of life of various types of family. These programs have had positive results, but it is nevertheless necessary to follow up their impact on families, thus making it possible to establish priorities between beneficiaries and improve and expand coverage. It is further necessary to analyse the form in which these programs affect the patterns of family interaction and the fulfillment of the roles of its members, special attention being devoted to their consequences and implications for women. Specifically, the study will analyse existing social programs in the fields of health, housing, child care and transfer of technology, defining the implications of the reaffirmation or non-reaffirmation of traditional roles within the family and their effects on the types of family which have had access to these programs.

Timetable

Commenced 1995; In progress

Funding

SERNAM; Amount: \$10,000,000

Keywords

Quality of life; Social services; Program evaluation

137**Fulfillment of Roles and Survival Strategies in Poor Families****Organisation(s)**

Servicio Nacional de la Mujer (SERNAM) (National Women's Service), Rosa Rodríguez 1375, Santiago, Chile

Contact

María Angélica Bórquez, Head of Planning and Research Department

Summary

The present socio-economic context has particular repercussions on poor families. Their precarious situation has made it necessary for women to enter the labour market to an ever-increasing extent or to seek alternative means of generating incomes. This situation has an impact on the types of roles, bringing about changes in the relationships between family members. This study is therefore intended to describe and analyse the survival strategies and the distribution of roles in these families (dealing with urban and rural districts in three different regions of the country), taking account of aspects such as: the number of persons contributing to the family income, the type of job, paid or unpaid activities carried out by various members of the family group, together with work in the domestic sphere and the power structure within families (responsibilities, roles, decision-taking, etc.).

Timetable

Commenced 1995; In progress

Funding

SERNAM; Amount: \$7,000,000

Keywords

Division of labour; Family responsibilities; Low income families

138**Report of the National Family Commission****Organisation(s)**

Servicio Nacional de la Mujer (SERNAM) (National Women's Service), Rosa Rodríguez 1375, Santiago, Chile
National Family Commission (already dissolved)

Contact

María Josefina Bilbao, Chairperson, National Family Commission

Summary

This study of the Chilean family was prepared by a National Commission constituted by order of the former President of the Republic, Mr. Patricio Aylwin, with the following purpose. It considers the family as a 'social group, united by bonds of consanguinity, filiation (biological or adoptive) and affinity, including common-law unions when they are enduring'. After describing the present situation of the Chilean family and defining the legal framework within which it develops, the report highlights: The growing process of nuclearization of families, associated with a tendency to diversification of the forms of organisation of the nucleus, a reduction in the number of children and biparenthood. Regarding family relationships, the majority of Chileans ascribe great importance to married life (not exempt from conflicts), and – albeit to a lesser extent – to parenthood which likewise encounters difficulties, these being collected and analysed in the report. The divergence of socialising opinions has produced maladjustments or conflicts of roles in connection with this task. Finally, the report emphasises that the relationship between family and State should be governed by the principles of solidarity and subsidiarity. It concludes by listing criteria to guide policies for action to benefit the family.

Timetable

Commenced 1992–1993; Completed

Funding

Government of Chile; Amount: \$87,230,000

Keywords

Family structure; Demographic trends; Family policy

Chile (cont.)

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Sociological Aspects of Common-law Unions

Organisation(s)

Servicio Nacional de la Mujer (National Women's Service), Rosa Rodríguez 1375, Santiago, Chile

Universidad Católica de Chile (Catholic University of Chile), Directorate of Sociological Studies, Vicuña Mackenna 4860, Santiago, Chile

Contact

María Angélica Bórquez, Head of Planning and Research Department, Servicio Nacional de la Mujer

Summary

The work contains two sections with different targets and methodologies. The first gives a quantitative estimate of common-law unions based on recent census data. The figures indicate that: Common-law unions (cohabitations) represent 9.9 per cent of the total of married persons (1992); The proportion of such unions ascends in inverse proportion to the socio-economic and educational levels and the age of the persons involved. The second part refers to a qualitative study on the subject, with emphasis on the following aspects: Various non-compulsive reasons are given for adopting this type of union (inter-alia: trial period, rejection of unnecessary legal formalism in a relationship based on affection, normal practice in the milieu) together with some compulsive reasons (absence of a divorce law); The greater degree of liberty is appreciated, and the incentive to 'foster the relationship', stressing its nature as a union based on affection and not legalistic compulsion. Among negative factors mention is made of social discrimination, problems with children (illegitimacy) and some emotional and financial uncertainty.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; Completed

Funding

SERNAM

Keywords

Cohabitation; Statistics

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The Family in the 1990s

Organisation(s)

Servicio Nacional de la Mujer (National Women's Service), Rosa Rodríguez 1375, Santiago, Chile

Programa de Economía del Trabajo – PET (Labour Economy Program), Santo Domingo 526, Santiago, Chile

Contact

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Summary

This study is a first analysis of Chilean families on the basis of 1992 census data and referring to national average. The heterogeneity of family patterns emerges as a significant characteristic of present-day Chilean society. Other significant aspects are: Families are smaller (average: four persons) than they were two decades ago; The head of the household continues to be mostly male, but with an appreciable increase in the number of women carrying out this role; Families are often nuclear, although this is not the majority situation; There is a steady increase in the number of single-person households; Single-parent families already make up 20 per cent of the total and are usually headed by women. Finally, it should be mentioned that the various family forms are closely related to their place in the strata of family income. For example, large families tend to decrease in numbers in the higher income strata while single-person households show an increase.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; Completed

Funding

SERNAM; Amount: \$1,500,000

Keywords

Demographic trends; Family structure

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Vulnerable Families: Features of their Principal Requirements

Organisation(s)

Servicio Nacional de la Mujer (SERNAM) (National Women's Service), Rosa Rodríguez 1375, Santiago, Chile

Contact

María Angélica Bórquez, Head of Planning and Research Department

Summary

Today there exist in Chile a variety of types of family, with differing requirements, calling for new criteria governing the development of public policies on behalf of the family. This being so, the present study aims at: 1) Identifying and describing family types, highlighting those involving major characteristics of socio-economic vulnerability. 2) Stating the demands and requirements of families which should be included in the drafting of intersectoral public policies. 3)



Researching and collecting data on the internal organisational structure of the family in its approach to satisfying basic requirements.

Timetable

Commenced 1995; In progress

Funding

SERNAM; Amount: \$9,000,000

Keywords

Social policy; Disadvantaged groups; Family types

COSTA RICA

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Family Characteristics of the Costa Rican Households: 1974-1983-1993

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Professor Sergio Reuben, School of Anthropology and Sociology

Summary

The project involves study of the composition of Costa Rican households according to the kinship relationships existing between the members; formulation of a typology covering eight household types and study of their behaviour in the various geographic and administrative regions of the country; study of the socioeconomic variables in the situation of the heads of households and of the way in which these variables are related to household types; time analysis (based on the 1973 census, 1984 census and 1993 household survey) of the following types of structure: single person household; husband-and wife household; nuclear household; dis-integrated nuclear household; extended family household; enlarged family household; extended non-family household; extended household.

Timetable

Commenced January 1994; In progress

Funding

University of Costa Rica; Amount: US\$ 5,000

Keywords

Family structure; Demographic trends; Family types

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Social Change and Family Structure in Costa Rica: Second Stage

Organisation(s)

Institute of Psychological Research (IIP), University of Costa Rica (UCR), San José, Costa Rica

Contact

Dr Isabel Vega Robles, Assistant Director

Summary

The study conducted in 1990 by the Institute of Psychological Research into family types revealed the fact that some 16 per cent of heads of households were women, and highlighted the great importance attached in Costa Rica to traditional views regarding the family and women. In light of the need to collect additional information regarding the status of women within the family and at work, the objective of this new study was to inquire in greater depth into certain socio-cultural aspects - social perceptions of women and the family - that affect women as workers and as mothers in families. Drawing on life histories of women engaged in paid work, the study contains an analysis of secondary sources along with a content analysis of the accounts given by the women themselves. Another object of the study was to devise a frame of reference for use in promoting the integration of women in the job sector in a way that takes account of their dual role and the broader social context.

Timetable

Commenced 1991; Completed

Funding

University of Costa Rica, Department of Research

Publications

Vega R.I. Vida cotidiana y representaciones sociales en el estudio de la familia. *Actualidades en Psicología*, IIP, UCR, vol. 8, no.74, 20p, 1993.

Vega R.I. Trabajo productivo de la mujer y cambio en roles familia res. El caso de Costa Rica'. *Anuario de Estudios Centroamericanos*, vol. 20, no.1, 1994.

Keywords

Work family relationship; Family structure; Women headed families

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Social Indicators in Respect of Family Organization and Work Practices in the Informal Sector: Credit and Training Programmes for Micro-Enterprise in Central America

Organisation(s)

Universidad de Costa Rica (University of Costa Rica),

Costa Rica (cont.)

Institute of Psychological Research, San José, Costa Rica
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Contact

Dr Isabel Vega Robles, Assistant Director

Summary

In response to the economic crisis, the Central American governments have adopted measures aimed at reducing poverty and preventing a deterioration in the quality of life of broad segments of their populations. In this way, the development plans formulated in the mid-1980s envisaged support for micro-enterprise and for small- and medium-scale businesses as part of those governments' sectoral and overall policies. At the present time, these policies – credit programs for micro-enterprise aimed at ensuring financial self-sufficiency – have been taken up again by the Central American governments and the Inter-American Development Bank through what are known as Global Credit and Training Programmes for Small-Scale and Micro-Enterprise, with the participation of the public and private banking community. Nevertheless, the studies that have been undertaken to analyse the effects of programs of this type have focused nearly entirely on economic and financial aspects without examining in any detail those psychosocial factors – dynamics of family units, attitudes, standards and values, impact on quality of life and social mobility over the medium and long term – that inevitably affect the development of micro-enterprise. For these reasons, the basic objective of this proposal is to identify social indicators that may be used to formulate, implement, follow up and evaluate programs for micro-enterprise in Central America by identifying and applying certain fundamental characteristics of the micro-enterprise sector. The unit of analysis used will be the family and not individual subjects since productive work originates in, and is filtered through, family organizational patterns.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Funding

University of Costa Rica, Department of Research

Publications

Vega, I. Aspectos psicosociales de la microempresa en Costa Rica. Actualidades en Psicología, Institute of Psychological Research, University of Costa Rica, 1994. (in course of publication).

Keywords

Small business; Social indicators; Program evaluation

CYPRUS

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Attitudes and Opinions of Welfare and Health Personnel about Psychosocial Phenomena

Organisation(s)

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Summary

Social workers of the Department of Welfare Services and health personnel are the front-line workers dealing with the social effects of AIDS, mental disease, problem interfamily relations and the use of drugs. The research aims to identify the attitudes and the views of these people and to improve their knowledge.

Timetable

Commenced May 1994; In progress

Funding

National Committee for the International Year of the Family; Amount: 400 Pounds

Keywords

Attitudes; Social workers; Health workers

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Broken Families Supported by the Department of Social Welfare Services

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The research aims to identify the characteristics of broken families supported by the Social Welfare Department, and common factors which lead to marriage dissolution. At the same time an attempt is to be made to outline the various socioeconomic aspects of these families, the children's situation, and the perspectives of help as to their living conditions and education.

Timetable

Commenced September 1994; In progress

Funding

National Committee for the International Year of the Family; Amount: 1500 Pounds

Keywords

Divorce; One parent families; Social problems

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Leisure Time of Secondary School Students

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The research will explore how and where students spend their leisure time, aiming to reach some conclusions regarding the needs of the students and how these needs influence their behaviour. The results will be useful for the development of programs for young people.

Timetable

Commenced September 1994; In progress

Funding

National Committee for the International Year of the Family; Amount: 300 pounds

Keywords

Leisure; Youth; Secondary students

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Problems and Consequences for Families that Take Care of a Member Suffering from Chronic Mental Illness

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Summary

This research study focuses on the problems of families that take care of a member suffering from chronic mental illness, who are regularly attended by a community nurse. Its objectives are: To collect demographic information about families with a member suffering from chronic mental illness; To find out the special problems facing such families; To indicate the potential of the family to help its member financially, emotionally and practically; To evaluate the social costs of illness on the family; To collect information about people with chronic health problems in the family. The research is a part of general research in Cyprus about the consequences of chronic disease on the Cyprus family.

Timetable

Commenced September 1994; In progress

Funding

National Committee for the International Year of the Family 1994; Amount: 600 Pounds

Keywords

Mental illness; Health

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Problems and Consequences for Families that Take Care of a Member Suffering from Diabetes; Attitudes and Beliefs of the Family Member About their Situation

Organisation(s)

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Cyprus (cont.)

Contact

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Summary

The objectives of the research on the problems of families that take care of a member suffering from diabetes are: To collect demographic information about the families; To identify the special problems that these families face; To indicate the potential of the family to help its member financially, emotionally and practically; To evaluate (assess) the social cost of illness on the family; To collect information about people with chronic health problems in families; To ascertain the family member's attitudes and views about his/her problem; To confine their behaviour in connection with smoking and use of alcohol. The research is part of general research in Cyprus about the consequences of chronic disease on the Cyprus family.

Timetable

Commenced March 1994; In progress

Funding

National Committee for the International Year of the Family 1994; Amount: 300 Pounds

Keywords

Diseases; Health

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Problems and Consequences for Families that Take Care of a Member Suffering from Renal Failure; Attitudes and Beliefs of the Family Member About their Situation

Organisation(s)

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Contact

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Summary

The research aims: To collect demographic information about families with a member suffering from renal failure; To find out the special problems that these families face; To indicate the potential of the family to help its member financially, emotionally and practically; To evaluate (assess) the social cost of illness on the family; To collect information about people with chronic health problems; To ascertain their attitudes and views about their problem; To confine their behaviour in connection with smoking and use of alcohol.

The research is a part of general research in Cyprus about the consequences of chronic disease on the Cyprus family.

Timetable

Commenced March 1994; In progress

Funding

National Committee for the International Year of the Family; Amount: 300 Pounds

Keywords

Diseases; Health

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Problems and Consequences for Families that Take Care of a Member Suffering from Thalassemia; Attitudes and Beliefs of the Family Member About their Situation

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The research aims: To collect demographic information about families with a member suffering from Thalassemia; To find out the special problems that these families face; To indicate the potential of the family to help its member financially, emotionally and practically; To evaluate (assess) the social cost of illness on the family; To collect information about people with chronic health problems; To ascertain their attitudes and views about their problem; To confine their behaviour in connection with smoking and use of alcohol.

Timetable

Commenced March 1994; In progress

Funding

National Committee for the International Year of the Family; Amount: 300 pounds

Keywords

Diseases; Health

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The Prisoner and his Family

Organisation(s)

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Contact

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Summary

The research aims to collect demographic information about prisoners in Cyprus, and to seek information about any special problems faced by the prisoners in relation to their families. The research will indicate the possibilities of emotional, financial and practical support from the family to the prisoner, and will evaluate the social costs of imprisonment on the family. Information will also be provided about the prisoner's health, and spare time activities in prison.

Timetable

Commenced July 1994; In progress

Funding

National Committee for the International Year of the Family; Amount: 500 Pounds

Keywords

Prisoners; Health

into the care of individual foster families. The study is currently at the stage of data analysis. The findings are to be compared with those gained on young adults born originally from unwanted pregnancies and their pair-matched controls.

Timetable

Commenced January 1, 1992; In progress

Funding

Czech Republic – Internal Grant Agency, Czech Ministry of Health

Keywords

Disadvantaged groups; Institutionalisation; Foster care

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Prague Study of Children Born from Unwanted Pregnancies – Fourth Wave

Organisation(s)

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Contact

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Summary

In three previous waves, 220 children born in 1961–1963 to Prague women twice denied abortion for the same pregnancy (i.e. on request and subsequent appeal) and 200 pair-matched controls were studied at ages 9, 14–16 and 21–23. Findings show that differences between the two groups of children widened over time, always to the disadvantage of the unwanted children. Theoretical concept of 'psychological subdeprivation' was derived from the findings. In the present Wave Four of the study, 195 of the original unwanted children and 194 pair-matched controls born from accepted pregnancies have been followed up at age about 30 years. Also all siblings of both groups of young adults were examined. The preliminary results show that there are both shared as well as gender-specific non-shared unfavourable late effects of unwantedness at pregnancy.

Timetable

Commenced March 1, 1991; In progress

Funding

USA – NICHD grant and Czech Ministry of Health

Publications

Matejcek, Z. and Dytrych, Z. Kinder aus unerwünschter Schwangerschaft. Documenta Paediatrica, Band 21, Hansishes Verlagkontor-Lubeck, 1994.

Keywords

Abortion; Longitudinal studies; Children

CZECH REPUBLIC

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Adult Consequences of Early Psychological Deprivation

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Summary

Demographic, social, psychological and behavioural data on three samples of young adults aged about 30 years were collected. Sample one consisted of 60 subjects who never lived in their own families and were brought up in institutions until coming of age. Sample two consisted of 78 persons who after having lived in institutions in their preschool years, went over into foster care of mothers in an SOS Children Village in Czechoslovakia. Sample three comprised 120 young adults who after having lived for some time in institutions went over

DENMARK

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Development of Family-Friendly Workplaces

Organisation(s)

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Contact

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Summary

The study forms part of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Children's project 'Better relations between family life and working life' and is an action-research project carried out in five different workplaces – two public and three private ones. The aim is to illustrate the possibilities of, and obstacles to, the contribution of workplaces in making the adaptation of working life to family life easier. In connection with the specific projects, a network of interested business enterprises has been established. The purpose of this is that the enterprises exchange experiences, ideas and suggestions for further development of family-friendly workplaces. The study will form the basis of the Danish Government's ongoing considerations in relation to an improvement of the circumstances of families with children.

Timetable

Commenced December 1993; In progress

Funding

The Ministry of Social Affairs; Amount: DKK 1.7 million

Publications

Det kan lade sig gøre' (It can be done), Inter-Ministerial Committee on Children, 1992. ISBN no. 87-503-9614-5. Available from: Ministry of Social Affairs, SIKON, Slotsholmsgade 6, DK-1216, Copenhagen K.

Keywords

Family policy; Work family relationship

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Evaluation of the Legislation on the Right to Go on Leave to Raise Children (Child Rearing Leave)

Organisation(s)

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Contact

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Summary

The legislation on the right to go on leave to raise one's own children enables parents to go on leave for a maximum of 52 weeks with the purpose of spending time with their children. The evaluation is to show which parent goes on leave, and whether or not there are differences in the use of the leave scheme according to parents' level of education and occupation. Parents' experiences with, and benefits from, the leave scheme will be illustrated, and an evaluation will be made as to how the child-rearing leave scheme may increase the well-being of families with children.

Timetable

Commenced Autumn 1994; In progress

Funding

Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Social Affairs

Keywords

Parental leave; Legislation

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Parenthood in the 1990s

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The purpose of this study is to illustrate whether or not the new generation of parents is going to put family life and working life in a different priority than did their parents. The study is conducted by interviewing a number of new parents.

Timetable

Commenced December 1992; Completed

Funding

Ministry of Social Affairs; Amount: DKK 1.2 million

Keywords

Work family relationship; Parent attitudes

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Pool for the Promotion of Men's Use of Paternal Leave and Child Rearing Leave Schemes

Organisation(s)

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Contact

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Summary

The objective of the pool is, by means of information material, data and discussion arousing activities, to promote men's (fathers') use of parental leave and child rearing leave schemes.

Timetable

Commenced Autumn 1994; In progress

Funding

The Ministry of Labour, the Equal Status Council and the Ministry of Social Affairs; Amount: DKK 1 million

Keywords

Parental leave; Paternity leave; Work family relationship

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Today's Society and Youth

Organisation(s)

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Contact

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Summary

The study has been conducted by means of existing data on the daily life, etc. of young people and by interviewing various experts. The study will form the basis for the Danish Government's ongoing considerations concerning an improvement of the circumstances of young people.

Timetable

Commenced October, 1993; Completed

Funding

The Ministry of Social Affairs; Amount: DKK 370,000

Publications

Zeuner, Lilli. Den moderne tidsalder og de unge (Modern Age and the Youth), National Institute of Social Research and Inter-Ministerial Committee on Children, April, 1994. ISBN no. 87-607-4256-1.

Barn og ung i Danmark. Opvækst i 1990'erne' (Child and Adolescent in Denmark. Growing up in the 1990s), Inter-Ministerial Committee on Children, 1992. ISBN no. 87-503-9756-7. The publications are obtainable from: Ministry of Social Affairs, SIKON, Slotsholmsgade 6, DK-1216 Copenhagen K.

Keywords

Youth policy

ECUADOR

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Analysis of the Family in Ecuador

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Summary

The analysis will focus on: 1) Type of family - territorial/regional location, ethnic origin, socioeconomic stratification, social class, sectoral location; 2) Thematic models of family-state, politics, power and identities; complexity and modernization.

Timetable

Commenced June 1994; In progress

Funding

UNICEF; Amount: US \$15,600

Keywords

Demography; Family types

Ecuador (cont.)

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Centres of Integral Attention

Organisation(s)

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Lic. Mercedes Silva, Programme Director

Summary

With the aim of generating strategies for the integral development of the child, the National Institute of the Child and the Family (INNFA) plans to establish clubs for parents in which they can organise themselves and receive training in different areas. Involving 3915 children in a range of different geographic locations, the project's goals include: creating playing places with psycho-pedagogical support open to the community; improving the nutrition situation of the children; improving the living conditions of the participating families.

Timetable

In progress

Keywords

Child welfare; Community centres; Parent education

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Changes to the Family in Ecuador

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The Ecuadorean family has experienced considerable change in recent years due to serious problems of family living conditions, poverty, unemployment and under-employment. This research study of the National Institute of the Child and the Family (INNFA) explored family transformation, aiming to identify the most significant aspects of the relationships between family, reproduction and social policies. The study involved in depth interviews with family members in 23 homes of popular districts of Quito, Guayaquil, Riobamba and Esmeraldas. This information was complemented with 40 questionnaires in the same districts. Questions were asked about the structure (size and

composition) of the domestic units; family dynamics (organization and roles), and the role of the family in society.

Timetable

In progress

Keywords

Social change; Family structure

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Consolidation of the Programme of Premature Workers

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Lic. Tamara Merizalde, Programme Director

Summary

The National Institute of the Child and the Family (INNFA)'s Programme of Premature Workers is a national programme of attention to children between the ages of 6 and 17 years who work without legal protection in the streets and public places of Ecuador's cities. The Consolidation project aims to develop and consolidate the 'stage of autonomy' within the Programme of Premature Workers, and will give special attention to the component 'Strategies of Surviving - Occupational Training', focusing on working minors of 12 to 17 years and their respective families. Goals are: To look after 12,430 minors working on the streets; to look after 1935 working minors in terms of school reinforcement; to reinstate 1469 minors working on the streets in formal or popular education; to carry out a follow-up regarding health of 9944 permanent working minors; provision of occupational, technical and arts training to 4933 working minors.

Timetable

In progress

Keywords

Youth; Vocational education; Child employment

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Early Stimulation

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The National Institute of the Child and the Family (INNFA) is working to promote and develop appropriate detection and intervention projects for the prevention of a disabled population. The Early Stimulation Project is a continuation of the economic support given to organisations through a system of scholarships per child. The Project will implement two test units of early stimulation aimed at 200 children who are in a situation of risk and/or have experienced development problems.

Timetable

In progress

Keywords

Disabled children

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Family and Community

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Summary

The objective of this project of the National Institute of the Child and the Family (INNFA) is to support the family and the community in their efforts to achieve the integral development of the child, taking into account the child's physical and psycho-social welfare. Covering 1500 families, the project's planned activities include: to train technical regional teams and community coordinators to develop techniques for working with communities and popular organisations; to train 10 per cent of the families in nutrition, health, psycho-social development and community organisation; to establish 10 zonal committees for infant development.

Timetable

In progress

Keywords

Child development; Parent education

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Integral Communal Centre

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Ec. Wilson Flores H., Director, Office of Planning and Development

Summary

The Assistant Office of Planning and Development of the National Institute of the Child and the Family (INNFA), in order to improve the management quality of the institution, has developed a project called Integral Communal Centre which involves the creation of a model of integrated services involving all the institutional programmes, and a re-evaluation of the role of the family and the community.

Timetable

In progress

Keywords

Services; Models

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Integral Community Centres

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Lic. Mercedes Silva, Programme Director

Summary

The National Institute of the Child and the Family (INNFA) is trying an alternative model of integral attention in which the children's family is directly involved at the same time as it facilitates work and income to the family. This project involves testing the model in 5 centres for the care of children under 12 years of age (in Imbabura, Esmeraldas, Cotopaxi, Manabí and Pichincha), covering 730 children. The goals include developing a methodology of community centres; evaluating the project's impact in relation to parents' participation in direct attention; and, evaluating the project's impact regarding children's nutrition and psycho-social development.

Timetable

In progress

Keywords

Child welfare; Community centres; Parent education

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Inter-Institutional Coordination, Support to Non-Governmental Organizations

Organisation(s)

Instituto Nacional del Niño y la Familia (INNFA),

Ecuador (cont.)

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Summary

The National Institute of the Child and the Family (INNFA) offers Non-governmental Organizations and Popular Organizations technical, methodological and economic assistance for the development of projects directed at children and families. Some of the projects in progress during International Year of the Family are: Centres of the Working Boy (these offer, for example, occupational training to working minors and facilitate access to education and health services); Street Children (accommodation and care for children of the street); Prevention of Disabilities (training for parents about prevention of disabilities); Diagnostic of the Situation of Children of Mothers without Freedom; Dining Service and Scholar Reinforcement; Centres of Childhood Development.

Timetable

In progress

Keywords

Community services; Non government organisations;
Children's services

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Net System of Prevention and Attention to Maltreatment

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Ec. Wilson Flores H., Director, Office of Planning and Development

Summary

The National Institute of the Child and the Family (INNFA)'s Defence of Children's Rights Program aims to raise awareness at society and state level about children's rights. The objectives of the Net System of Prevention and Attention to Maltreatment project are to provide an alternative system for integral attention to the mistreated child or those who have suffered sexual abuse; to do this in an inter-institutional and multidisciplinary way which includes the child, the family and those who mistreat; and, to contribute to the reduction of child sexual abuse by prevention, attention and treatment activities. The project aims to strengthen the Net System operated by 30 governmental and non-governmental institutions which in a direct or indirect way deal with the problem of mistreatment.

Timetable

In progress

Keywords

Child abuse; Child sexual abuse; Child abuse prevention

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Programme of Integral Medical Attention

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Dr Guillermo García, Programme Director

Summary

The National Institute of the Child and the Family (INNFA)'s Programme of Integral Medical Attention is directed to medical action for physical, auditory and visual impairments as well as complex pathologies. Three projects have been planned for implementation during International Year of the Family. 1) Financial support to patients with complex diseases who are in a socioeconomic situation of risk. 2) Supply Bank, which will provide financial support for the acquisition of medical inputs to people with complex diseases and low resources. 3) Unit of Oral Auditory, which aims to offer specialized attention to people with auditory deficiencies, and to train their families and teachers.

Timetable

In progress

Keywords

Medical treatment; Disabled; Health

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Proposal for Reform of Family Law

Organisation(s)

National Congress, Commission for Women, Child and Family, Ecuador

UNICEF, Av. Republica 481 y Almagro, Quito, Ecuador

Contact

María Eugenia Lima, Deputy President of the Commission

Summary

The National Congress proposes to eliminate the incompetencies of the country's diverse legal bodies; to facilitate the systematic organisation of rules and competencies about issues reserved to the knowledge of family law judges; and

to recognise the family as holder of interests which deserve to be protected by legislation.

Timetable

Commenced June 1993; In progress

Funding

UNICEF; Amount: US \$50,600

Keywords

Family law

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System of Information about Infants (SIPI)

Organisation(s)

Instituto Nacional del Niño y la Familia (INNFA), Venezuela no.659 y Espejo, Ecuador

Instituto Interamericano del Niño (Inter-American Children's Institute), Montevideo, Uruguay

Contact

Ec. Wilson Flores H., Director, Office of Planning and Development, Instituto Nacional del Niño y la Familia

Summary

SIPI is an Information System developed by the National Institute of the Child and the Family (INNFA) which has three objectives: 1) To generate statistical information about children and their families who have attended the Programme of Infant Development; 2) To facilitate decision-making and the definition of policies regarding the participating children; 3) To generate information which permits measurement of the impact of the components developed by the Programme for this population. The second stage of the project will focus on nutrition, health and psycho-social development.

Timetable

In progress

Keywords

Child development; Child welfare; Infants

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The Family and Work

Organisation(s)

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Contact

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Summary

A conceptual proposal will be formulated, revolving around the question of family-work relationships. The aim will be to discover various ways in which the state and society can generate development activities that take proper account of the family, particularly with respect to its work component. A further objective will be to identify the socioeconomic and cultural characteristics of Ecuadorian families with reference to the work they perform (family classifications), considering the rural and urban sectors, regional differences (sierra, coast and east) and social strata, especially the groups at various levels of poverty.

Timetable

Commenced 1994/1995

Funding

UNDP (under negotiation), UNICEF (expected), Ministry of Labour; Amount: US \$50,000

Keywords

Work family relationship; Employment

GERMANY

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Consequences and Judgements of Some Measures of Family Policy in Some European Countries: European Comparison

Organisation(s)

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Summary

This comparative study involved representative interviews with families with at least one child under 6 years of age in some East European countries (Poland, Hungary and Russia) and East and West Germany, and on a reduced scale, other European countries like Sweden and the Netherlands. The research focused on the judgements and consequences of aspects of family policy (for example, parental leave, child allowance, work-family relations, child care) for different types of families with small children. The empirical studies were executed after the changing of political systems in

Germany (cont.)

Germany and the East European countries, thus the study was also interested in the implications of the societal transformations for families.

Timetable

Commenced May 1988; Completed

Funding

Federal Ministry of Family and Seniors

Publications

Final report in preparation (to be published mid 1995).

Keywords

Family policy; Social change; Work family relationship

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Family Report 1994

Organisation(s)

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Agathe Sering, Secretary General

Summary

For the International Year of the Family the German government appointed a National Commission of 120 representatives from family organisations, welfare organisations, union and management, science and investigation, churches, media and policy, to examine and report on issues of importance to the family. Nine main themes were identified by the Commission: Harmonizing work and family life so as to benefit mother and fathers; Family-oriented housing and environment; Social and cultural environment of families; Family policy at the local and regional levels; The family in the media; Organization and distribution of family services; The family in unified Europe; Family and education. The resulting 'Family Report 1994' presents an overview of the situation of families in Germany and the services and networks already in place to support families. The Family Report makes recommendations to government to be considered in the organization of future family policy and the extension of material benefits to families.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed

Publications

Family Report 1994. Bonn: Geschäftsstelle der Deutschen

Nationalkommission für das Internationale Jahr der Familie, 1994.

Keywords

Family policy

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Home Instruction Program for Pre-School Children of German Emigrant Families from East European Countries and Alien Families

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The project is being conducted in two cities, Bremen and Nürnberg. The home visiting program is the German version of the Israeli Program HIPPY – Home Instruction Program of Pre-School Youngsters. The two-year program seeks to promote the development of children in terms of cognitive ability and knowledge of the German language, and also to strengthen emotional bonds to the mother, who is the child's teacher and is introduced by home visitors into the week's program by role playing.

Timetable

Commenced October 1991; Completed

Funding

Federal Ministry of Women and Youth

Publications

Final report in preparation

Keywords

Preschool education; Child development; Immigrant families

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New Conceptions of Early Childhood Education: a Structural Analysis of Day Care Centres for Children

Organisation(s)

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Dr Dietmar Sturzbecher, Director

Summary

The purpose of this project is to analyse development and requirements of child care during the day (kindergarten) in the states of Brandenburg, Bayern and Nordrhein-Westfalen. Levels of analysis as such are children in and out of family environments, administration and management of kindergartens, training and further training and practice of teachers.

Timetable

Commenced September 1992; Completed

Funding

The Federal Ministry of Education and Science; The State of Brandenburg Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports; 266,000 DM

Keywords

Preschool education; Child care; Teacher education

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The Family Interaction Test for Preschool Children (FIT-K): How Children Assess Parental Support and Conflict Behaviour

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Summary

The family interaction test, a child suitable diagnostic method for preschool children (FIT-K) and test results are presented. With the help of the FIT-K, features of parental support and conflict behaviour as perceived by the child are recorded, and connections to parental reflections in this matter as well as structural and socioeconomic features of the families investigated. Mothers see themselves as more comforting and more helpful towards their children than children themselves judge this. The way the mother is seen by her partner does not confirm the child's image.

Timetable

Commenced May 1991; Completed

Funding

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft; German Community of Research; 147,000 DM

Keywords

Family relations; Children's attitudes; Parent attitudes

HONDURAS

179

Study on Current Laws for the Family (Family Code)

Organisation(s)

IYF National Committee, Juridical Commission, c/- United Nations Development Programme, Edificio CIICSA Col. Palmira, Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Contact

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Summary

Since May 1993 a study on the Family Code is being carried out in order to update it or, if necessary, to request that the National Congress reforms the Code. This duty is being performed by the Juridical Commission of the IYF National Committee without any funding support.

Timetable

Commenced May 1993; In progress

Publications

Booklet on the factors which affect the social development of the family in Honduras.

Keywords

Legislation; Family values

HONG KONG

180

Families in Transition

Organisation(s)

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Summary

Families in Hong Kong are undergoing rapid transition from the traditional patriarchal type of male dominant family situation to that of more egalitarianism with greater participation of family members in home chores. This study collected information from husband, wife and one child above 9 years of age. The findings indicated that family



Hong Kong (cont.)

values are correlated to the age, educational standard and background of the respondents. The older, less educated individuals are more traditional. There are significant gaps between the views of the parents and the children especially the father and daughter. Wives are more dissatisfied with the marriage than husbands; more of the wives have thought about divorce, as they felt that wives are giving more to the family and not receiving enough support.

Timetable

Commenced September 1993; Completed

Funding

Hong Kong Women's Foundation; Amount: HK\$ 200,000

Publications

Research report on the family in transition in Hong Kong. (Monograph series). Hong Kong: Department of Social Work and Social Administration, University of Hong Kong, 1994.

Keywords

Social change; Sex role; Family values

Funding

The Icelandic Ministry of Social Affairs; Amount: 2,800,000 ISK; Icelandic Save the Children Organisation; Amount: 300,000 ISK; Icelandic University Research Fund; Amount 200,000 ISK

Publications

A report will be published by the Icelandic Ministry of Social Affairs in cooperation with the Institute of Social Research, University of Iceland

Keywords

Living standards; One parent families; Family policy

INDIA

182

Conflicts of Ethics and Values in Family in Developing Countries

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Dr Balkrishna Kurvey, President

Summary

In developing countries with the advent of industrialisation new values of life are impending. The developing process is substantially related to material progress and the ethics and values of old times seem to appear as a barrier for the said process. Developing countries like India, have nurtured the institution of family as a foundation unit of social life. Social structure is based on the ethics and values embodied in the family. An individual has to play many roles in various relations with proper responsibility and dutifulness. Now the extended family system is on the verge of disappearance in developing countries. It seems that the New Order of life has centralised all ethics and values in the individual and not in the family unit. In this speedy materialistic life nobody has time to bear the burden of others. While this material process is essential it should not be allowed to exclude the old ethics and values which promote humanity with a sense of tolerance and compassion. The old ethics and values should not be neglected as they increase the better understanding of the functions and problems of families and promote knowledge of the economic, social and demographic processes affecting families and their members.

Timetable

Commenced August 1994; In progress

ICELAND

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Families – Children and Divorce

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The purpose of the study is to gain and compare information about general living conditions of the different family forms, their life style, attitudes and coping. Special attention is paid to forms of custody, the pattern and quality of interaction between parents and between parents and children, and the impact of divorce on children. The results will be used to make concrete proposals in order to improve matters of interest for families, especially issues regarding single parent families.

Timetable

Commenced 1991; In progress

Funding

Indian Institute for Peace, Disarmament & Environmental Protection and donations from members; Amount: Rs.5000/-

Publications

Various books and papers published by the authors on family from ancient to modern in India and developing countries. Data collection and interviews of families. Public opinion, case study, survey and questionnaires.

Keywords

Social change; Family relations; Family values

IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)

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A Study on Problems of Employed Women

Organisation(s)

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Contact

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Summary

The condition of post-war Iran caused women to work, particularly in the fields of industry, agriculture, education, public services, etc., in order to provide the whole or part of the family income. Engagement of women in these fields resulted in certain problems, such as deterioration in family relations and negative impacts on children's education. Keeping in mind that a Muslim woman, while striving for self-sufficiency in development, should also play her vital and important role in educating her children, the Cultural and Social Council of Women deem it a responsibility to pay due attention to family matters and social, cultural and economic problems of female employment through a systematic and scientific study of the issues involved.

Timetable

Commenced 1991; In progress

Funding

Amount: US \$4000

Keywords

Family responsibilities; Family relations; Working women

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Annexation of Articles of Civil Law (Rights and Duties of Couples in Civil Law) to Marriage Contract

Organisation(s)

Cultural and Social Council of Women, affiliated to The Supreme Council of Cultural Revolution, North Felestin Avenue, Tehran, Iran

Contact

Ms Maryam Ahmadiyah

Summary

A booklet containing some relevant provisions of the civil law of the Islamic Republic of Iran and information regarding the rights and duties of each of the spouses prior to, and during their married lives, is given to the couples before the official marriage ceremony, or along with their marriage contract, in order to acquaint them with each other's rights and duties and also the consequences of disregarding them. The purpose is to reduce disagreements, and also to aid judgement when there is a need.

Timetable

Commenced Spring 1994; Completed

Keywords

Marriage; Civil law; Civil rights

185

Charter of the Position of Women in Islamic System

Organisation(s)

Cultural and Social Council of Women, affiliated to The Supreme Council of Cultural Revolution, North Felestin Avenue, Tehran, Iran

Summary

The aim of the project is to introduce the Charter of the Position of Women in the Islamic System. The Charter reviews a range of issues relating to women and their rights; addresses the common features of man and woman in various fields of life; and studies general rights in society with regard to cultural, political, economic, judicial and family considerations.

Timetable

Completed

Publications

Report on the Charter of the position of women in Islamic system approved by the Cultural and Social Council of Women.

Keywords

Women; Women's rights; Civil rights

Iran (Islamic Republic of, cont.)

186

Collection of Policies on Women's Employment in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Organisation(s)

Cultural and Social Council of Women, affiliated to The Supreme Council of Cultural Revolution, North Felestin Avenue, Tehran, Iran

Summary

Since Iranian women suffered most during the previous regime and were deprived of their human and Islamic rights, following the Islamic Revolution of Iran it was necessary for women to regain their real position. The adoption of suitable cultural policies and due legal support would enable them to strengthen the family institution and ensure the health of society, as well as playing their full role as mothers. This project aims to compile an employment policy for women with regards to their essential roles in the family and society, and to facilitate coordination between the two roles. The women's employment policy was written in 13 articles and adopted by the Supreme Council of Cultural Revolution in 1992.

Timetable

Commenced 1991; Completed

Publications

Report on Policies of women's employment in Islamic Republic of Iran. Adopted in 288th session of the Supreme Council of Cultural Revolution, August 11, 1992.

Keywords

Women; Employment policy; Family responsibilities

187

Establishment of a New Course in University Curriculum under the Title Knowledge Regarding the Family

Organisation(s)

Cultural and Social Council of Women, affiliated to The Supreme Council of Cultural Revolution, North Felestin Avenue, Tehran, Iran

Contact

Ms Kazale, Director

Summary

In order to develop scientific education and necessary knowledge regarding family matters, the addition of two educational courses to the university curriculum is considered essential. To give research and scientific insight

in regard to women's issues, to develop the cultural level of society and to improve the level of general knowledge regarding family rights, are under special consideration for the courses.

Timetable

In progress

Keywords

Tertiary education; Curriculum; Family studies

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Establishment of the Field of 'Family Study' in University Curriculum

Organisation(s)

Cultural and Social Council of Women, affiliated to The Supreme Council of Cultural Revolution, North Felestin Avenue, Tehran, Iran

Summary

Family as the first and most important social institution is the centre of education and training of the soul and thought. For this reason, and in order to acknowledge family problems and solve and eliminate them, establishment of the field of 'family study' as a university subject is necessary. One of the objects of this project is to train experts for family consultation centres.

Timetable

Commenced Summer 1994; In progress

Publications

Booklet on selected topics for subjects of social and human science (in preparation).

Keywords

Tertiary education; Curriculum; Family studies

189

Revision of Civil Law (Family Rights)

Organisation(s)

Cultural and Social Council of Women, affiliated to The Supreme Council of Cultural Revolution, North Felestin Avenue, Tehran, Iran

Contact

Dr Hosein Mehripour Muhammed Abadi, University Lecturer

Summary

Revision of Iranian civil law adopted in 1935 to take account of changes in society and consolidate the family institution

will require revision of some provisions, omission of others, and the addition of new provisions giving expression to the current situation in society.

Timetable

Commenced Winter 1993; In progress

Keywords

Family law; Law reform

190

Social and Economic Organization of Women in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Organisation(s)

Cultural and Social Council of Women, affiliated to The Supreme Council of Cultural Revolution, North Felestin Avenue, Tehran, Iran

Contact

Ms Suhaila Jolodarzadeh

Summary

One of the goals of the Islamic Republic of Iran is to direct economic resources towards women. To accomplish this, an economic organization for women is planned which will provide assistance to deprived households and help certain women get jobs in order to run their families, and encourage women to undertake social responsibilities. Formation of a cooperative bank for women will provide necessary funds for economic activities of the organization with support of the government. It will also encourage the people's participation in the form of saving and depositing their money in the cooperative bank, and by selling shares to rural and urban women with the purpose of providing necessary credits to set up small scale industries.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; In progress

Keywords

Women; Economic development

191

Study on Presentation of Women and their Roles in Iranian Press

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Ms Shabla Bagheri

Summary

The press as one of the mass communication media plays an important and useful role in people's socialization. One of the goals of this project was to study the content of conveyed messages to society about women and their activities through the press. Using sampling based on quota classification and content analysis, the project involved a study of articles in the Iranian press on women and family matters in 1994.

Timetable

Commenced Summer 1994; In progress

Keywords

Women; Mass media; Socialisation

192

Study on the Role and Position of Women in Secondary School Text Books

Organisation(s)

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Contact

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Summary

Student text books are considered one of the most important elements of socialisation of children and youth. The attitudes and behaviour of Iranian youth in relation to their expectations of the role of motherhood are considerably formed through school text books. Thus it is very important to know what kind of concepts and values are transmitted through text books to future generations. This project aims to review the characteristics and feelings attributed to women and their duties within families, through content analysis of all high school text books.

Timetable

Commenced Summer 1994; In progress

Funding

Amount: \$2000

Keywords

Curriculum; Women; Socialisation

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The Establishment of Local Consulting Centres for Families and Training of Local Family Advisors

Organisation(s)

Cultural and Social Council of Women, affiliated to The

Iran (Islamic Republic of, cont.)

Supreme Council of Cultural Revolution, North Felestin Avenue, Tehran, Iran

Contact

Ms Shahla Bagheri

Summary

The goal of this project is to train families in order to promote better understanding of family responsibilities, relationships among members of the family, acquaintance with each other's rights, and consolidation of human values within the family. Individuals selected from various urban and rural areas will be trained: to recognise and categorise family problems and to refer them to concerned centres; to introduce in practice the rights of the family members, particularly the rights of mother and sister; to establish and promote production cooperatives, credit funds and other income generating activities for family members, especially for women; to ascertain practical methods to solve families' psychological, social and economic problems. The project aims to increase local national efforts to carry out special family programs, through the appointment of local family advisors.

Timetable

Commenced Summer 1994; In progress

Keywords

Family counselling; Family responsibilities

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The Family Book Bag

Organisation(s)

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Summary

Ten bags made of traditional Iranian material are designed to contain ten titles on different subjects appealing to various members of the family. The Huseiniyah Ershad Public Library is used as the focal point. Ten volunteer families take the bags and return for monthly exchanges. Each bag contains a short parents' guide. The exchange is accompanied by the sharing of experience. Children's literature experts and librarians are present to guide the parents.

Timetable

Commenced January 1994; In progress

Funding

Children's Book Council of Iran; Amount: US\$ 300

Keywords

Reading; Children

JAPAN

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International Research Seminar on Family Education

Organisation(s)

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Summary

Since 1979, the National Women's Education Centre (NVEC) has held research seminars on family education as part of its specialised research activities. In 1992, NVEC started a three-year program titled National Seminar on Family Education with the theme of 'Family education in the era of decreasing births'. In this context, the 1994 seminar will address this theme from an international perspective, taking into consideration that it falls within International Year of the Family. It aims at exchanging research results with overseas countries from interdisciplinary perspectives regarding the following: factors of the family which have been diversified by various causes, the relationships between choices of women's life styles, decreasing births and social policies.

Timetable

Commenced December 1994; In progress

Funding

Japanese government; Amount: 9,500,000 yen

Publications

Material of 'International Seminar on Family Education 1994 - Family Education in the Era of Decreasing Births' (in preparation).

Family Education in the Era of Decreasing Births - Result of Study from 1992 to 1994 (to be published after the International Seminar).

Keywords

Birth rate; Social policy; Family change

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Japanese Families**Organisation(s)**

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Summary

Prepared for the International Year of the Family as part of a series to assist journalists and interested persons stationed in or visiting Japan gain an understanding of conditions in Japan, this book provides a multifaceted view of the Japanese family today. Up to date data on family patterns, lifestyles, behaviour and finances are augmented by public opinion surveys demonstrating changing attitudes toward the family.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; Completed

Publications

Yuzawa, Yasuhiko. Japanese families. Tokyo: Foreign Press Center, 1994. 68p (About Japan series).

Keywords

Family; Demographic trends

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Japanese Journal of Education for Women: Special Issue on 'The Family and Women in Flux'**Organisation(s)**

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Summary

Issue number 29 of the Japanese Journal of Women's Education is a special edition for IYF which recognises the need to address issues about families and women at a global level and in the context of human rights. There has been some concern from people involved in the women's movement that the traditional view of the family may be revived by the International Year of the Family. Thus in the context of human rights this publication aims to clarify possible concerns by examining the contact points between women's issues and family issues and investigating a new family model from the women's perspective. Contents are: Towards the Fourth World Conference on Women, by M.

Arima; The Convention on Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the International Year of the Family, by J. Kuebu; The International Year of the Family and feminism, by A. Shibuya; Women and the family in development, by S. Ito.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; Completed

Funding

Japanese government; Amount: 1,070,670 yen

Publications

Japanese Journal of Education for Women, no.29, 1
994, special issue on 'The family and women in flux'.
Available from Daiichi Hoki Publishing Co. Ltd,
telephone 03 3404 2251, 750 yen. (in Japanese).

Keywords

Women; Family policy; Women's role

LITHUANIA

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Family and Fertility in Lithuania**Organisation(s)**

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Summary

This project was implemented as a part of the international project 'Fertility and Family Surveys in Countries of the ECE Region' undertaken by the Population Activities Unit of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. The project involves collection of data and estimation of fertility evolution and family formation, its determinants and the development of family policy in Lithuania. The project continues investigations on family evolution and family policy formation issues in Lithuania started in 1988 by surveys 'Labour, family, children and leisure' (1988) and 'Public opinion on family policy' (1990). Methodology involves interviewing 5000 individuals, aged 18-49, living in Lithuania.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; In progress

Funding

Government of Lithuanian Republic; Amount: \$ 11,000

Lithuania (cont.)

State Fund for Science and Training; Amount: \$4,000.
Open Society Fund-Lithuania (Soros); Amount: \$6,000.

Publications

Stankuniene, V. and Kanopiene, V. Public opinion on family policy in Lithuania. In: *Demographic trends and patterns in the Soviet Union before 1991*, edited by Lutz, W., Scherbov, S. and Volkov, A. Laxenburg, Austria: IIASA, 1994.

Stankuniene, V. Evolution of the family in the Baltic States. PSTC working paper series 93-03. USA, Brown University, 1993.

Stankuniene, V. Family policy in Lithuania: achievements and discontinuities. Paper presented at the meeting, Population-relevant policies in Europe, Wiesbaden, 25-30 October, 1993.

Keywords

Family formation; Family policy; Fertility

LUXEMBOURG

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Action Policies for Families

Organisation(s)

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Summary

A working group of more than 60 members representing a wide variety of occupational and age groups analysed social problems relating to the family at a 'national' level and produced a booklet. The topics particularly considered were: Parental leave and family leave; Child care facilities; Immigration to Luxembourg; Institutions offering services to families; The placement of children; The right to live in a family; The school and the family; The family and housing.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; Completed

Publications

Action politique au service de nos familles. Luxembourg: Le Comité.

Luxembourgeois pour l'Organisation de l'Année Internationale de la Famille, 1994.

Keywords

Family policy

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Families in Luxembourg in the Year of the Family

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Mill Majerus, Coordinator for IYF

Summary

Compiled especially for the International Year of the Family, this publication presents the situation of families in Luxembourg, and provides a comparison of statistical data for the last 30 years and analysis of trends. Topics covered include: Births; Marriages; Divorces; Households; Professional situation; Housing; Quality of life; Level of studies; Immigration; Transport.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; Completed

Publications

Die Familien Luxemburgs im Jahr der Familie. Luxembourg: Ministère de la Famille et de la Solidarité, 1994.

Keywords

Demographic trends; Statistics; Living standards

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Living as a Couple

Organisation(s)

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Mill Majerus, Co-ordinator for the IYF for the Minister of the Family

Summary

The Law of 15 November 1978 on sexual information, the prevention of clandestine abortions and the regulation of voluntary interruptions of pregnancy requires information on the conditions of life for couples. In recognition of the International Year of the Family, the Ministry of the Family has revised a periodic publication to provide information for couples. Topics include: sexuality, pregnancy, family planning, over-indebtedness, rules governing marriage rights, adoption, divorce, social rights, housing assistance, family benefits, social minimum income.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; Completed

Publications

Vivre á deux. Luxembourg: Ministère de la Famille, 1994.
ISBN: 2-87994-001-7

Keywords

Family policy; Family law; Family planning

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Reflections on the Family in Luxembourg

Organisation(s)

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Summary

Against the background of a range of important declarations and conventions, such as the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Convention on All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the European Social Charter, and considering the objectives and central theme of the IYF 'Resources and responsibilities of the family in a changing world', the Luxembourg Committee for the Organisation of the International Year gave serious consideration to the social, political, economic and cultural analysis of the situation of families in Luxembourg. The resulting booklet offers thoughts on changes in social and moral values, with suggestions and ideas for encouraging a 'positive' evolution.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; Completed

Publications

Réflexion fondamentale sur la famille au Luxembourg. Luxembourg: Ministère de la Famille et de la Solidarité, 1994.

Keywords

Family policy; Living standards

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Rights and Duties of Young People

Organisation(s)

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Ministry of Youth

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Contact

Jos Bewer, Social Worker, National Youth Service, Luxembourg Network of Information, Meeting and Activity Centres for Young People

Summary

Starting out from the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the authors of this handbook have tried to establish the links, article by article, between the Convention and the relevant national laws. In a single work, all the rights and duties of young people are set forth as defined by legislation in a variety of fields, such as, parental authority, identity, freedom of expression, leisure, education, work, social security, health, justice, cohabitation.

Timetable

Completed

Publications

Jeunes: vos droits et devoirs. Luxembourg: Réseau Luxembourgeois des Centres d'Information, de Rencontre et d'Animation pour Jeunes, 1994.

Keywords

Children's rights; Legislation; Youth

MALTA

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The Family in the Maltese Social Structure

Organisation(s)

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Summary

This IYF publication reports on the situation of families in Maltese society. A socio-economic and cultural overview of Maltese families includes information about values, marriage, marriage breakdown, family size and work outside the home. A national social agenda is then presented, based on the integration and personalisation of services. Finally, a summary is presented of proposed changes to the civil code aimed at updating family law to better reflect the present way of living of the Maltese family.

Malta (cont.)

Timetable

Commenced August 1992; Completed

Funding

Ministry for Home Affairs and Social Development, and University of Malta

Publications

National IYF Committee, Family Study and Research Commission. The family in the Maltese social structure: report on the situation of families in the Maltese society. Malta: Ministry for Home Affairs and Social Development, 1994.

Keywords

Demographic trends; Family policy; Family values

MAURITANIA

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National Strategy for Woman and Family

Organisation(s)

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Summary

A booklet has been produced on the situation of the family, covering definitions and statistical data (economic, demographic, etc). Lack of data was highlighted and has led to elaboration of a project for taking a census, for which financial resources are awaited.

Timetable

Commenced February 1994; Completed

Funding

World Bank

Publications

National Strategy for Woman and Family

Keywords

Demography; Statistics; Family characteristics

MAURITIUS

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Survey of the Mauritian Family

Organisation(s)

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Summary

In the context of the International Year of the Family, the Ministry of Women's Rights, Child Development and Family Welfare is conducting for the first time in Mauritius a national sampling survey on the Mauritian family. The survey aims, inter alia, at establishing the general characteristics of families. As Mauritius is a multi-racial and pluri-cultural community within which co-exist high, middle and low income families residing in rural and urban areas, the survey will encompass a broad range of characteristics so that the sample is representative of the Mauritian family. The objective is to assess the conditions and lifestyle of the Mauritian family. The results of the survey will give indication on the following aspects: family composition, economic status, social status, cultural and religious characteristics, and problems affecting the family.

Timetable

Commenced September 1994; In progress

Funding

U.N.F.P.A.; Amount: US\$ 20,000

Publications

The report of the survey will be published in 1994 and disseminated at the national level.

Keywords

Demography; Quality of life; Family characteristics

MEXICO

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Co-dependence as an Individual, Family and Social Risk Factor

Organisation(s)

Sistema Nacional para el Desarrollo Integral de la Familia

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Instituto Nacional de Salud Mental (National Mental Health Institute)

Contact

Verónica Flores Martínez, Psychiatric Social Worker, National Mental Health Institute

Summary

This is a descriptive and analytical study based on a questionnaire directed at families of addicts. The study explores how environmental and personality factors affect the maintenance of co-dependence.

Timetable

Commenced August 1993; In progress

Funding

National Mental Health Institute

Keywords

Drug abuse; Family relations; Causal factors

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Detection of Adolescents at Risk of Drug Dependence

Organisation(s)

Sistema Nacional para el Desarrollo Integral de la Familia (DIF), (National System for the Comprehensive Development of the Family), Avenida Emiliano Zapato 340, Colonia Portales, C.P., 3001 Mexico D.F., Mexico

Instituto Nacional de Salud Mental (National Mental Health Institute)

Contact

María Esther Morales Lozano, National Mental Health Institute

Summary

This is a descriptive and cross-sectional research project based on a questionnaire directed at adolescents at the secondary school level. Its objective is to gain an understanding of the factors that influence the risk of drug dependence among adolescents.

Timetable

Commenced January 1992; In progress

Funding

National Mental Health Institute

Keywords

Drug abuse; Adolescents; At risk groups

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Different Types of Non-Nuclear Families Seeking Help from the Family Clinic of the National Mental Health Institute

Organisation(s)

Sistema Nacional para el Desarrollo Integral de la Familia (DIF), (National System for the Comprehensive Development of the Family), Avenida Emiliano Zapato 340, Colonia Portales, C.P., 3001 Mexico D.F., Mexico

Instituto Nacional de Salud Mental (National Mental Health Institute)

Contact

María Teresa Margáin Compean, Psychologist and Family Therapist, National Mental Health Institute

Summary

This is an exploratory research project, of a descriptive and retrospective nature, involving the analysis of files pertaining to the non-nuclear families assisted at the Family Clinic of the National Mental Health Institute (DIF) during the period from May 1993 to April 1994. The objective is to establish a typology of these families.

Timetable

Commenced January 1993; In progress

Funding

National Mental Health Institute

Keywords

Family counselling; Mental health services; Family types

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Effects of Counselling given to Parents with Respect to the Socialisation of their Children at the National Mental Health Institute

Organisation(s)

Sistema Nacional para el Desarrollo Integral de la Familia (DIF), (National System for the Comprehensive Development of the Family), Avenida Emiliano Zapato 340, Colonia Portales, C.P., 3001 Mexico D.F., Mexico

Instituto Nacional de Salud Mental (National Mental Health Institute)

Contact

Gloria Castillo Castillo, Psychiatric Nurse, National Mental Health Institute

Summary

This study of the effects of socialisation counselling given to the parents of children receiving care at the National Mental Health Institute is a retrospective and cross-sectional study, based on a questionnaire distributed to the families.

Mexico (cont.)

Timetable

Commenced January 1993; In progress

Funding

National Mental Health Institute

Keywords

Socialisation; Parent education; Family counselling

211

Epidemiological Monitoring of Children of Parents Suffering from Epilepsy

Organisation(s)

Sistema Nacional para el Desarrollo Integral de la Familia (DIF), (National System for the Comprehensive Development of the Family), Avenida Emiliano Zapato 340, Colonia Portales, C.P., 3001 Mexico D.F., Mexico

Instituto Nacional de Salud Mental (National Mental Health Institute)

Contact

Graciela Olmos García de Albe, Specialist in Neurophysiology, National Mental Health Institute

Summary

This descriptive and analytical study aims to gain an understanding of possible effects of parental epilepsy on the neurological development of children. The study is based on the case histories of children of epileptic parents, with a two-year monitoring period.

Timetable

Commenced May 1992; Completed

Funding

National Mental Health Institute

Keywords

Child development; Longitudinal studies; Epilepsy

212

Family as Environment of Human Development

Organisation(s)

Commission of Human Ecology of the International Union of Anthropological & Ethnological Sciences, c/- Centro de Investigacion y de Estudios Avanzados, Seccion de Ecologia Humana, CINVESTAV, A.P. 73 'Cordemex' Merida, Yucatan, C.P. 97310, Mexico

Contact

Dr Napoleon Wolanski, Chairman

Summary

The publication will be a collection of chapters addressing the topic of 'family as environment of human development' from the perspective of different countries and cultures written by researchers from a number of countries including USA, Russia, Israel, India, Poland, Mexico, China.

Timetable

Commenced 1992; In progress

Publications

Most probably to be published in 1995 as Journal of Human Ecology, supplement 4.

Keywords

Child development; Comparative studies; Family background

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Family as Microenvironment of Child Growth and Development

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Professor Napoleon Wolanski

Summary

The topic 'family as microenvironment of child growth and development' was explored by analysing data on 310 families from the towns Merida and Progreso in Yucatan, Mexico. Results were compared with data on Japanese, Korean and Polish families. The research focus was to attempt to establish the decisive factor for better growth of children. Findings showed different decisive factors for 'maximising families' in which children were the tallest, and 'minimizing families' in which children were the shortest, in the different countries.

Timetable

Commenced 1992; In progress

Funding

Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnologia; Amount: 78,371 new pesos

Publications

Siniarska, A. Somatic development of children in different environmental conditions. In: Proceedings of 9th

Congress of the European Anthropological Association, Copenhagen, 1994 (in press).

Siniarska, A. Family environment and body build of adult inhabitants of Yucatan (Mexico). In: Ogólnopolska Konferencja Naukowa Człowiek-Natura-Kultura. Cracow, Poland, 1994 (in press).

Siniarska, A. Culture, living conditions, parent health and child growth and development. In: International Symposium Horizons on Anthropology, Moscow, 1994 (in press).

Wolanski, N., Family as environment of child growth (crosscultural studies in Japan, South Korea and Mexico). In: 7th Conference of Society of Human Ecology, East Lansing, USA, 1994 (in press).

Wolanski, N. Offspring stature and family factors in Japan, Korea and Mexico (multiple regression analysis). In: Proceedings of 9th Congress European Anthropological Association, Copenhagen, 1994 (in press).

Wolanski, N. Child growth and genetic and environmental influences of family (biocultural comparative studies in Poland, Japan, Korea and Mexico). In: Ogólnopolska Konferencja Naukowa Człowiek-Natura-Kultura. Cracow, 1994 (in press).

Wolanski, N. Household and family as environment of child growth and development (the case of Poland, Japan, South Korea and Mexico). In: International Symposiums Horizons of Anthropology, Moscow, 1994 (in press).

Keywords

Child development; Physical development; Family background

214

Influence of the Family on the Treatment of Elderly Persons Suffering from Depression and Receiving Care at the National Mental Health Institute (DIF)

Organisation(s)

Sistema Nacional para el Desarrollo Integral de la Familia (DIF), (National System for the Comprehensive Development of the Family), Avenida Emiliano Zapato 340, Colonia Portales, C.P., 3001 Mexico D.F., Mexico

Instituto Nacional de Salud Mental (National Mental Health Institute)

Contact

Luis Enrique Sosa Guerra, Specialist in Psychiatry and Geriatrics, National Mental Health Institute

Summary

The aim of this project is to devise a treatment program for elderly persons suffering from depression, and for their

families. The results that might be obtained by using a drug with the participation of the family are explored.

Timetable

Commenced January 1992; In progress

Funding

National Mental Health Institute

Keywords

Aged; Mental depression; Family role

215

Interaction between Alcoholics and their Families during the Alcoholics Anonymous Rehabilitation Process

Organisation(s)

Sistema Nacional para el Desarrollo Integral de la Familia (DIF), (National System for the Comprehensive Development of the Family), Avenida Emiliano Zapato 340, Colonia Portales, C.P., 3001 Mexico D.F., Mexico

Instituto Nacional de Salud Mental (National Mental Health Institute)

Contact

Juan Macías Guzmán, Teacher, National Mental Health Institute

Summary

This descriptive and analytical study aims to discover whether there are changes in the interaction between the alcoholic and his/her family during the Alcoholics Anonymous rehabilitation process. The study involves distribution of one questionnaire to alcoholics undergoing rehabilitation, and another to their family members attending AA and Alateen groups.

Timetable

Commenced January 1992; In progress

Funding

National Mental Health Institute

Keywords

Alcohol abuse; Rehabilitation; Family relations

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Psycho-Social Characteristics of Families with Mistreated Minors in the Magdalena Contreras Municipal District

Organisation(s)

Sistema Nacional para el Desarrollo Integral de la Familia

Mexico (cont.)

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Instituto Nacional de Salud Mental (National Mental Health Institute)

Contact

Ana María Rosete Archundia, Psychiatric Social Worker, National Mental Health Institute

Summary

The aim of this descriptive, analytical and cross-sectional research project is to identify the psycho-social characteristics of families that mistreat their minor children in the Magdalena Contreras municipal district. The study is based on a questionnaire submitted to these families.

Timetable

Commenced January 1992; In progress

Funding

National Mental Health Institute

Keywords

Child abuse; Family characteristics

Funding

Netherlands Family Council; Ministry of Welfare, Health and Culture

Publications

Presvelou, C., de Hoog, C. and Cuyvers, P. Family arrangements and policy in the Netherlands. Den Haag: Nederlandse Gezinraad, 1993.

Keywords

Demographic trends; Family policy; Living standards

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Family Formation Survey (Onderzoek Gezinsvorming)

Organisation(s)

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Central Statistics Office (CBS), PO Box 959, NL-2700 AZ Voorburg, The Netherlands

Contact

Drs P.F. Cuyvers, Netherlands Family Council

Summary

The Central Statistics Office (CBS) every four years holds a major survey on the 'family formation process' (Onderzoek Gezinsvorming). In June 1994 the results of the 1993 survey were published in a special volume, a co-publication of CBS and the Netherlands Family Council. The aim of the co-editorship was to link demographic data with other aspects of social and political developments, especially with the discussions on the 'individualization process'. The results were surprising in this respect. Though the Netherlands holds the reputation of being a very liberal and modernized country with respect to alternative modes of living, the family both as main organizer of the primary life sphere and main life-purpose for the population did not seem to have lost its strength.

Timetable

In progress

Funding

Central Statistics Office

Publications

Latten, J. en Cuyvers, P. Relatie- en gezinsvorming in de jaren negentig, Den Haag: CS/NGR, 1994.

Keywords

Family formation; Demographic trends; Family characteristics

NETHERLANDS

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Families and Social Policy in the Netherlands

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Drs P.F. Cuyvers

Summary

In preparation for IYF, the Ministry of Welfare asked the Family Council to make up a general report on the situation of families. A summary of this report is available in English and French. The report summarises recent research findings on a number of issues. Periodical updates, in the form of yearbooks, are planned.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed

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National Survey on Family Definitions and Issues

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Drs P.F. Cuyvers

Summary

At present a major nationwide survey is being prepared, starting with 1000 phone interviews and a number of in-depth interviews. After analysis of first results and further development of the instrument, the core questions will be published in local newspapers. The survey will use a number of questions devised by Jan Trost in Denmark. Results will be available in the first months of 1995. The aim of the survey is to ask the opinion of the population on a number of family policy issues, and specific issues such as the (experienced) quality of family support systems. A special issue in the survey is the definition of a family. The National Committee in the Netherlands has – in accordance with the opinion of the Family Council – as its starting point the equality of the various family forms and has defined a family as 'any living arrangement in which children are cared for and/or educated'. This definition has been acknowledged as valuable for family policy purposes by the main political parties in the Netherlands.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Funding

National Committee IYF; Ministry of Social Affairs

Keywords

Family policy; Attitudes; Family definitions

Summary

As part of its activities for the year, the New Zealand International Year of the Family Committee developed a research-based project which aims to obtain information on: the needs of families for information on social service programs or other family-related matters in selected communities; the types of programs used by selected agencies in these communities to reach families; the effectiveness of these information programs. The project also aims to develop a modified set of information programs aimed at enhancing their effectiveness in reaching families; to test the effectiveness of these information programs; to present recommendations and guidelines on communications strategies to assist other agencies in reaching families more effectively. The project has two main parts: 1) Qualitative and quantitative consumer research targeting those who use help agencies and why they use them; also, those who do not use such agencies and why. 2) Case studies of organisations and how they communicate, focusing on the Mangere, South Auckland, Palmerston North, Christchurch and Invercargill communities.

Timetable

In progress

Funding

New Zealand IYF Committee

Publications

Results of the study will be incorporated into a report for presentation at the Strengthening Families Conference at the Aotea Centre in Auckland, 30 November – 3 December 1994. A summary of the report will also be published.

Keywords

Service utilisation; Social services; Community services

NEW ZEALAND

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Accessing Family Services

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Rhyl, Lady Jansen, Chairperson, IYF Committee

PARAGUAY

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Bio-Psychosocial Profile of Families which Generate Children Working in the Street

Organisation(s)

Direccion General de Bienestar Social (Head Office of Social Welfare), Ministerio de Salud Publica Y Bienestar Social (Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare), Departamento de Reinsersion Social (Department of Social Reintegration), Paraguay

Contact

Dr Carlos Arestivo, Chief, Departamento de Reinsersion Social

Paraguay (cont.)

Summary

Data have been collected from seven important cities of the inner country in order to provide a profile of the families which generate children working on the street. Data obtained include: family characteristics in regard to the area of the country; whether they are migrant families; structure of the family; types of work they carry out; income; number of children, etc.

Timetable

In progress

Funding

Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare; Amount: \$2,000

Keywords

Living standards; Family background; Child employment

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Department of Family Affairs – National Police

Organisation(s)

Policia Nacional (National Police), El Paraguayo Independiente entre Chile y Ntrs. Sra de la Asunción, Asunción, Paraguay
Telephone: 446 987

Contact

Mario Augustin Sapriza Nunes, Commandant General Police Inspector

Summary

The Department of Family Affairs of the National Police has been established with the basic objective of preventing, assisting and investigating problems experienced by families which are unstable or have broken down, generating problems in social integration, especially for women and children in dangerous situations.

Timetable

Commenced February 1989; In progress

Funding

Paraguayan Government

Publications

Educative guide for prevention of emotional, physical and sexual abuse. Didactic material directed to children, parents and educators to prevent all kinds of violence. Educative film on prevention of family violence.

Keywords

Social problems; Domestic violence; Child abuse prevention

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School for Parents

Organisation(s)

Ministerio de Educación y Culto (Ministry of Education and Culture), Dpto. de Orientación Educacional y Vocacional (Department of Educative and Training Orientation), 15 de Agosto esq. E. V. Haedo, Asunción, Paraguay
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Contact

Lic. Blanca Ovelar de Duarte, Director, Department of Educative and Training Orientation

Summary

This is a project of research action. Schools which have diagnosed their situation and decided to initiate a 'School for Parents' determine the contents and activities, which aim to improve interaction between school and home, recognizing that such collaboration is fundamental to children's education. Trained monitors and the Department of Educative and Training Orientation are in charge for two years, then the project operates independently. Permanent follow-up of the project allows for adjustments to contents and implementation. The project has been implemented in eight school areas, each with about 30 Schools for parents.

Timetable

Commenced 1986; In progress

Funding

Ministry of Education and Culture

Publications

Guia Didactica para la Orientacion a Padres. Asuncion, Paraguay: Ministerio de Education y Culto.

Keywords

Parent teacher relationship; Parent education

PHILIPPINES

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Profile of Domestic Violence Recorded in Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Institutions and City Courts of National Capital Region, Regions VII and XI

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Rosario B. Dela Rosa Director, Department of Social Welfare and Development

Summary

The study aims to establish a profile of domestic violence, including the types of violence committed by a family member against spouses, children and other members of the family; the factors that led to the perpetration of such violence; and the characteristics of victims and perpetrators. A Descriptive method was used in this study, making use of secondary data such as investigation sheets in the Prosecutor's Office, and DSWD case records for the National Capital Region, Regions VII and XI. Sampled cases were randomly drawn from the list of cases classified by type of domestic violence.

Timetable

Commenced August 1993; In progress

Funding

Bureau of Family and Community Welfare, Department of Social Welfare and Development; Amount: 44,738.00

Keywords

Domestic violence

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Study on the Problems and Coping Capabilities of Solo Parents who are Spouses of Overseas Contract Workers

Organisation(s)

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Contact

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Summary

This study hopes to find out the problems presently confronting solo parents who are spouses of overseas contract workers (OCW), focusing on economic, emotional and child rearing aspects, and how these spouses are able to respond in coping with these problems. The insights gleaned from the study will provide a springboard for future policy and program directions. The preliminary collection of data, using the economic, emotional and child rearing checklist

as the major data gathering instrument, was done in coordination with the office of the Administration of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration. Respondents are spouses of OCWs chosen at random from Batangas in Luzon, Iloilo in the Visayas and Davao del Sur in Mindanao Region.

Timetable

Commenced August 1993; In progress

Funding

Bureau of Family and Community Welfare, Department of Social Welfare and Development; Amount: 68,539.00

Keywords

One parent families; Child rearing

POLAND

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Studies on Family Conditions and Child Development in Poland

Organisation(s)

Polish Academy of Sciences, Department of Human Ecology, 00-330 Warsaw, Nowy Swiat 72, Poland

Contact

Professor Napoleon Wolanski, Polish Academy of Sciences

Summary

Since 1963, studies of several thousand Polish families have been conducted and some hundred publications have resulted. The project, for which the Polish Academy of Sciences has been responsible in recent years, has explored a range of family issues, including infant mortality, children's fitness and stature, demographic trends in fertility, marriage and cohabitation and socioeconomic status of families as a background of biological development. Findings on many of these topics have also been compared with data from other countries.

Timetable

Commenced 1990; In progress

Funding

Polish Academy of Sciences; approximately US\$200,000

Publications

Siniarska, A. Biological status of children and youth from some selected regions of Poland related to family living conditions and some biological traits of parents, *Polkskie*

Poland (cont.)

Studia z Zakresu Ekologii Czlowieka, Supplement 1 to Studies in Human Ecology, pp. 89-194, 1994.

Wolanski, N., Czarzasta T. et al. Stature of offsprings in various family types in Japan and Korea. Studies in Human Ecology, no.11 1994.

Keywords

Child development; Demographic trends; Living standards

PORTUGAL

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Draft European Convention on the Exercise of Children's Rights

Organisation(s)

General Directorate for the Family, Praca de Londres, 2-5 andar, 1091 Lisboa Codex, Portugal

Council of Europe

Ministry of Justice

Contact

Isaura Quina, Conceição Prazeres, Rita Aleobia, Senior Specialists, General Directorate for the Family

Summary

Experts from the General Directorate for the Family studied the draft European convention on children's rights and made suggestions and proposed changes to the initial text.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; Completed

Keywords

Children's rights; Legislation

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Family, Children and Teachers

Organisation(s)

Maria Ulrich Foundation

Association for the Teaching of Children

Contact

Professor Fernando Micael Pereira, Portuguese Catholic University

Summary

A survey based on data obtained by a team coordinated by Professor Micael Pereira in Portuguese schools investigated family and school relationships. Interviews were conducted with parents and teachers.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed

Funding

Maria Ulrich Foundation and General Directorate for the Family; Amount: 1,000,000 escudos

Publications

Final report available.

Keywords

Home school relationship; Parent teacher relationship

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Information on Population Trends in Portugal in the District of Braga 1981-1991

Organisation(s)

Associação Familias (Families Association), R. Gabriel Pereira da Castro, 31, 4700 Braga, Portugal
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National Statistical Institute

Contact

Manuel Coelho, Associação Familias

Summary

This study analyses population patterns in the European Union, in Portugal and more specifically, in Braga, a northern district of Portugal by analysing data provided by the National Statistical Institute for the years 1981 and 1991. Braga is of interest because it is one of the youngest areas in the Union.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed

Funding

Families Association; Amount: 500,000 escudos

Publications

Um certo olhar sobre a família. Braga: Associação Familias, 1994.

Keywords

Population distribution; Demographic trends

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Picture of the Family

Organisation(s)

Maria Ulrich Foundation

Higher Institute of Work and Enterprise Studies

Contact

Professor Dr Isabel Guerra, Territorial Studies Centre,
Higher Institute of Work and Enterprise Studies

Summary

A survey of children was conducted in schools under the title "What children expect from the family". The findings and answers were analysed and a report drafted on the way children in Portugal feel and on their imaginings.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed

Funding

Maria Ulrich Foundation and General Directorate for the Family; Amount: 1,000,000 escudos

Publications

Report: Lo que esperas los niños de la familia.

Keywords

Children; Parent child relationship

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Present Situation of the Family in Portugal

Organisation(s)

New University of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal

Commission for the International Year of the Family,
General Directorate for the Family, Praça de Londres, 205
andar, 1091 Lisboa Codex Portugal

Contact

Professor Manuel Nazareth, Universidad Nova de Lisboa

Summary

A questionnaire was drafted and submitted to a representative section of the Portuguese population, including the island regions - Azores and Madiera. The answers were used to prepare a report which is a tool for the study of the national situation and the attitude of the people of Portugal to the family.

Timetable

Commenced 1992; Completed

Funding

Employment and Occupational Training Institute;
Amount: 6,000,000 escudos

Publications

Situacao Actual da Familia Portuguesa.

Keywords

Family relations; Attitudes; Family values

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Revision of Portuguese Legislation on Maternity Protection and Working Conditions

Organisation(s)

General Directorate for the Family, Praça de Londres, 2-5
andar, 1091 Lisboa Codex, Portugal

Multi disciplinary group covering various State
departments

Contact

Dr Maria da Conceição Prazeres, General Directorate for
the Family

Summary

This project involved the study of all national legislation and a comparative study of European and international legislation relating to maternity protection. The aim being to make recommendations for revision of the Portuguese Law 4/84 on Maternity Provision. Draft legislation is currently going through the approval procedure in the Portuguese Parliament.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed

Keywords

Maternity leave; Legislation; Family policy

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Role of the Father in the Family

Organisation(s)

General Directorate for the Family, Praça de Londres,
2-5 andar, 1091 Lisboa Codex, Portugal

Council of Europe

Contact

Isaura Quina, Ma. Conceição Prazeres, Rita Alcobia,
Fernanda Rainho, Senior Specialists, General Directorate
for the Family

Summary

The European ministers with responsibility for family matters have surveyed member States. The General Directorate for the family has carried out the necessary

Portugal (cont.)

studies to prepare Portugal's reply on the role of the father in Portuguese society.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; Completed

Keywords

Father role; Family policy; Legislation

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Statistics on the Family in Portugal

Organisation(s)

General Directorate for the Family, Praca de Londres, 2-5 andar, 1091 Lisboa Codex, Portugal

Commission for IYF

National Statistics Institute

Contact

Emília Maria Santos Pereira, Senior Specialist, General Directorate for the Family

Summary

A presentation and an analysis were made of the statistics from the latest census of the Portuguese population, focusing on the population and the family.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; Completed

Funding

Employment and Occupational Training Institute; Amount: 500,000 escudos

Publications

Statistics on the Family in Portugal. Notebooks no.2. Lisbon: Commission for the International Year of the Family.

Keywords

Statistics; Family characteristics

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Study of the Family in a Semi-urban/Semi-agro-industrial Region

Organisation(s)

General Directorate for the Family, Praca de Londres, 2-5 andar, 1091 Lisboa Codex, Portugal

Other organisations involved: Civil Government, Family Pastoral Office (Catholic Church); Institute for Young People's Affairs, Regional health, social security and

education services and Santarém Higher Management School

Contact

Ana Isabel Libano Monteiro, Senior Specialist, General Directorate for the Family

Summary

Based on a detailed survey by the General Directorate for the Family with the support of the Higher Management School and the Portuguese Institute for Young Peoples' Affairs, this study made a thorough analysis of the situation and needs of the family (urban and agro-industrial) in the region of Santarém. It will be followed in 1995 by an interdisciplinary action research project designed to improve families' lives and make them more active in associations so that they can play their role in development.

Timetable

Commenced January 1994; In progress

Funding

Employment and Occupational Training Institute; Amount: 1,000,000 escudos. (plus experts' work).

Publications

The family in the region of Santarém (Portugal). vol. 1: Pilot project for community-centred help for families; vol. 2: Report on a survey of 2000 families.

Keywords

Family policy; Community development; Living standards

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Study of the Family in an Area in the Interior of Portugal – Alentejo–Evora District

Organisation(s)

University of Évora, Caritas, Portugal

Contact

Professor Filomena Medes

Summary

This study analyses statistics from the 1991 Census to provide specific information about the family in this rural, interior region.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Funding

Employment and Occupational Training Institute; Amount: 1,500,000 escudos

Publications

Final report (forthcoming).

Keywords

Statistics; Rural families; Family characteristics

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Survey of the Population on the Impact of IYF

Organisation(s)

Executive Council for IYF, c/- General Directorate for the Family, Praca de Londres, 2-5 andar, 1091 Lisboa Codex, Portugal

Contact

Dr Maria Raquel Ribeiro, President

Summary

A survey was conducted to evaluate the impact of the International Year of the Family on the population. An organisation (METRIX) specialising in statistical analysis and surveys was used to survey the population over 15 years. The results were positive.

Timetable

Commenced May 1994; Completed

Funding

General Directorate for the Family; Amount: 600,000 escudos

Publications

Report giving the statistics and their interpretation.

Keywords

Surveys; Community consultations

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The Family We Have/The Family We Would Like to Have

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Dr Ines d'Orey

Summary

A team coordinated by a secondary education teacher, surveyed primary, pre-primary and secondary students about the picture they have of their parents.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed

Funding

Employment and Occupational Training Institute and others; Amount: 2,000,000 escudos

Publications

Familia que tenemos/Familia que queremos tener (forthcoming).

Keywords

Children; Family relations; Parent child relationship

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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Defining 'Quality of Life' from the Perspective of Work and Family Life in Korea

Organisation(s)

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Summary

Industrialization and modernization have taken Korea from absolute poverty to a position of high standing in the global society. However, at the same time, various negative social phenomena have developed, such as materialism and a noticeable distinction between rich and poor. Middle income people as well as low income people are still disadvantaged, and it does not seem that people's happiness and life satisfaction have increased. This study aims at answering the following questions: 1) What is the quality of life? 2) How has the quality of Korean family life changed? 3) What do the family, the community and the government have to do to improve the quality of life? To answer these questions, the study will reorganise the existing materials in Korea and overseas and analyse data from the national 'Survey on Family Life' designed for this study. The study is being conducted in conjunction with the University Research Centre, Nihon University, and will involve comparisons with Japan.

Timetable

Commenced January 1, 1994; In progress

Funding

Korean government; Amount: US \$11,500

Keywords

Quality of life; Family policy

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Policy Development for the Family Welfare System

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The main purpose of this study is policy development for the national family welfare system. The study is based on a 1994 national sample survey conducted by the Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs, in which data were collected from 20,000 households about their family type, socioeconomic characteristics of household members and family welfare demands, especially of broken families. For the purposes of the study, the 'broken family' is defined as a family consisting of one parent with children living in the same household, and children with no parents because of parents' death, divorce, desertion, or separation.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Funding

Samsung Life Welfare Foundation; Amount: US \$ 112,500

Publications

The outcomes of this research study will be published in June 1995.

Keywords

Family policy; Social welfare; One parent families

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Studies on Family and Communication

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Summary

The study will investigate uses of mass media in the family, in order to improve understanding of family life, and to

indicate a desirable direction for broadcasting policies in the Republic of Korea.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Funding

The Asan Foundation; Amount: W 15,000,000 (about \$18,900)

Keywords

Mass media

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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Analysis of the Formation of the Family Structure of the Population of Russia: Regional Aspect

Organisation(s)

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Summary

This scientific report contains an analysis of the demographic structure of the population and of the composition of families in the Russian Federation, with an indication of regional differences. The studies were conducted on the basis of the findings of the 1959, 1970, 1979 and 1989 population censuses, and published data based on current measurements of population movements for the period 1990-1992. The research was used to identify population characteristics of importance to family analysis: age structure by regions, demographic pressure on people of working age, disproportions in the gender ratio. The results of a multidimensional territorial classification based on population reproduction indicators and population structure are presented. The characteristics of family structure as such are examined: regional differences with respect to average family size and the percentages of two-parent and single-parent families as well as families consisting of one, two or three generations. A structural comparison is given of urban and rural families.

Timetable

Commenced June 1993; In progress

Funding

Ministry of Science and Technical Policy of the Russian Federation; Amount: 400,000 roubles (in 1993 prices)

Keywords

Demography; Regional differences; Family structure

243**Bases for the Role of Social Workers in the Area of Family Planning****Organisation(s)**

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Summary

The study contains an analysis of various aspects of family planning as an integral part of both population reproduction and the implementation of the State's family policy. A comparative analysis of birth rate trends for various regions of the Russian Federation is presented, identifying the most important causes and factors responsible for problems in the health of women, including pregnant women, and their effects on infant health and vitality. Some aspects of the medical and demographic consequences of abortion are considered and ratios between the prevalence of abortion and the use of contraceptive methods are cited for a number of countries. The existing abortion legislation in various countries is examined and the question of how Russian legislation in this area might be improved is considered. The current importance of family planning, the role of social workers and types of social assistance available are discussed. An organisational model for a family planning service based on women's clinics is developed and the structural components of such a service are identified. The way in which social workers may become involved in various aspects of family planning is described.

Timetable

Commenced July 1993; In progress

Funding

Ministry of Science and Technical Policy of the Russian Federation; Amount: 500,000 roubles (in 1993 prices)

Publications

Bases for the role of social workers in the area of family planning. In: (the journal) *The Family in Russia*, no.1, 1994.

Keywords

Family planning; Social workers; Abortion

244**Charity in Times of Stability and Social Crisis****Organisation(s)**

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Summary

The purpose of the project is to identify the correlation between charity as understood in the classical Christian sense and public policy with regard to socially vulnerable population groups, including family members. The work is based on a series of empirical studies of the attitude towards charity of families in need of it (orphaned children, children being raised at boarding establishments, disabled children and their parents) and on a polling by experts of social workers. The studies were conducted during the period 1992-1993 in Moscow and Samara. The basic method was the questionnaire-based survey, supplemented by psychological testing techniques. The historical analysis was based on the theological, philosophical and economic works of scholars of different religious persuasions (Orthodoxy, Catholicism and Protestantism), beginning with the Bible and the writings of the Fathers of the Church. It is planned to continue the work on this project by extending it to a study of the situation of families with disabled persons (children and/or adults) as a social problem.

Timetable

Commenced 1992; In progress

Funding

Russian Academy of Sciences; Amount: 2 million roubles

Keywords

Social services; Charities

245**Demographic Situation and Forecasting of Family Structures in the Urban and Rural Population of the Russian Federation for the Period to the Year 2001****Organisation(s)**

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Summary

The objective of the project is to analyse trends in the Russian Federation's demographic evolution, to identify the basic factors affecting family structure dynamics, to formulate and substantiate hypotheses regarding impending demographic development, and to extrapolate the gender-age composition and family structure pattern for the immediate future and over the longer term. The methods used are those of demographic analysis, multivariant scenario forecasting and micro-simulation of families. The authors have developed new demographic forecasting methods to plot scenarios of the demographic future, taking into account the trends observed in recent years and the specific factors at work in a time of social and economic crisis. The results of the research will be of use to those involved in socio-economic regulation and management, and to the federal social welfare services.

Timetable

Commenced April 1993; In progress

Funding

Ministry of Science and Technical Policy of the Russian Federation; Amount: 780,000 roubles (in 1993 prices)

Publications

Soroko, E.L. et al. Demographic situation and forecasting of family structures in the urban and rural population of the Russian Federation for the period to the year 2001. In: *The Family in Russia*, no.1, 1994.

Keywords

Demographic trends; Population forecasting; Family structure

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Effect of Intra-family Relationships on the Formation of the Child's Personality

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Summary

The purpose of the research is to analyse the internal potential - psychological, educational, economic and social family relationships, in terms of their overall impact on the

formation of the child's personality. The aim is to identify the factors that shape interrelationships within the family and to analyse the specific possibilities and mechanisms that are available to families and that are of significance to the child. On the basis of a source analysis and a review of extensive data derived from the authors' own research, a 'parental love typology' is constructed and its effect on child-rearing is determined, in a way that illustrates how deviant behaviour on the part of children and adolescents depends on the kind of trouble within the family. Recommendations are developed for young parents on structuring the best possible relationships within the family, as well as recommendations directed at social workers dealing with families.

Timetable

Commenced March 1994

Funding

Ministry of Science and Technical Policy of the Russian Federation; Amount: 1.23 million roubles

Publications

Ermakov, V.V., Alekseeva, L.S. and Plotkin, M.M. Basic conceptual approaches to the establishment of territorial family social-work centres. In: the journal, *The Family in Russia*, no.1 1994.

Keywords

Child development; Parent child relationship; Parent education

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Experimental Development of Comprehensive Programmes of Health Care for Children and of Family Planning

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Summary

The purpose of this research is to develop a scientific basis for comprehensive reproductive health care for adolescents and families and to improve the out-patient services available at clinics to children and adolescents at a time when the system of primary public health care is being reorganised to the accompaniment of a transition to health insurance. The methodology includes analysis of population census data, experimental and sociological techniques, including the use

of questionnaires. More than 3,000 registration documents were collected, dealing with various aspects involved in the improvement of medical care and of medical and social assistance to children, adolescents and families. A study was made of the practical experience of treatment centres in three Moscow districts with regard to the organisation of follow-up medical care for mothers, children, adolescents and families. The medical and social aspects of the reproductive health of adolescent girls and young mothers were examined. In this way, it was possible to devise, from a social and health-related perspective, a system for the organisation of health and social care for various population groups – children, adolescents, families and young mothers. This project is part of a family planning research program and will be continued.

Timetable

Commenced 1992; In progress

Funding

Academy of Medical Sciences of the Russian Federation;
Amount: 20 million roubles

Keywords

Health services; Family planning; Child health

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Expert Assessment of Government Decisions from the Point of View of their Impact on the Life of Families

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Summary

The purpose of the project is to develop a theoretical and methodological framework and mechanism for conducting expert evaluations of government decisions from the point of view of their impact on family life. The research has led to the development of what is known as an expert family assessment concept, which is supported by a set of documents dealing with the organisation of a government system for conducting such assessments. The project has also involved an expert valuation of the government's program for the privatisation of state and municipal institutions from the point of view of the related consequences for family life, and of a range of federal decisions taken during the period 1993-1994 in terms of their compatibility with the state family policy concept approved by the government of the Russian Federation. The various approaches to the performance of expert family assessments

of federal decisions are being refined, at the same time that ways are being studied for applying such assessments to regional decisions as well. A concept is being developed involving a three-tier computerised expert assessment system inquiring into the interaction of government decisions and family life, the dynamics of family behaviour under the effect of government decisions, and public opinion regarding government decisions and its effect on the authorities.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; In progress

Funding

Ministry of Social Welfare of the Russian Federation;
Amount: 8.6 million roubles

Publications

Darmodekhin, S.V. and Muratov, Y.I. From the point of view of the family. *Russilskie vesti*, 21 April 1994.

Keywords

Family policy; Social policy; Policy evaluation

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Family and Childhood

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The programme takes the form of a coherent set of scientific research projects of a practical nature on the problems of family education and family psychology and pedagogy. The programme has been planned for implementation as part of the preparations for the observance of the International Year of the Family. The programme's research activities represent a new stage in the development of the science of psychological pedagogy in Russia. The general purpose is to develop the scientific bases (models, principles, conditions and methods) for the provision of competent psychological and pedagogical assistance to families in recognition of their role as the most important social educational system. The programme consists of three areas: Family psychology and family therapy; The pedagogics and sociology of family education; The family upbringing of retarded children. Research in the following activities is being conducted as part of the programme: a study of interpersonal relationships within the family and of the reasons why families apply for psychological help; the development of family therapy methods and techniques; the formulation of a professional profile for family therapists and family consultants; the study of the 'adult-child' interrelationship over time and of the related

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diagnostic techniques; the identification of current trends in pedagogical assistance to families in the rearing of children; the formulation of a model for the provision of psychological assistance to families; an investigation into the rearing of children with emotional disturbance; the study of particular aspects in the emotional development of children from families of alcoholics, drug addicts and the like.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; In progress

Funding

Russian Academy of Education; Amount: 346 million roubles

Publications

Abramyan, D.A. Emotional feelings in the child as it interacts with its mother; Koshelyeva, A.D. The 'adult-child' interaction and the functional role of emotional processes in human development; Lopashina, O.G. Particular aspects of physical contact between mothers and children and its role in the development of the child's emotional sphere. In: *Humanizing the Education Process in the Kindergarten*. Perm, 1993.

Koshelyeva, A.D. Emotional development and emotional education in the family. *Learning the Art of Child Rearing*. Moscow, 1993.

Loseva, B.K. and Lunkoe, A.I. The parent, the child and school homework in primary school. *Family and School*, no.8, 1993.

Nichimorov, B.V. The tradition of the Orthodox Church in building family relationships with the use of family therapy. *Questions of Psychology*, no.1, 1993.

Petrovskaya, L.A. The humanist conception of personal contact with in the family; Spivakovskaya, A.S. Psychological assistance to families in a changing world; Spivakovskaya, A.S. and Orlov, A.B. Humanist psychology and family psychotherapy. In: *Papers of the International Seminar 'The Family in the Development Process'*, Moscow, 1993.

Keywords

Family relations; Family therapy; Child rearing

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Family Policy. Concepts, Methods and Specific Implementation Aspects under the Conditions of Transition to a Market Economy

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Summary

The subjects of the study are family policy and the role of the State and public institutions in assisting the family and in bringing about conditions to enable it to fully perform its functions. The study contains an analysis of the conceptual premises of State policy with regard to the family along with an analysis and summary of contemporary experiences in the family policy area, and of the economic measures adopted in market-economy countries to provide support for families with children. Examples are given showing how family problems are reflected in the social chapters of various programmes designed to strengthen reforms affecting the social welfare of families. The particular ways in which family policy is shaped and conducted at a time of transition to a market economy are analysed. The analysis also includes the measures being taken for the social support of families with children and the existing statutory instruments that directly affect the economic and social interests of families with children. Recommendations are given on the formulation of the essential elements of a family policy in the Russian Federation for the period of crisis and stabilisation, along with proposals regarding the regionalisation of family policy and the coordination of the measures implemented at both the federal and the regional level.

Timetable

Commenced June 1993; In progress

Funding

Ministry of Science and Technical Policy; Amount: 300,000 roubles (in 1993 prices)

Publications

Elizarov, V. V; Demographic and socio-economic factors in family policy at a time of transition to a market economy. *The Family in Russia*, no.1, 1994.

Keywords

Family policy; Family support services; Policy evaluation

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Forecast Assessments of the Development of the Family in Russia

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Summary

The study contains a brief description of Russia's current demographic and social situation, and then identifies twelve basic trends as defining the position of the family in the foreseeable future: a lowering of the standard of living and quality of life of families with children; the spread of drug addiction; the spread of alcoholism; the deterioration of the physiological and psychological health of the population; the widening and deepening of the generation gap; the increase in the number of problem families and the continuing high incidence of divorce; the sinking birth rate; the ageing of society; the problem of the need to import labour; the exacerbation of the geopolitical situation; and the growth of social isolation and alienation. The ultimate objective of a demographic (including a family) policy is defined as ensuring the normal reproduction of the generations. Methodological recommendations are proposed, intended to serve as a forecasting basis for administrative decision-making in the area of social policy.

Timetable

Commenced July 1993; In progress

Funding

Ministry of Science and Technical Policy of the Russian Federation; Amount: 500,000 roubles (in 1993 prices)

Keywords

Demography; Forecasting; Family policy

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Integration of Women in the Public Development Process

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The subject of this research project is women in terms of their public, political and economic activity. In addition to analysing Russian and international experience in the area of government policy with respect to women, the research defines the general direction in the evolution of State policy as regards women in Russia and identifies the ideological motives that have shaped the content and character of government policy towards women at various stages in the country's historical development. An analysis is offered of the typical problems facing women under present day conditions: the maintenance of a high occupational employment level among women, the harmonisation of women's vocational and family roles, the issue of gender

equality, etc. Long-term guidelines for the social protection of women are set out, and recommendations and proposals are formulated for improving the legislation of the Russian Federation with regard to women.

Timetable

Commenced January 1993; In progress

Funding

Ministry of Science and Technical Policy of the Russian Federation; Amount: 2 million roubles (in 1993 prices)

Keywords

Women; Social policy; Work family relationship

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Intra-Family Crisis-Management Strategies and Trends in Social Work with Families

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The study involves a special questionnaire-based survey of the members of families in a crisis situation, a September 1993 questionnaire-based survey of unemployed persons in seven Russian cities, and also in-depth interviews with family members and social workers. Families have been selected that are at a 'particular' stage in their life-cycle: young families, student families, single mothers with preschool children, etc. The purpose of the project is to shed light on particular features of intra-family crisis situations among various categories of problem families, to analyse the ways in which relatives can help, and to determine the correlation between support from within the family and support from relatives in different kinds of problem families. The intention is to provide a basis for the development of special measures aimed at strengthening the family's ability to assist its members and the persons related to it, and to formulate proposals on how the laws might be improved to promote the formulation and strengthening of intra family crisis management strategies.

Timetable

Commenced April 1994; In progress

Funding

Ministry of Science and Technical Policy of the Russian Federation; Amount: 1.5 million roubles

Keywords

Coping behaviour; Crises; Social support networks

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Organizational Principles in the Provision of Medical and Social Assistance to Families, with Particular Reference to the Protection of Mothers and Children at the Primary Health-Care Level

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Summary

The purpose of the research is to establish a scientific basis for priority measures of medical and social assistance to individual categories of families with children. The study will identify the problems currently facing families with children, and the needs of these families in terms of medical and social assistance, and will facilitate the formulation of recommendations regarding the organization of medical care and social assistance for specific family groups. The subjects of the research are children's clinics in cities, families with young children, families with disabled children, single-parent families and families with numerous children. Sources of information are official statistical data and medical documents, as well as the results of sociological surveys. The project is part of a broad program of research concerned with the development of the agencies responsible for providing medical care and social assistance to the population of the Russian Federation.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Funding

Moscow Institute of Science and Technology; Amount: 54 million roubles

Keywords

Health services; Social services; Child welfare

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Physiological and Hygienic Bases for the Teaching of a Healthy Way of Life

Organisation(s)

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Summary

As part of this programme a study is being conducted under the heading 'Inculcating a healthy way of life and preventing harmful habits among pupils and students'. The project deals with such aspects as the formulation of the substantive and formal aspects involved in bringing up pre-school children in kindergartens and at home in such a way as to discourage the use of alcohol and drugs. The programme also assesses the effectiveness of preventive work with parents and children and studies the particular psychological conditions leading to drug addiction among adolescents.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Funding

Russian Academy of Education; Amount: 420.2 million roubles

Keywords

Health education; Alcohol abuse; Drug abuse

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Psycho-Social Problems of Abortion in Russia: Abortion as Viewed by Women

Organisation(s)

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Summary

Russia leads the world in terms of the number of abortions performed and, with modern family-planning methods virtually unavailable, its family-planning model has been based on abortion. The purpose of this socio-psychological research project is to obtain fundamentally new information on the issues of abortion and contraception and to develop practical solutions with regard to preventive measures and reduction in the number of abortions. The three-year research project is being conducted in Samara, Ulyanovsk, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk and Moscow, and involves a questionnaire to be anonymously completed by women who have undergone an abortion. The conclusions reached as a result of the research will help to influence public opinion and official attitudes, and make it possible to redistribute public health and social service resources with a view to informing and educating the public on the problems of family planning, and providing the client with modern contraceptive devices and creating conditions to ensure that 'safe abortions' can be performed in an optimum psychological climate.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Funding

Russian Family Planning Association; Amount: 60 million roubles

Publications

Two articles on the preliminary results of the research have been prepared for publication in the journal Family Planning (RAPS), and Family Planning in Europe (International Family Planning Federation)

Keywords

Family planning; Abortion; Health services

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Research Programme 'Retarded Children: Rehabilitation through Education'

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Summary

The program deals with the study of the early correction of retarded development and the rearing of preschool children suffering from hearing, vision or speech defects, or cerebral palsy, or whose intellectual or emotional development is impaired. The aim is to develop new forms of correctional and educational assistance for retarded children of preschool age or in their early years, in different educational situations: children's homes, special kindergartens, home-based learning. Research is being carried out into the development of the relationship between the autistic child and its family, with criteria formulated for evaluating the appropriate emotional interaction of the autistic child with its family.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Funding

Russian Academy of Education; Amount: 50 million roubles

Publications

Reports on: 1) The concept of early and pre-school rearing of retarded children in present-day situations; 2) The concept of comprehensive diagnostic analysis of the clinical, psychological and pedagogical aspects of child development. 3) Other scientific reports.

Keywords

Disabled children; Child development; Autism

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Social Policy with Regard to Families: Status Analysis and Formulation of Measures

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The subjects of the study are the family in Russia and the social welfare system for families. Its objective is, on the basis of an examination of long-term trends and factors influencing changes in the family in Russia, to determine the outlook as regards the development of the family as an institution and to provide a sound basis for priority and long-term family policy measures at the federal and regional levels. The study is based on the findings of the all-union population censuses and the micro-census of 1994, current government statistics, and demographic and sociological sample studies conducted in a number of regions of Russia. The project involves: a study of the particular ways in which families function under today's conditions; a determination of the effect of the socio-economic crisis on the viability of families; the development and justification of criteria for assessing the degree of effectiveness with which families perform their functions; the formulation of the most probable scenarios forecasting the further development of the family in Russia. In addition, the role and place of the existing kinds and forms of social assistance for families in ensuring their viability are examined, an inquiry is made into the possibilities for increasing the economic activity of families, and measures designed to create conditions allowing families to realise their social potential are identified. As part of the study, in addition to the development of proposals regarding supplementary family policy measures, scientifically based methodological recommendations and tools designed to provide the necessary information for the decision-making process at the federal and regional administrative levels are proposed.

Timetable

Commenced March 1992; In progress

Funding

Ministry of Social Welfare of the Russian Federation; Amount: 60 million roubles

Publications

Scientific studies of the family: status and prospects. Moscow, Family Research Institute, 1993.

Arkhangelski, V. N. On the question of family policy and social support for families in the Russian Federation'. In the Journal: The Family in Russia, 1994, no.1.

Russian Federation (cont.)

Sysenko, V. A. The living minimum as a methodological principle in assessing social support measures for families of various types. *Problems of the Family and of Family Policy: Collection of Scholarly Works*, Issue no. 3, Moscow, 1993

Keywords

Demography; Social services; Family policy

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Social Security for Families, Taking into Account Their Aggregate per Capita Income

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The project involves working out methods for determining minimum social welfare guarantees for families at the federal and regional levels (minimum wage, minimum pensions, student grants, children's allowance, indigence benefits, etc.) for specific socio-demographic population strata, taking into account families' levels of material security. The study has been conducted on the basis of statistical data of a budgetary and financial, branch-related and demographic nature, and also using the findings of surveys specially conducted in certain regions of the Russian Federation. The methods and tools used in the study as well as the program for processing the results were developed by staff of the All-Union Centre for Living Standards under the Ministry of Labour of Russia. It is planned to continue this research.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Funding

Ministry of Labour of the Russian Federation; Amount: 4 million roubles

Publications

Approaches to the stabilization of regional living standards. Moscow: VtsUZh, 1994.

The following papers have appeared in the monthly collection published by VtsUZh Population living standards in the regions of Russia: 1. Basic trends in social support for the population of a region facing crisis conditions (as exemplified by the Omsk region), no. 3, 1994. 2. Some aspects pertaining to the improvement of

the system of social benefits and compensation payments for families with children. nos. 4-5, 1993; 3. Method for calculating aggregate per capita family income. nos. 10-11, 1994.

Keywords

Living standards; Income support; Social services

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Sociological Situation and Social Adaptation of Families with Children Suffering from Oncological Disease

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Summary

The purpose of this project, which was timed to coincide with the International Year of the Family, is to study the following questions: the evolution in the social situation of families with children suffering from an oncological disease at various stages in their sickness; the ways in which the sick child and its family adapt socially to the micro- and macro- environment where they live and are active, and the effectiveness of that adaptation; the opinions of parents of sick children regarding the availability to them of medical, social and legal assistance; the socio-psychological mood in the family; the basic forms of partnership between the family and the health-care institutions, non-governmental organisations and State social welfare agencies assisting children suffering from an oncological disease. A further purpose is to elaborate proposals on the training of social workers and rehabilitation specialists for work with families in which there are children suffering from malignant tumours. Methodology involves the distribution at the child's home and place of treatment, of questionnaires among parents (families) with children suffering from an oncological disease. The sample comprises 850 respondents (50 of them specialists). Families whose children have been cured of oncological disease are also included in the survey.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Funding

Moscow Society for the Assistance of Oncological Patients; Amount: 1.1 million roubles

Keywords

Cancer; Child health; Coping behaviour

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Socio-Gender Study on Women in Russian Society (the Public Views of Women on Socio-Political and Socio-Cultural Issues)

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The purposes of this research project, which was timed to coincide with the International Year of the Family, are the following: to trace the evolution of the social status of women and women's movements in Russia at a time of transition to market economy relationships and to formulate recommendations for government and non-governmental agencies on the neutralisation and elimination of various forms of social discrimination against women. Its basic objectives are the following: to study the public views of women on issues connected with family values and the moral principles guiding the family; to analyse the effect of the transition to a market economy on the socio-economic status of women and the family; to formulate a typology of the social attitudes of women towards the development of women's entrepreneurship; to identify the changes in the political views of Russian women and in their political awareness and behaviour; and to study the process underlying the erosion of spiritual values in society and the effect of that process on the socio-cultural principles guiding women. The survey, which involved the distribution of questionnaires at workplaces and places of residence, was conducted in 12 towns and 24 rural communities located in ten economic zones within Russia. The sample comprises 1,200 women in all the basic categories of employment (15 vocational groups). The sample is a multi-stage one, zoned according to the quota method and representative in terms of the basic categories of the female population.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Funding

Commission on Women's, Family and Population Affairs under the Office of the President of the Russian Federation; Amount: 1.5 million roubles

Publications

The initial results of the research have been published in the Russian wide newspaper for women 'Muskovite

Woman' and in the journal: Women's World, no. 9, 1994. A collection of abstracts on the findings of the research is also being prepared for publication.

Keywords

Women; Sex discrimination; Attitudes

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Study of the Nature of the Effects of the Population's Living Standards on its Behaviour in the Labour Market and the Development of a System for the Provision of Payments and Compensation from the Employment Fund

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The research involves: establishment of the amount of partial compensation to be granted from the Employment Fund for losses caused by temporary forced unemployment (or forced part-time employment) for different categories of inhabitants, depending on their labour contribution and social status and on the level of material security of the family concerned; the criteria according to which the duration and amount of the compensation and payments from the Employment Fund are to be determined; minimum guaranteed levels and differentiated rates of payment and compensation provided by the Employment Fund in cases of enterprise reorganization or bankruptcy; the method of indexing the payments and amounts of compensation provided by the Employment Fund; methods for determining job quotas and the role of the Fund in financing the creation of quota-regulated jobs and in the subsidizing of wages; the role of the Employment Fund within the common system of social welfare; and the possibility of able-bodied family members being paid a hardship allowance geared to regional poverty levels.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Funding

Federal Employment Service of Russia; Amount: 19 million roubles

Publications

A report on the completed first stage of the research can be obtained from the library at the VTsUZh.

Keywords

Unemployment benefits; Social services

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System for Preparing Schoolchildren of Various Ages and Young People for Marriage

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The purpose of this research, which was based on an analysis of primary and secondary information, including data obtained from the successful and productive experiment in the teaching of medically related subjects conducted at Yaroslavl, was to develop the best possible model under contemporary conditions for preparing school children of various ages for family life. The methods used included an information-based analytical method (analysis of monographs, textbooks, scientific papers, etc.) and a sociological method (study of the views of schoolchildren of different age groups along with teacher surveys conducted by experts). As a result of this work, a model for preparing school children for family life has been developed on the basis of medically related instruction, and a set of standard principles to govern the teaching of medically related subjects in schools has been formulated.

Timetable

Commenced June 1993; In progress

Funding

Ministry of Science and Technical Policy of the Russian Federation; Amount: 600,000 roubles (in 1993 prices)

Keywords

Family life education; Models

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System for the Social Rehabilitation of Maladjusted Adolescents

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Summary

The problem of the social rehabilitation of maladjusted children and adolescents is considered from the medical, psychological, social, legal and educational perspectives. The research aims to develop scientifically based methods for the use of social welfare institutions for children. It involves an analysis of current and historical experience drawn from the work of institutions and agencies pursuing the goals of social rehabilitation. The characteristic traits of maladjusted children are examined and possible approaches to their socio-psychological rehabilitation are developed. Particular attention is devoted to a search for ways of recreating and compensating for family ties under the conditions of a rehabilitation institution, and also to the future-oriented behavioural motivation of adolescents, with a view to the life ahead of them. Methodology includes theoretical simulation, the use of a variety of diagnostic models, observation (including ongoing observation), analysis of the documentation of children's rehabilitation institutions and the interviewing of their staff, and the experimental testing of practical recommendations. The end result of the research is to be a collectively produced monograph setting out the fundamental aspects of a system for the social rehabilitation of maladjusted children and describing such a system.

Timetable

Commenced January 1993; In progress

Funding

Ministry of Social Welfare of the Russian Federation;
Amount: 3.6 million roubles

Publications

Ivashchenko, G. M. and Plotkin, M. M. *Helping Children to Survive*.

Pedagogika, Moscow, no.3., 1993 Ivashchenko, G.M. and Plotkin, M.M. eds. *Problems, methods and experience as regards the social rehabilitation of children and adolescents under contemporary conditions*. Moscow: Family Research Institute, 1994.

Ivashchenko, G. M., Plotkin, M. M., Shirinski, V. I. *Problems in the social rehabilitation of maladjusted adolescents (informational and analytical materials)*. Moscow: Family Research Institute, 1994.

Alekseeva, L. S. and Oskolkova, O. B. *Experience in the social rehabilitation of adolescents in the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, the United States and England*. Moscow: Family Research Institute, 1994.

Keywords

Adolescent behaviour; Behaviour problems; Rehabilitation

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The Demographic Situation and Prospects for the Development of the Family in Ecologically Damaged Regions of the Urals

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Summary

The purpose of the research, which is based on the coordinated efforts of taskforces made up of geologists, medical professionals, biologists, sociologists and demographers, is to develop an ecological-demographic model showing how families operate under conditions of radiation and chemical contamination of the environment and, by using the model, to formulate the most humane and effective methods of social welfare for families. Information collected during the ecological and demographic studies will be drawn on to develop a set of data on the subject 'Family'. Areas covered will include health, migration patterns, changes in the spacing of births and in the reproductive motivation of spouses, and in family and demographic policy.

Timetable

Commenced January 1993; In progress

Funding

Ministry of Social Welfare of the Russian Federation; Amount: 1 million roubles

Keywords

Disasters; Coping behaviour; Family policy

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The Family as Seen by Modern Man

Organisation(s)

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Summary

This research project is designed to inquire into commonly held views of marriage and the family. The basic purpose of the project is to analyse the system of marital and family conventions and values and the way they differ depending

on basic demographic characteristics (sex, age, marital status, etc.), national affiliation, level of education and social and occupational status. The research, which was conducted using the questionnaire method, was carried out with the assistance of the All-Union Centre for the Study of Public Opinion (VTsIOM) in various regions of Russia and in Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Georgia, Moldova, Armenia, Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia during the period from 1989 to 1994. More than 3,000 persons 16 years of age and older were questioned. Government statistics were also used.

Timetable

Commenced 1989; Completed

Funding

Russian Academy of Sciences; Amount: 10 million roubles

Keywords

Attitudes; Marriage; Family values

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The Russian Family in the Republics of Russia in the New Inter-Ethnic Situation

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The purpose of this project, which was timed to coincide with the International Year of the Family, is to study the evolution in the position of the Russian family and the changes that are occurring in its social status in the autonomous regions of Russia at a time of far-reaching social transformations in Russian society. In a strategic sense, it represents the first long-term multi-stage sociological investigation of its kind. Its objectives are the following: a social analysis of the inter-ethnic situation in the towns and villages of Chuvashiya and Mordoviya; the identification of areas of potential conflict and the assessment of the strength of the factors capable of leading to conflict; an inquiry into the attitude of Russian families in national republics to the most pressing social, economic and political problems facing Russia; an analysis of the socio-psychological mood of Russian families; a description of the evolution of the socio-cultural values and guiding principles of the Russian family in face of the new inter-ethnic situation; the problem of language policy and State languages in the republics of Russia; changes in family and

Russian Federation (cont.)

marriage relationships in Russian mixed and mono-ethnic families. The methods used in this sociological research project for the collection of primary empirical information include the distribution of questionnaires at places of residence, content analysis and also the traditional methods employed in the analysis of documents and statistical information. The sample is a multi-stage one, zoned according to the quota method and representative in terms of the ethnic composition of the families. The sample universe comprises 1,200 Russian mixed and mono-ethnic families. The survey was conducted in eight towns and 16 communities in the republics of Mordoviya and Chuvashiya.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; In progress

Funding

Ministry of Nationalities and Regional Policy; Amount: 2.2 million roubles (in 1993 prices)

Publications

The first article on the results of this study is being prepared for publication in the journal 'Women's World' (no.11, 1994). A scientific article on the findings is also in preparation.

Keywords

Multiculturalism; Demographic trends; Family values

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Use of Female Labour in Agriculture

Organisation(s)

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Contact

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Summary

This on-going project involves a study of the use of female labour in Russian agriculture and in the agriculture of a number of countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). The economic situation of rural families is assessed and the problem of how best to harmonize the employment of rural women in production with their roles as mothers and founders of families is examined. An assessment is given of the actual work involved in, and conditions of, female labour in crop growing and animal husbandry. The strengths and weaknesses of vocational counselling among girls growing up in rural communities are described, the system for the training of women for

positions as skilled workers in the countryside is analysed, and the problems involved in restructuring that system in the light of the emergence of market relationships and a mixed economy are discussed. Arguments are presented in support of proposals on how to improve working conditions for women in agriculture, train skilled women specialists, strengthen family relationships and provide greater incentives for the employment of women workers in the production sector. The project draws on studies of rural women in the Orlov, Tver, Vladimir, Penza and Voronezh regions of the Russian Federation and in individual small republics of the CIS. In addition to current statistics, the data of the 1959, 1970 and 1979 population censuses are analysed.

Timetable

Commenced 1990; In progress

Funding

Russian Academy of Agricultural Sciences; Amount: 10 million roubles

Keywords

Farm women; Rural families; Training

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Ways of Stabilizing the Living Standards of the Inhabitants of a Region

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The project involves formulation of methodological recommendations on how to establish a database for carrying out a differentiated evaluation of living standards among the inhabitants (families) of a particular region; determination of the theoretical size and functional organization of the sample group comprising various family types; the establishment of an economic mechanism to implement the concept of protecting the purchasing power of the different family types; formulation of proposals for protecting income and consumption standards of the region's different family types. The investigations have been based on information contained in branch-related, economic, demographic and statistical reports, and also on the results of studies specially conducted in the Yakut-Sakha Republic, the Adygey Republic and the Omsk region.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Funding

Ministry of Labour of the Russian Federation; Amount: 8 million roubles

Publications

More detailed information can be obtained from the following scientific reports of the VTsUZh:

Ways of stabilizing the living standards of the inhabitants of the Omsk region at a time of market reform.

Ways of stabilizing the living standards of the inhabitants of the Yakut-Sakha Republic.

An analysis of the socio-economic situation of the inhabitants of the Adygey Republic, including the formulation of proposals for stabilization.

Keywords

Living standards

Publications

Leaflets; monographs; cassettes; book.

Keywords

Family policy; Family types

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Data Regarding Maternal, Infant and Juvenile Mortality

Organisation(s)

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Summary

Sao Tome and Principe has, in recent years, witnessed numerous deaths of mothers and children. It is necessary to examine the causes of these deaths by analysing the living standards of families in the country. The aim is to compile statistics on causes and trends, as well as information regarding treatment started and followed up, at health care units. Establishment of specific models and registers is planned.

Timetable

Commenced March 1995; In progress

Funding

Amount: US\$ 8,000

Keywords

Mortality; Child health; Living standards

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Study of and Support for Initiatives on Behalf of the Family

Organisation(s)

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Anthropological Study and Survey of the Family in Sao Tome and Principe

Organisation(s)

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Summary

In Sao Tome and Principe there are various kinds of families. Distinctions between them tend to be blurred on a day-to-day basis, a fact that causes difficulties in studying certain areas, solving certain problems and adopting certain measures on behalf of the family. Once the different areas of the study have been identified and separated, it will be possible to identify and examine problems inherent in them, to devise a comprehensive family policy and to create a better climate for greater tranquility, harmony and agreement in families. Once such a climate has been created, families will be able to play a more significant role in national development.

Timetable

Commenced January 1995; In progress

Funding

Amount: US\$ 10,000

Sao Tome and Principe (cont.)

Summary

Sao Tome and Principe has no basic data concerning the development of fundamental initiatives. Lack of suitable information frequently affects provision of certain support services. An inventory is therefore planned of all possible fundamental initiatives regarding the family in order to make optimum use of investments and to channel them to selected areas.

Timetable

Commenced January 1995; In progress

Funding

International Year of the Family; Amount: US\$ 9,000

Publications

Databank on initiatives; Supporting leaflets.

Keywords

Family support services; Family policy; Data bases

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Study of Support for and Promotion of Families Headed by Women

Organisation(s)

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Contact

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Summary

The project involves a survey, using field inquiries, to identify the most needy cases of women who head families that depend exclusively on them. The aim is to facilitate organizing such families into associations or groups to assume responsibility for acquiring the resources to enable them to hold the position they should have in society and to fulfil their role. The survey is also designed to discover the reasons for the existence of such families.

Timetable

Commenced January 1995; In progress

Funding

Office for the Support of Women and Families; Amount: US\$ 10,000

Publications

National report on the situation of the family in Sao Tome and Principe.

Keywords

One parent families; Family policy; Women headed families

SINGAPORE

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Management and Follow-up of Child Abuse Cases

Organisation(s)

Society Against Family Violence (S.A.F.V.), Child Abuse Research and Action Team (C.A.R.A.T.), c/- Singapore Council of Women's Organisations, Blk 24, Outram Park 03-115, Singapore 0316

Contact

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Summary

The purpose of the research is to have a working definition, from professionals working with families and children, of child abuse as perceived in Singapore; to obtain some figures on the percentages of abuse cases from the total consumer population receiving the services of these professionals; to contribute to the research in this area in Singapore so that better preventive strategies can be formulated and actioned.

Timetable

In progress

Funding

Society Against Family Violence; Amount: 7,000.00 Singapore dollars

Keywords

Child abuse prevention

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Research on the Family

Organisation(s)

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Summary

This book discusses the latest trends in Singapore concerning the institution of the family. The first chapter provides an account of the studies on the family undertaken in Singapore from the colonial era to the present. The second chapter focuses on family formation based on data from the five population censuses available in Singapore from 1947 to 1990. The third chapter deals with attitudes and behaviour concerning marriage and parenthood as personal and social goals. Chapter 4 examines the public policy dimension of child care arrangements and services. Chapter 5 looks into the aspect of gender roles and Singapore women's efforts to strive for coherence among contradictory social pressures. The sixth chapter looks into the possibilities of setting up the family court system in Singapore. The final chapter discusses the future agenda of sociological research on the family in Singapore.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed

Publications

Quah, Stella R. *Family in Singapore: sociological perspectives*. Singapore: Times Academic Press, 1994. 262p. ISBN 9812100385.

Keywords

Demographic trends; Family policy

276**Social Support Networks of Low Income Families****Organisation(s)**

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Summary

The study is a cross cultural analysis of the role of social support networks among low-income families. The major findings of the study are that characteristics and functions of a social network are different between ethnic groups as well as between families who seem to cope with low income and those who get into financial difficulties. Analysis of families' relationship with relatives shows a continuum ranging from very unsatisfactory to very satisfactory. Families who seem to cope have more satisfactory relationships with relatives than families who get into financial difficulties. It is also found that the nature of a social support network changes over time. These changes relate to interpersonal and environmental factors. The former

include family disposition, self esteem, past experience, physical environment and social and communication skills, while the latter include cultural ideologies and practices and the socio-physical environment. A conceptual framework to understand the relationship between the lives of low income families and the nature of their social support is presented.

Timetable

Commenced January 1992; In progress

Funding

National University of Singapore; Amount: S\$2400

Keywords

Social support networks; Family relations; Low income families

SLOVAKIA**277****Bratislava International Centre for Family Studies****Organisation(s)**

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Summary

The Bratislava International Centre for Family Studies was founded in 1993 as the Slovak Republic's main contribution to the International Year of the Family. The Centre's programs focus on supporting and strengthening the efforts of Slovakia and other countries in Eastern Europe to formulate, implement and monitor policies that help strengthen democratic principles in families. The Centre supports research and teaching, organises international conferences, seminars and special training programs prepared by experts in the field of family studies, is developing a database of national and international data on family studies, supports and coordinates the efforts of individuals, groups, government and non-government organisations directed at the solution of family problems and affairs. Other projects involve the publishing of an international yearbook on the status of the family, and educational activities such as internship programs, work-study programs and volunteer programs.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Ongoing

Slovakia (cont.)

Keywords

Family policy; Research; Family research centres

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Our Family

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Summary

The BICFS is engaged in a longitudinal study about the problems of the contemporary family in Slovakia. A survey is conducted each year, the first was in November – December 1993, entitled 'Family 1994'. Three groups of questions address: individual definitions of family; main problems in the family in Slovakia; and, expectations from BICFS and IYF. Results from this survey will be compared with representative investigations using the same questions.

Timetable

Commenced January 1994; In progress

Funding

Bratislava International Centre for Family Studies

Publications

Family 1994, BICFS.

Keywords

Social problems; Longitudinal studies; Family definitions

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Possibilities and Limitations of Family in Contemporary Europe

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Summary

The objectives of this study are: to map the family as an important and specific point of unification of Europe, to analyse its possibilities and limits in overcoming religious,

national, political and economic differences; to identify factors at local levels that support or hamper family adaptation to new conditions and in overcoming created confusion; to explore family values and norms and their relationship to family behaviour in specific localities; to provide methodology for mapping and comparing family behaviour in post-communist countries; to design a framework of general principles for family policy which could be used in different types of communities; to provide an exchange of experiences in dealing with communal and social programs and family policy among localities in individual countries with similar problems.

Timetable

Commenced January 1994; In progress

Funding

S.P.A.C.E. Foundation, and Voluntary Fund for International Year of the Family

Publications

Sociológia, c.6 1994.

Keywords

Family policy; Community development; Family values

SOUTH AFRICA

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Analysis of Data on Family Life as Gathered during Deliberations on the National Plan for Family Life in Certain Regions

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Summary

A National Plan for Family Life was drafted in 1987 by a previous National Department of Welfare and, during the period April 1991 to April 1993, presented to professionals (social workers, nurses, teachers) and indigenous community leaders of 16 regions for comment. Audiences subdivided into small groups discussing the following themes: nature and extent of family problems in this region; external influences on family life; utilisation of existing resources and lack of resources; how to implement the National Plan

practically, and priorities. Thirteen regions produced reports. Currently, these thirteen reports are being analysed in detail; results are being fed back into regions for further comment on how valid the results are after the April 1994 Election; new suggestions are being sought for what regions want incorporated into the National Plan.

Timetable

Commenced July 1994; In progress

Funding

Department of Welfare, South Africa; Amount: R13,000

Keywords

Family policy; Social problems

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Research on Values Supporting Family Life

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Summary

The research project was auspiced under the International Year of the Family. As with a previous research project completed in 1993 on the strengths and weaknesses in the family lives of Black South Africans, an underlying expectation is that research on family life in a multi-cultural society might contribute to improving the quality of life of South Africans through a process of family reconstruction in a new socio-political era. The aim of the research project is to obtain more data about quality of family life, and to facilitate a comparative study of the family lives of various cultural groups with a view to informing family policy and to developing programs for strengthening and enriching family life in South Africa. The field work has already commenced and focuses on open and mostly unstructured group interviews in which respondents are allowed to present their own views about family values and quality of life.

Timetable

Commenced August 1994; In progress

Funding

Department of Welfare, South Africa; Amount: R55,000

Keywords

Family policy; Quality of life; Family values

SWEDEN

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Partnership Breakup and Repartnering: Analysis of Modern Swedish Family Dynamics

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The study focuses on partnership breakup and repartnering, both of which have increased in prevalence over the last couple of decades, in conjunction with informal cohabitation instead of, or as a prelude to, formal marriage. This latter phenomenon started growing in importance in Sweden in the late 1960s, where it is more widespread than in any other country. Such relationships have higher dissolution rates than other types of unions, and they have contributed to the growing 'partnership mobility' which characterizes contemporary Western societies in general, and Sweden in particular. This study focuses on the process of repartnering from a gender perspective, and is based on information about various aspects of individual life histories collected in the 1992 Swedish Family Survey, combined with similar information from the 1991 Swedish Level of Living Survey, comprising a total of about 10,000 interviews with Swedish men and women. One component of the project is a comparative analysis with data for the United States from the 1987/88 and 1993 waves of the National Survey of Families and Households, in collaboration with Frances Goldscheider at Brown University, who is planning a study called 'Men, parenting and union formation' where the main focus is on 'informal parenting', that is, the importance of children from previous relationships for the repartnering process and the functioning of new partnerships, whether formal marriage or informal cohabitation.

Timetable

Commenced July 1994; In progress

Funding

Swedish Council for Social Research; Amount: 900,000 Sw.Crs.

Keywords

Remarriage; Cohabitation; Demographic trends

Sweden (cont.)

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The Meaning of Parenthood, a Study of Dual Earner Families in Sweden

Organisation(s)

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Summary

This is a study on modern parenthood in Sweden, involving dual-earner families. The study focuses on mothers' and fathers' cultural ideas and perception of what it is to be a mother and a father today. The aim is to get insights into parents' actions and discourses in the different social contexts in which they participate. The project started with fieldwork in a workplace that is part of a multinational conglomerate. Interviews were conducted with parents, their workmates and superiors, and some participant observation was involved. The fieldwork was followed by interviewing eleven of the parents in their homes. A main theme is the negotiations between the spouses within the household about the care of children and other household issues, and how these relate to the workplace.

Timetable

Commenced 1991; In progress

Funding

Institute for Housing Research, Uppsala University

Keywords

Dual careers; Child care; Family responsibilities

Contact

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Summary

The survey will examine the situation of married couples and of unmarried couples living together, where both partners work part-time in order to share household work and child care in a manner freely chosen by them. Interviews with 30 couples with children living in Alemannic areas will cover the distribution of tasks, as well as social, economic and legal background conditions. The field study will be supplemented by a discussion of Swiss and foreign literature and an introduction to the problems posed, both individually and institutionally. A particular aim is to identify the social barriers (background conditions) affecting the egalitarian division of tasks in practice. Recommendations will be made for encouraging egalitarian forms of family organization and showing the possibilities for their application.

Timetable

Commenced October 1993; In progress

Funding

National Research Programme; Amount: 157,100 Swiss francs

Publications

The 'Women and equality' bibliography and the programme bulletin available from Secretariat, Swiss National Fund for Scientific Research, Wildhainweg 20, 3001 Berne.

Keywords

Division of labour; Sex role; Sex equality

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Costs of Children, Family Cost Compensation and Demographic Evolution

Organisation(s)

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Summary

This project focuses on an empirical determination of child costs in Switzerland, their distribution among the various contributors and the demographic implications of influencing this distribution. In the first part of the project, direct costs are to be calculated by an econometric assessment of income equivalence scales. The second part is devoted to

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Conditions and Limits of Egalitarian Role-Sharing where Couples with Children Work Part-time

Organisation(s)

National Research Programme 35: Women, the law and society - paths to equality, c/ Dr Thanh Huyen Ballmer Cao, Beckenwaldli 15, 3207 Schaffhausen, Switzerland

an initial estimate of the opportunity costs occasioned by children. This means, in particular, the effect of children on the female labour supply and the career behaviour of women. The third part is devoted to an analysis of public measures for family cost compensation and arrangements resulting from collective labour agreements. This will allow an assessment of the extent to which child costs are taken into account by family policy. A nationwide survey of the various measures is expected to give information on the scope and effects of family cost compensation. As a result of demographic changes and the changing role concept and occupational behaviour of women, the level and distribution of child costs will call for still greater attention in the future. The fourth part of the project therefore analyses the effects of these changing factors and the extent to which they can be influenced.

Timetable

Commenced February 1993; In progress

Funding

National Fund for Research; Amount: 140,300 Swiss francs

Publications

The programme bulletin may be ordered from the Secretariat, Swiss National Fund for Scientific Research, Wildhainweg 20, 3001 Berne.

Keywords

Costs of children; Family allowances; Family policy

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Degree of Difficulty of Child Upbringing and the Utilization by Young Families of the Social Services Offered by the Public Authorities

Organisation(s)

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Contact

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Summary

About 200 families were selected and interviewed on a number of occasions over the last four years to discover changes in the couples' relationship since the birth of the first child and to analyse young families' needs. The families agreed to be at the researchers' disposal for four years. The research indicates that the family support network is not very extensive and that the competent

agencies are generally not well known, with difficulties in obtaining the desired assistance.

Timetable

Commenced June 1991; Completed

Funding

Swiss National Fund for Scientific Research; Amount: 240,000 Swiss francs

Publications

Huwiler, Kurt. Schwierigkeitsgrad der Erziehungssituation und Inanspruchnahme öffentlicher sozialer Unterstützung bei jungen Familien. Zurich, 1994.

Keywords

Child rearing; Service utilisation; Social support networks

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Families from Different Cultures

Organisation(s)

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Summary

The mixture of different cultures today is generating family trends that create other needs, difficulties and possibilities within the family which were hardly relevant to the 'traditional' family. Information on these families from different cultures must be accessible to all so as to broaden mutual understanding, consideration for others and knowledge of cultural differences. By spotlighting the various family systems from different cultures, and the different roles of family members, the publication hopes to prompt a deeper, ongoing discussion of the pluralist family in Switzerland. It also hopes to instil confidence in foreign families in Switzerland and encourage them to follow their own path within the context of their integration. The publication is designed for use in teaching secondary school children.

Timetable

Commenced October 1993; In progress

Funding

National Commission for IYF; Swiss Committee for UNICEF; Pestalozzi Children's Village Foundation; Amount: 80,000-100,000 Swiss francs

Publications

Familles dans différentes cultures, Familien in

Switzerland (cont.)

verschieden kulturen (Families in different cultures), publication planned in Italian and Romansh, Berne/Zurich 1994.

Keywords

Cross cultural differences; Multiculturalism; Migrant families

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Family Micro-Census

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Dr Werner Haug

Summary

Under the direction of the Federal Statistics Office and in close cooperation with the Zurich University Sociological Institute and the Laboratory for Economic and Social Demography at Geneva University, a Swiss family survey will be conducted in autumn 1994, the Family Micro-Census.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Funding

Federal Statistics Office

Keywords

Statistics; Surveys; Family characteristics

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Family Services on Which a Value Cannot be Placed: Reflections and Findings

Organisation(s)

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Summary

This publication reflects on family services on which a value

cannot be placed. These include cultural functions, tasks relating to education of children and child care, time devoted to developing relationships, expenditure on children, exchanges between generations. Two points are emphasised: 1) The value of the family and the sharing of tasks within the family can no longer be taken for granted, for which reason an increasing number of families are bitter about the absence of political and social consideration; and 2) In a service-oriented society, it seems less and less clear why certain services and certain types of work are remunerated, while tasks and functions that are just as important are non-remunerated, simply because they are carried out within the family. The contradiction between the appreciation of vocational work and that of domestic and family work has become more acute.

Timetable

Commenced January 1994; Completed

Funding

National Commission for IYF; Amount: 15,000 Swiss francs

Publications

Höpflinger, Francois and Debrunner, Annelies. Die unschätzbaren Leistungen der Familien, Ueberlegungen und Feststellungen (Les prestations inappréciables des familles, Reflexions et constatations) Berne: National Commission for IYF, 1994.

Keywords

Unpaid work in the home; Family; Family values

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Performance of Services in the Transport Area

Organisation(s)

National Research Programme 35: Women, the Law and Society - paths to equality, c/- Dr Thanh-Huyen Ballmer-Cao, Beckenwaldli 15, 3207 Schaffhausen, Switzerland

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Summary

The unpaid services performed in the framework of the family and neighbourhood - particularly by women - include the performance of transport tasks as part of activities outside the home. This study will look at such transport services. It has the following goals: comprehensive description of the services performed in their spatial, temporal and social relationships on the basis of a direct empirical survey of about 600 women and men in two urban areas of 7000 inhabitants; comparison of the findings for actual transport activity with those of existing traffic surveys; valuation of transport services as an unpaid service.

Timetable

Commenced January 1994; In progress

Funding

National Research Programme; Amount: 85,000 Swiss francs

Publications

Programme bulletin available from Secretariat, Swiss National Fund for Scientific Research, Wildhainweg 20, 3001 Berne.

Keywords

Transport; Women

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Placing a Monetary Value on Domestic Work

Organisation(s)

National Research Programme 35: Women, the law and society - paths to equality, c/- Dr Thanh-Huyen Ballmer-Cao, Beckenwaldli 15, 3207 Schaffhausen, Switzerland

Contact

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Summary

This research project attempts, on the basis of a limited selection of some 50 volunteer households in Geneva, to test the feasibility of a new valuation method for domestic work. This should be compatible with the methods of national accounting. The method selected takes as starting-point the quantity of goods and services that are offered on the market and produced by households. It attributes to them a monetary value which is regarded as being of equal value by households. From this assigned gross value, which can be calculated on the basis of crude categories of activity, the provisional consumption expenditures and the depreciation of the capital of the households are computed; the net value of their production is thus obtained. This value is then related to the work time employed for the production. In this way, the effective hourly wage for the non-remunerated work can be determined.

Timetable

Commenced January 1994; In progress

Funding

National Fund for Research; Amount: 163,192 Swiss francs

Publications

The programme bulletin is available from Secretariat, Swiss National Fund for Scientific Research, Wildhainweg 20, 3001 Berne.

Keywords

Household production; Housework; Unpaid work in the home

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Population and Welfare

Organisation(s)

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Federal Statistics Office

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Summary

As part of an international comparative study project, attitudes to population policy will be examined and compared with those in nine countries of Eastern and Western Europe. The questionnaire will produce data on a range of issues, including: values specific to the family, value of children, religious and political attitudes, and standards in relation to tolerance, courtship and sex roles; family preferences and intentions (desire for children, required family size, reasons for or against having children, ideal combination of professional life and family).

Timetable

Commenced 1992; In progress

Funding

National Fund; Federal Statistics Office; Amount: 600,000 Swiss francs

Keywords

Comparative studies; Attitudes; Family values

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Reconciliation of Family Tasks with Vocational Work

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Dr Lucrezia Meier Schatz, c/ Pro Familia Suisse

Summary

The study will critically examine current legal provisions concerning family policy and obstacles affecting various types of families, with the aim of providing information enhancing awareness and promoting effective measures.

Switzerland (cont.)

Timetable

Commenced Spring 1994; In progress

Funding

National Commission for IYF; Amount: 25,000 Swiss francs

Keywords

Family policy

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Rural Housekeeping Workload

Organisation(s)

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Contact

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Summary

In some 80 rural households of varying size and varying technical levels, the housekeeping workload is being surveyed. The work time of all the members of the household in the various spheres of housekeeping is recorded daily in logbooks. At the same time, the general housekeeping situation is surveyed with the help of a standardized questionnaire. The main survey lasted 18 weeks (March to July 1993) and was carried out in four different regions of Switzerland. The figures from the quantitative survey are being supplemented with some interviews in depth in order to make visible, as far as possible, the non-measurable services involved in rural housekeeping and to clarify the distribution of tasks.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; In progress

Funding

Eidgenössische Forschungsanstalt für Agrarwirtschaft und Landwirtschaft (FAT)

Keywords

Rural families; Housework; Division of labour

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Social Budget

Organisation(s)

National Fund for Research: Changes in Life Styles and Future of Social Security; c/ Prof. Jürg H. Sommer, Basle

University Economics Institute, Petersgraben 51, PO Box, 4003 Basle, Switzerland

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Summary

The research covers family allowances, alimony advances, fiscal deductions and maternity allowances (reference year 1990). It proposes ways to arrive at a regular estimate of the flow of funds to the family. The breakdown of the social protection functions and the nomenclatures of the EUROSTAT statistical methodology were used. The research was carried out in conjunction with another, broader survey to establish a Swiss 'social budget' that formed part of the work of the Swiss National Fund for Scientific Research.

Timetable

Commenced May 1990; Completed

Funding

National Fund for Research; Amount: 300,000 Swiss francs

Publications

Gilliland, Pierre and Cuénoud, Francois. *Politique familiale et bud get social de la Suisse*. Berne: Federal Statistics Office. ISBN: 33031 30078.

Keywords

Family allowances; Social services

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The Needs of the Families of Elderly People Suffering from Senile Dementia in Tessin

Organisation(s)

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Contact

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Summary

The overwhelming majority of elderly people with organic brain disorders are cared for by relatives. Between 60 and 80 families in Tessin caring for senile people aged 65 and over are surveyed in this study. The focus is on the needs and problems of those family members who assume the main responsibility for the care of their senile relatives. The

situation with regard to care and the emotional and functional condition of the senile family member and the family situation (medical and social assistance, professional support structures, etc.) are related together. The project is intended to indicate, in particular, what factors facilitate the task of providing care and under what conditions the burden of family care can best be eased.

Timetable

Commenced October 1993; In progress

Funding

National Research Programme; Amount: 256,872 Swiss francs

Publications

Programme bulletin available from Secretariat, Swiss National Fund for Scientific Research, Wildhainweg 20, 3001 Berne.

Keywords

Carers; Home based care; Aged care

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Today's Families: Picture Derived from the 1990 Population Census

Organisation(s)

Federal Statistics Office, Schwarztorstrasse 96, 3003 Berne, Switzerland

Contact

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Summary

The survey focuses on types of families in Switzerland, the place occupied by children and the division of tasks between men and women. The information is drawn from the 1990 population census and gives a picture of the modern Swiss family. Although the traditional Swiss small family model remains well represented, other forms of family organization gained ground between 1980 and 1990, above all as a result of the number of single people, unmarried couples living together and childless couples.

Timetable

Completed

Funding

Federal Statistics Office

Publications

Federal Statistics Office, Berne 1994, no.001 9063.

Keywords

Family structure; Demographic trends; Family types

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Violence towards Women in the Family

Organisation(s)

National Research Programme 35: Women, the law and society – paths to equality, c/- Dr Thanh-Huyen Ballmer-Cao, Beckenwaldli 15, 3207 Schaffhausen, Switzerland

Contact

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Summary

The research has five main objectives: to establish a quantified picture of violence in families, its extent, form and seriousness in Switzerland; to highlight, from the viewpoint of the women directly concerned, the violence, its subjective impact and its effects on women and children; to understand the phenomenon of family violence and the underlying mechanisms, on the basis of a comparative study of violent families and families showing little or no violence; to indicate the strategies employed by women victims of violence to deal with the problem; to discover current attitudes in the population concerning domestic violence towards women. The survey involves a quantitative examination of a representative sample of 1000 women living with a partner, responding by telephone to a structured questionnaire; and, a qualitative examination of around thirty in-depth interviews with women victims of violence.

Timetable

Commenced October 1993; In progress

Funding

National Research Programme; Amount: 154,009 Swiss francs

Publications

The programme bulletin is available from Secretariat, Swiss National Fund for Scientific Research, Wildhainweg 20, 3001 Berne.

Keywords

Domestic violence

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Activity of Rural Women and Management of Natural Resources in Tunisia

Organisation(s)

Centre for Research, Documentation and Information on

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Contact

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Summary

The aim of this research is not only to formulate a typology of women's participation in agricultural activities, depending on the region and the local production systems, but also to study how women's work in the agricultural sector affects the ecosystem. This typological identification forms part of a broader sociological approach showing the division of labour by sex and age group and indicating the activities that promote the joining together of women in production groups. Such groups may be the target of planned and formal organisational work.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed

Funding

CREDIF and World Bank

Keywords

Agriculture; Women; Division of labour

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Collective Catalogue of Documentation on Women

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Summary

The second volume of the Collective Catalogue of Documentation on Women contains 776 bibliographical references collected by the members of RIF (Information Network on Women), set out according to a thematic classification developed by CREDIF, with the addition of three research tools: alphabetical indices of subjects, authors and titles. This catalogue contains part of the database of bibliographic references to women and is designed to provide researchers to information sources.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; Completed

Funding

CREDIF and Canadian Organisation for Solidarity and Development

Keywords

Women; Data bases

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Decision-Making Power of Tunisian Women in the Family and in Society

Organisation(s)

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Summary

This study, involving a questionnaire-based survey of 1,005 women, is designed to examine the participation of women in decision-making in the family by looking at a number of indicators, including economic management and educational matters. The aim is to define the decisive features of such participation and to detect any remaining discrepancies between legislation and practice. For comparison, the study has a section on the participation on women in public life.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Funding

UNDP

Keywords

Women; Decision making

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Directory of Women's Skills in Tunisia

Organisation(s)

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Contact

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Summary

This directory of women's skills in Tunisia contains 454 biographical outlines of women listed in alphabetical order.

This practical publication, which is based on responses to a questionnaire, is a reference document that may be used to identify women active in different sectors and areas of activity.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed

Funding

CREDIF

Keywords

Women; Directories

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Evaluation of the Impact of the Communication Strategy to Promote the Family, as Implemented by the Ministry of Women's and Family Affairs

Organisation(s)

Ministry of Women's and Family Affairs, 17 Rue de Beyrouth, Tunis 1002, Tunisia

Contact

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Summary

Survey to assess the impact of the various parts of the communication strategy, as implemented by the Ministry of Women's and Family Affairs, on Tunisian target populations.

Timetable

Commenced September 1994; In progress

Funding

Tunisian-German cooperation; Amount: \$25,000

Keywords

Family policy; Communication strategies

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Intra-Family Relationships in Tunisia

Organisation(s)

Ministry of Women's and Family Affairs, 17 Rue de Beyrouth, Tunis 1002, Tunisia

Contact

Mrs Zohra Ben Romdhane, Director of Communications

Summary

Survey of a national family sample designed to inquire into

the following: 1) Conjugal relationships, focusing on: choice of partner; role-sharing; task-sharing; and participation in decision-making. 2) Relationships with the extended family: social contacts; material contacts. 3) Relationships between parents and children: communication and dialogue between parents and children.

Timetable

Commenced August, 1994; In progress

Funding

Tunisian-German cooperation; Amount: \$25,000

Keywords

Parent child relationship; Husband wife relationship; Extended family

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Oral History of Women: Tunisian Women in Public Life 1920-1960

Organisation(s)

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Contact

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Summary

In the form of an oral history covering the period from 1920 to 1960, 13 Tunisian women speak of their experiences in political, organisational and cultural life. This document, whose purpose is to retrace the history of Tunisian women by means of a biographical approach, also discusses the changes that have occurred in Tunisia in modern times.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed

Funding

CREDIF

Keywords

Women; Social change

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Rights of Women and Girls in Tunisia

Organisation(s)

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Tunisia (cont.)

Contact

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Summary

The United Nations conventions concerning the rights of women and children are seen as supplementing the rights of girls as set out in Tunisian legislation. These instruments are being popularised and illustrated to make them more accessible to young people.

Timetable

Completed

Funding

CREDIF, UNESCO and Canadian Organisation for Solidarity and Development

Keywords

Women's rights; Children's rights; International agreements

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Socialization of Children in Tunisia

Organisation(s)

Ministry of Women's and Family Affairs, 17 Rue de Beyrouth, Tunis 1002, Tunisia

Contact

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Summary

In this two-part national survey one part is concerned with parental practices and values with regard to socialisation, the other with the impact of those practices and values on children's behaviour.

Timetable

Commenced September 1994; In progress

Funding

Tunisian-German cooperation; Amount: \$25,000

Keywords

Socialisation; Child behaviour; Parent role

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Survey of the Family in Tunisia

Organisation(s)

Ministry of Women's and Family Affairs, 17 Rue de Beyrouth, Tunis 1002, Tunisia

Contact

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Summary

This research into various aspects of family life involved 1,038 families classified according to recognised strata of the Tunisian population. The subjects examined were: 1) the family as an economic unit; 2) the family and school; 3) the family and participation structure; 4) roles and status within the family. This survey generated information that has been used to produce a diagnostic study of the situation on which to base the plan of action to promote the family.

Timetable

Commenced June 1994; Completed

Funding

UNICEF; Amount: \$19,000

Keywords

Family policy; Family economics; Family structure

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The Maghreb Woman: Reality and Prospects

Organisation(s)

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Summary

Women's participation and role in national development are currently at the centre of attention. This collection of articles and studies reflects not just the life of Maghreb women and their present situation, but also the obstacles in the way of, and the prospects for, a decisive improvement in their status.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; Completed

Funding

ENDA (Dakar), CREDIF

Keywords

Women; Women's role

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Women in Tunisia: Current Situation and Prospects**Organisation(s)**

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Contact

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Summary

The Centre for Research, Documentation and Information on Women (CREDIF) has just published, with the collaboration of UNDP, its latest report on women in Tunisia, entitled 'Women in Tunisia: current situation and prospects'. This report contains statistics relating to the female population, its civil status and fertility levels, as well as the structure of the family in Tunisia. The report also has statistics on female schooling and female employment. Health aspects, such as the physical and mental health of women linked to living conditions, together with women's participation in communal and political activities, are set out in figures. These indicators of the condition of women are followed by analysis based on a diachronic survey between 1966 and 1990.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; Completed

Funding

CREDIF, UNDP

Keywords

Women; Statistics; Family structure

Contact

Francis McGlone, Senior Research Officer, Family Policy Studies Centre

Summary

This report argues that family and state care for older people is in decline at the very moment when the number of people needing such care is increasing dramatically. The report looks at the ageing of the European Union; the growing numbers of older people with a disability; the level and extent of family care in different member states; the pressures facing carers; and the various factors likely to undermine the ability and willingness of the family to care for its older members. It also examines the different levels of social provision for older people in the European Union, and how this is changing.

Timetable

Commenced February 1993; Completed

Funding

Centre for Policy on Ageing, and Family Policy Studies Centre

Publications

McGlone, Francis and Cronin, Natalie. *A crisis in care? The future of family and state care for older people in the European Union*. London: Family Policy Studies Centre, 1994.

Keywords

Social services; Home based care; Aged care

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Families in Britain**Organisation(s)**

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Contact

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Summary

'Families in Britain' presents basic demographic data on families living in Britain, along with information on employment and families. It also looks at trends in these areas over the last 40 years. The report is designed to reach as wide a readership as possible, with straightforward non-technical text and many figures.

Timetable

Commenced March 1994; In progress

Funding

Family Policy Studies Centre

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A Crisis in Care? The Future of Family and State Care for Older People in the European Union**Organisation(s)**

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Centre for Policy on Ageing, 25 Ironmonger Row, London EC1V 3QN, United Kingdom

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (cont.)

Publications

Families in Britain (forthcoming Family report).

Keywords

Demographic trends; Employment; Statistics

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Families in the European Union

Organisation(s)

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Summary

'Families in the European Union' is a 16-page document presenting the main facts and figures on families in the E.U. It is the first time this information has been brought together in one publication. Easy to read and with many graphs, the publication contains information on household, the demography of families, and families and employment.

Timetable

Commenced May 1994; Completed

Funding

Commission of the European Communities; Amount: 10,000 ECU

Publications

Families in the European Union (Family report).

Les familles dans l'Union Europeenne (French family report).

Keywords

Demographic trends; Employment; Family characteristics

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Family Agenda for Action

Organisation(s)

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Contact

Amanda Knight, Director

Summary

The Family Agenda for Action report, launched at the IYF Year End Conference (8 December 1994), has been developed from activities conducted during the year, such as seminars, conferences, parliamentary debates and hearings.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Publications

Family Agenda for Action (1994)

Keywords

Family policy

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Family Disruption and Lone Parenthood: The Outcomes for Children

Organisation(s)

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Contact

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Summary

The report reviews research on the contentious issue of outcomes for children who have experienced either family disruption or lived with a lone parent, or both. It compares outcomes (social, economic and psychological) for these children with those living with both their natural parents. The report considers both how sound the data are on which these findings are based, what might explain the outcomes, and what further research might be needed. It concludes by questioning how policy options might emerge from such a complex and controversial area.

Timetable

Completed

Funding

Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Publications

Lone parenthood and family disruption: the outcomes for children.

Joseph Rowntree Foundation, Social Policy Research Findings no.44, Jan 1994.

Lone parenthood and family disruption: the outcomes for children.

London: Family Policy Studies Centre, 1994. (Occasional paper 18).

Keywords

One parent families; Child welfare; Social policy

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IYF Fact Sheet Series

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Summary

This series consists of eight short fact sheets which outline the main trends and changes in the demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of families. The areas covered are: 1) Putting families on the map (general demographic); 2) Families, poverty and resources; 3) Families and work; 4) Families and caring; 5) Parents and families; 6) Ethnic minority families; 7) Families in the European Union; 8) Marriage and divorce. The series, which was very widely distributed during 1994, will be regularly updated by the Family Policy Studies Centre.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Funding

IYF UK

Publications

Family Policy Studies Centre. Fact sheets 1-8.

Keywords

Demographic trends; Economic conditions; Family change

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Kinship Networks and Friendship: Attitudes and Behaviour in Britain, 1986-1995

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Summary

The project will replicate and extend the 1986 British Social Attitudes Survey on family kinship and support networks. Questions will cover the following areas: 1) contact with

relatives and friends; 2) to what extent respondents feel they can call upon families, friends, the church and other agencies for help; 3) the care and support provided by relatives. The project aims to increase understanding of the role of kin beyond the nuclear family over the last decade of rapid demographic, social and economic change.

Timetable

Commenced October 1994; In progress

Funding

Economic and Social Research Council; Amount: 74,451 pounds sterling

Publications

Due: chapter in British Social Attitudes Survey Report of the 1995 Survey (November 1996).

Keywords

Social support networks; Extended family; Help seeking behaviour

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Multiple Births Foundation Telephone Evaluation

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Summary

The research project consists of an evaluation of the Multiple Births Foundation's telephone consultation service, a service which gives support and advice on the subject of multiple births (twins, triplets, etc) to parents and offspring. A questionnaire survey seeks to evaluate how effective clients found the service; its cost effectiveness; and whether the outcome of using the service was helpful or satisfactory.

Timetable

Commenced 1992; In progress

Funding

Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Publications

Report due in June 1995.

Keywords

Multiple births; Telephone counselling; Program evaluation

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (cont.)

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Parliamentary Hearings on the Family

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Summary

The Parliamentary hearings constituted special select committee hearings, in the House of Commons (Parliament). The committee of members of Parliament and the Lords heard evidence from over 50 experts, individuals and organisations on four themes: 1) Families and work; 2) Families and relationships; 3) Families, poverty and resources; 4) Parenting.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; Completed

Funding

IYF United Kingdom

Publications

Report of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Parenting and International Year of the Family UK Parliamentary hearings (1994).

Keywords

Family policy; Community consultations

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Single Mothers: Problems, Prospects and Policies

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Summary

This research looks at the variation, and the social policy

consequences of that variation, for one of the sub-groups of lone parents – single (never married) mothers. It looks at the demographic development of sub-groups of single mothers and at their socio-economic circumstances, and undertakes a qualitative investigation of the causes of increasing single motherhood, with the aim of drawing out policy implications of the findings.

Timetable

Commenced 1994; In progress

Funding

Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Publications

Research paper (forthcoming 1995).

Keywords

Single mothers; Social policy; Socioeconomic status

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Center for Family-Friendly Cities

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Summary

Established during the IYF, the mission of the Center for Family-Friendly Cities is to promote the inherent strengths of families living in urban settings. It serves to facilitate the international sharing and exchanging of information on family-friendly programs. This is accomplished through an extensive, ongoing program of international research on the current state of thinking, experience, innovation and practice in the design, development and implementation of family-friendly programs for urban families around the world. The results of this research are being assembled, on an ongoing basis, in a database consisting of program descriptions, checklists, goals, objectives and costs. The Center has established an electronic communication network; provides training and educational seminars; maintains a network of experts, providing consultative services to cities worldwide on family issues in urban settings.

Timetable

Commenced November 1994; Ongoing

Funding

University of Akron; Amount: \$90,000 (other funding being sought)

Publications

1) The Center for Family-Friendly Cities Communications Network Manual. 2) International journal/newsletters will be published to include ongoing research and other information related to the Center's activities.

Keywords

Urban policy; Family policy; Family research centres

322**Children and the Changing Family Study Program****Organisation(s)**

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Summary

The newly created Children and the Changing Family Study Program at UC Berkeley Extension is a 105 hour curriculum developed for an interdisciplinary group of post-BA professionals in the children and families field (social workers, probation officers, mental health and public health workers, teachers, recreation directors, children's librarians, etc.) in the San Francisco bay area. Courses emphasise family as a key support system. Courses cover changing demographics and family roles in California, family intervention methods, ethnicity issues, and the 'non-traditional' family. Child, infant and adolescent development courses are also offered.

Timetable

Commenced September 1994; In progress

Funding

Cowell Foundation, Haas Fund; UC Berkeley Extension - student fees; Amount: \$62,000 plus course fees

Publications

Children and the Changing Family: Proceedings of Families and Schools Conference, October 1994, (in press).

Keywords

Tertiary education; Curriculum; Family studies

323**Ethnographic Study of Family Support for Young Children's School Success****Organisation(s)**

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Summary

This study explores how families from different ethnic and racial groups support their children's school achievement. Through qualitative and quantitative methods, researchers have examined four cohorts of ten children each for two to three years: an African American sample (studied by Josephine Bright), a Chinese American sample (Sau-Fong Siu), an Irish American sample (Susan Swap), and a Puerto Rican sample (Nitza Hidalgo). Data collection methods include classroom behaviour observation, teacher interviews, child interviews, parent interviews and survey methods. Analysis covers both the individual cultural/ethnic group studied by a researcher and conclusions, drawn across samples, about cultural diversity in family-school connections. Finally, the study indicates several guidelines, based on their findings, for more effective teacher training and home-school communication.

Timetable

Commenced 1990; In progress

Funding

US Dept. of Education, Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Publications

Boston: Center on Families, Communities, Schools and Children's Learning; reports as follow:

Siu, Sau-Fong. Toward an understanding of Chinese-American educational achievement. Report no.2 February 1992, 46pp.

Swap, Susan M. and Krasnov, Jean. A saga of Irish-American achievement: constructing a positive identity. Report no.11, October 1992, 64p.

Hidalgo, Nitza. I saw Puerto Rico once: a review of the literature on Puerto Rican families and school achievement in the United States. Report no.12, October 1992, 54p.

Perry, Theresa. Toward a theory of African-American school achievement. Report no.16, March 1993.

United States of America (cont.)

Bright, Josephine. Beliefs in action: family contributions to African-American student success. *Equity and Choice* 10, Winter 199 4, no.2, pp.5-13.

Keywords

Home-school relationship; Academic achievement; Immigrant families

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Facilitation of Community-Based Service Integration: Lessons Learned

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Summary

This study identifies and discusses lessons learned in the implementation of six services integration facilitation grants. Funded for two years, the grants were intended to assist communities in progressing toward more accessible and collaborative family service systems. The facilitator grantees were the Institute for Educational Leadership, working with projects in five cities; Florida International University, with sites in south Florida; the Ohio Department of Human Services; the Georgia Department of Human Resources; San Francisco State University, assisting six California cities and counties; and the San Diego Department of Social Services' efforts in replicating the New Beginnings model. A final report and case studies of each grant will be available.

Timetable

Commenced October 1993; Completed

Keywords

Social services; Public administration; Community services

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Families in Multi-Cultural Perspective

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Summary

Illuminating the impact of culture on family life, this volume explores the diversity of the world's families in structure, processes, history, as well as social and environmental contexts. Covering contemporary Third World and Western families, it encompasses the major topical areas considered essential for students to develop an understanding of families from a multicultural perspective. These include kinship and marital structure, critical periods in family development, comparative research methodologies, theoretical perspectives, as well as such issues as gender, class structure, racial discrimination and poverty.

Timetable

Commenced 1993; Completed

Publications

Ingoldsby, Bron B. and Smith, Suzanna, editors. *Families in Multicultural Perspective*. New York: The Guilford Press, 1995.

Keywords

Cross cultural differences; Marriage; Family

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Journal of Marriage and the Family: International Year of the Family Special Issue

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Summary

Journal of Marriage and the Family is a leading research journal in the family field. It features original research and theory, research interpretation and reviews and critical discussion concerning all aspects of marriage and the family. The November 1994 issue includes seven articles for the International Year of the Family: Interwoven lives: parents, marriage and Guanxi in China by Riley; Divorce and drinking: an analysis of Russian data by Stack & Bankowski; Midlife women's employment and pension in Great Britain by Ginn & Arber; Modernization and consanguineous marriage in Iran by Givens & Hirschman; Youths' bonds with parents and friends in the Netherlands by van Wel; Early transition to fatherhood in Great Britain by Dearden, Hale & Blunkson; Covarities of household extension in rural India by Ram & Wong.

Timetable

Commenced November 1994; Completed

Funding

National Council on Family Relations

Keywords

Family relations; Cross cultural differences; Family research

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Multi-National Study of School – Family – Community Partnerships

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Summary

The multi-national study involves more than 20 researchers in six countries: Australia, Chile, the Czech Republic, Portugal, Spain and the United States. A basic premise of the work of the Center on Families, Communities, Schools and Children's Learning – that school, family and community are interconnected spheres of influence on children's learning – is central to the study. Using a variety of methodologies, researchers have examined the effects of specific connections between families, communities and schools. Every research project was school-based and involved direct, continuing collaboration between an outside agency (university, teacher training institution, or community organization) and one school. In many schools, committees of parents, teachers and students generated research topics, questions, methods of inquiry and proposed interventions to address issues raised in the course of research. The research has produced individual case studies and will culminate in the publication of a book of collected studies and cross-site findings.

Timetable

Commenced 1992; In progress

Funding

US Dept. of Education, Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Publications

Davies, Don, editor. Book of collected case studies and cross-site findings/analysis. To be published in 1995.

Keywords

Home school relationship; Community participation; Education

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Together We Can: A Guide for Crafting a Pro-family System of Education and Human Services

Organisation(s)

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Summary

This report is a guide to teach communities how to create a pro-family system of integrated services to address the complicated problems children and their families face. Developed jointly by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education, the project reflects the findings of the Study Group on Services Integration, which was convened to discuss the ways in which collaboration can be used to make education, health, and human services more responsive to children and their families. The study 1) outlines a strategy for integrating and restructuring services, describing the key characteristics of effective services integration initiatives; 2) presents a five-stage framework that will help partners change complex systems, anticipate problems they are likely to face, and gauge their processes; 3) profiles four collaborative projects that are attempting to link services with schools; 4) offers checklists that projects can use in assessing their progress; 5) lists contact information for the initiatives cited in the guide, as well as additional sources of information and technical assistance; and 6) includes sources that can provide users with more guidance regarding services integration, collaboration, and key aspects of service delivery.

Timetable

Commenced 1991; Completed

Keywords

Social services; Family support services

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National Evaluation of Family Preservation Schemes

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United States of America (cont.)

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Summary

The new Family Preservation and Support Services program provides nearly \$1 billion for family support and preservation services over the next five years. As part of a comprehensive evaluation strategy, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, will contract for an evaluation to document the effects of three types of family preservation services: 1) targeted placement prevention services that provide intensive in-home services to children at imminent risk of foster care placement; 2) broader family preservation services that target families earlier in the service process, before a placement crisis is imminent; and 3) reunification services that provide services to move children back home from foster care. The evaluation's design calls for the selection of six family preservation sites. In each, families will be randomly assigned to treatment and control groups. Families in the treatment group will receive family preservation services, while those in the control group will receive the same services they would normally receive: placement in foster care, counselling, case management and other child welfare services. Baseline measures on all families will be taken, and all will be followed for two years. Primary caretakers of children will be interviewed at intake and at two follow-up points.

Timetable

Commenced October 1993; In progress

Keywords

Family support services; Foster care; Program evaluation

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The Future of Families: Mandate for New Initiatives

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Summary

This three day working conference addressed international family issues for research, education, policy and practice. Written positions with recommendations were developed by researchers, educators, practitioners and policy makers. Preparatory reading for participants included the NCFR book,

One World, Many Families, edited by Karen Altergott. Task force topics were: Gender roles, work and families; Family violence; Immigrant and refugee families; Health and families; Ageing in the family system; Marriage and committed relationships; Child care and parental alternatives; Sexuality and families; Families in poverty; Family law and rights; Religion and family life; Divorce, remarriage and child outcomes; Family peace and a peaceful future. Workshop goals were: To promote international/multi-cultural dialogue and critical analysis of key issues facing families; To make recommendations for curricula, educational programs, marriage and family intervention processes, research and public policies that reflect international/multicultural perspectives on families; To recommend research agendas sensitive to cultural variability and that reflect cross-national collaboration, and to encourage continued theory development that encompasses variability in families; To publish recommendations for governments, educators, agency directors, higher education administrators and the UN office.

Timetable

29 July - 1 August 1994

Funding

NCFR and Grand Cassino Inc.; Amount: \$48,825.00 + \$500.00

Publications

Altergott, Karen, ed. *One world, many families*. Minneapolis, MN: National Council on Family Relations, 1994.

Future of Families: Mandate for New Initiatives: recommendations from workshop to be released January 1995 (Editor, M. Janice Hogan).

Keywords

Family policy; Family research

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The Road to Readiness: Family Needs, Community Resources and Infant and Toddler Development

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Summary

This study, conducted in collaboration with Zero to Three/ National Center for Clinical Infant Programs, focuses on

community and family partnerships that support the emotional and intellectual development of children ages birth to three years. The study poses the following questions: How do community organisations identify infant and toddler needs? How do families use community resources to help their very young children develop in ways that will enable them to succeed in school? How can families and other community agencies and service providers share responsibility for promoting readiness? The study has moved from a broad literature review toward case studies and in-depth analyses of individual communities and intervention programs. Early language development and toddler reading programs provide the particular focus of the fourth year of research.

Timetable

Commenced 1991; In progress

Funding

US Dept. of Education, Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Publications

Morisset, Colleen E. Language and emotional milestones: on the road to readiness. Boston: Center on Families, Communities, Schools and Children's Learning, report no.18, April 1993, 60p.

Keywords

Child development; Preschool children; Home school relationship

and 1993 is being prepared. The main focus is on the development of, and factors affecting the family. This work also involves the preparation of a brief and concise summary of the main conclusions of the identified research works, isolating specific policy implications and making recommendations on each of the research works. In the final analysis possible policy recommendations, with special emphasis on the next course of action to be undertaken by the Department of Social Welfare, will be made.

Timetable

Commenced August 1994; In progress

Funding

From: United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)

Keywords

Family policy; Social policy; Family research

ZAMBIA

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Annotated Bibliography of Identified and Published Research Activities related to the Zambian Family from 1964-1993

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United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)

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Summary

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