



Goals of Phase II of the Project

The overall aim of the project is to develop and disseminate new methods for a family education raising awareness of values. This involves ...

... bringing the issues involved in values education to more age groups and making other areas of family training and political bodies more aware of them.

... raising the number of education experts who have received training.

... developing proven methods further and make them more widely available.

... expanding the national "Values Education" network and increasing the number of joint activities with strong partners.

... raising the project's profile with regard to interculturality, gender and working with fathers.

... extending public relations activities and continuing to raise awareness of values.

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Values Education in Families

Supporting pedagogical practice within family education aimed at raising awareness of values



Best Practice Best Practice Best Practice

Background

“Values Education in Families” is designed to be a national practice-based project that is independent of institutions and independent of world-view. It is run under the patronage of the German Red Cross National Headquarters and supported by the Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (Bundesministerium für Familie, Senioren, Frauen und Jugend).

In the first phase of the project (May 2008 to June 2010) sites in 15 federal states, each representing “best practice”, were selected to develop and implement pedagogic services for a family education to raise awareness of values.

Project activities at the 15 chosen model sites were extremely successful, and the project’s objectives were completely fulfilled. This was confirmed by an evaluation carried out by the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg.

The success of the pilot phase led to Phase II – “Values Education in Families – supporting pedagogical practice within family education aimed at raising awareness of values” – which has been running nationally from July 2010. Building on the results of Phase I of the project, new approaches to pedagogical activities aimed at raising awareness of values are being developed and disseminated across the country in such a way that they will take root and thrive.



Values – working with families

Values cannot be passed on directly. Children internalise them as part of an active process that happens above all through the bonds and relationships children have with their parents and other important attachment figures. Value formation happens especially in day-to-day living. As a result, it is important on a daily basis and as a matter of course to make values in families something tangible.

It is the task of family education that is about values to support families of different backgrounds and with different world views as they go through the process of forming values. Families should be supported in dealing competently and actively with the range of values in their daily environment, and as part of this particular attention should be paid to social and cultural diversity.

Families experience a range of values, particularly as a result of modernisation processes and migration. Family education sees a plurality of values and cultures in a positive light and deals with them by offering a range of services and methods. It goes without saying in modern family education that all forms of the family are appreciated equally, because each one represents a place of solidarity, care and togetherness.



The following principles and beliefs are of particular importance in this regard:

- esteem and appreciation
- respect for diversity
- an orientation to needs and resources
- democratisation of education and training
- support for self-education – life-long learning
- cooperative learning in groups
- participation
- equal opportunities
- gender democracy
- experience before instruction

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