

Good Practice “Project STÄRKE (Strength)”

Section	Indications of contents
Title of programme/ practice	P strength)
Location	Germany Land Baden Württemberg
Main theme	1) Civic participation 2) Young parenthood 3) Transition of young people with an ethnic minority or immigrant background
Practice/Programme-related keywords (10 max)	Parental / family education, voucher system, low threshold
Brief description of programme/ practice (250 words)	Parental education vouchers (child and low threshold offers to support families in special living situations
Target	1) Data on area concerned : - socio-demographic - economic 2) young mothers and fathers
Objectives of programme/ practice	To str o ensure support for parents who normally would not use the offers of family education centres
Content of programme/ practice	The regional association for youth and social affairs (KVJS) is administrating the funds. The money is distributed to the local and regional Youth administration (Jugendämter) according to the number of new-born children. The local youth administration is paying the fees for courses of those education providers which offer free training courses to young parents on the basis of vouchers. All additional funds are distributed to parents which have been identified by these local units as living in a special situation (among them: teenage parents)
Time scale	1) from 2009 to 2013 2) one-shot bonus; an additional support between 500 and 1.000 Euro per family for those families who have to be supported by other counselling offers, including visits at home.

Programme/ practice design	goes back to a decision of the youth ministry conference under the auspices of Baden-Württemberg in 2003. Is based on an inventory of family education in Baden-Württemberg, on experiences of an action programme Famil of a public-private foundation in Baden-Württemberg from 2002 to 2006 and of some model projects, there has been an inventory and recommendation paper of the Deutschen Vereins zur Weiterentwicklung der Familienbildung (2007). fundings have been available after the transformation of the parental allowance system of Baden-Württemberg (2007) 2) Youth administration of Baden Württemberg - Cooperation and coordination between providers of parental education and youth aid.
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