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CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE FAMILY AND OTHER LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

Call for submission of information on written material

The programme "Focus on Children and Families" is one of a series of activities and projects within Directorate General III for Social Cohesion of the Council of Europe to promote social cohesion and tackle policy issues affecting children and families. The programme is co-ordinated by the Forum for Children and Families, which has decided to study children's participation in decision making in families and other living arrangements, schools and community, taking as a starting point article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Knowing that this is an area in which much interesting work has already been done, we want to create an inventory/bibliography of existing materials on **children's participation in the family and in other living arrangements**. We should like to begin by identifying written material/publications (articles, books, papers, studies, description of research projects, unpublished reports, grey literature, etc.) available in the 44 member states of the Council of Europe on this topic.

All providers of information will receive a copy of the inventory/bibliography when finalised

Governments, NGO's, experts, research institutions and other relevant associations in the member states are therefore kindly requested to submit information about written materials which shows how participation of children in families and in other living arrangements takes place (or does not take place) in the different stages of a child's development up to the age of 18 years.

For the purpose of this request the term "participation" should be interpreted as "children expressing their views and these views being given weight in the decision making process".

We would like to receive information about material concerning:

- a) Children's participation in concerns of every day life in the families and other living arrangements (e.g. activities, distribution of resources, rule-setting, etc.)
- b) Children's participation in decision-making when it comes to more specific and/or serious events or conflicts (e.g. moving, family disputes, divorces, etc.).

Materials that give the perspective of children themselves on participation in the family and other living arrangement are of particular interest, but information about material on children's participation seen from an adult point of view are also welcomed.

Materials that show how boys and girls participate equally or differently in the family and in other living arrangements are of particular interest, as well as material in which obstacles to participation in the family and in other living arrangements have been identified.

Material should not date back to before the year 1980.

INFORMATION ABOUT WRITTEN MATERIAL ON CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE FAMILY AND OTHER LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

To be drafted (typed) in English or French and returned, before 1 August 2002 to Ms Siri Farstad, DG III – Social Cohesion, Council of Europe, F – 67075 Strasbourg Cedex, France, preferably to the following E-mail address: siri.farstad@coe.int

Theme of project:

Title of publication or unpublished literature/relevant chapter¹:

Edited by/publisher:

Author:

Ordering party/institution:

Year and place (published):

Languages in which the written material is available:

Name, address, telephone, fax and e-mail of contact person:

Keywords:

Summary description of content (objectives, methods, main findings) max. 1 page:

Target group (age, gender, region):

Where can the publication be purchased/obtained:

Available via internet (URL):

We would be grateful if you could submit 2 copies of the publication (or the unpublished reports) to the Secretariat together with the information.

Please feel free to copy this call and forward it other persons/institutions you think might be able to give relevant information in this regard.

Thank you very much for your help!

¹ If part of a larger study or publication, please also refer to the relevant chapter or section where participation of children in the family or other living arrangement is dealt with. If more than one publication, please copy up this call and give the same kind of information for each publication.