





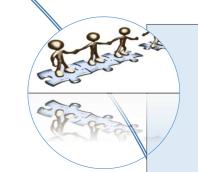


Home support in early childhood intervention. Professional's perception in the north of Portugal

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Introduction

The Early childhood Intervention (ECI) carried out in the natural contexts of the child, particularly at home, has been presenting better and growing indicators of benefits, namely:



Collaborative relationships between families & professionals



Greater knowledge of family functioning, routines, values, beliefs, ...



More positive results in the child's development



Strengthens family choices and decisions

Results

Benefits:

- > Families feel more protected and safer
- A greater collaboration betwen family and professional
- Families are active participants in all moments of the support
- > A better knowledge about family concerns and priorities, child functioning and family routines

Weaknesses

- > Little time to support families
- The caseloads.

Purpose

Identify, analyze, and understand the benefits and weaknesses of ECI support at home.

Method

Participants

- Eight professionals of ECI in the North of Portugal
- They support at home for at least one year
- Supports families once a week and each session lasts between 1 hour and 1.5 hours.

Data Instrument Semi-structured Interview

Data Analysis Content analysis

Conclusions

- Home-based support promotes greater family safety and increases family participation levels in ECI
- Active participation of the family in ECI reinforces its role as an active agent of change and promotion of their children's development
- Use of family and child routines promotes natural learning and development opportunities

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