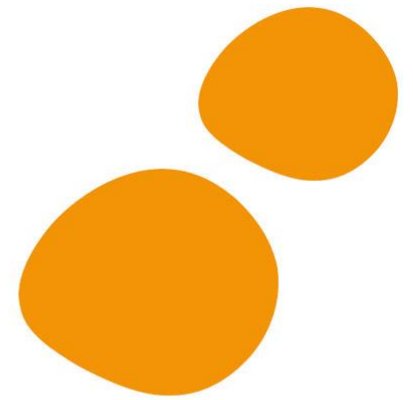


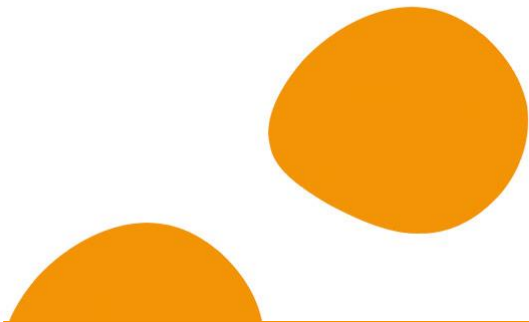


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Child Policy



Horizontal Child Policy

- Best interest of the Child
- Child impact assessment and evaluation
- Child Budgeting
- Child's right to be heard
- Due weight to the Child's opinion
- Research-based policy making

Horizontal Child Policy

- Part of good Governance, not (party) political
- National Children's Welfare Indicators
- National School Health Promotion Study
- How is the Research and Data used in Policy-making?

National Children's Welfare Indicators

- 2011 Working group in the Ministry of Education and Culture
- 2014 Ombudsman for Children Annual Report for the Government
- Now established in sotka.net / National Institute for Health and Well-Being

Material standard of living

- At risk of poverty rate for Children
- Children living in overcrowded conditions

Safe environment to grow up

- Child Mortality
- Pupils who have been bullied at school
- Road traffic deaths among population aged 1-17
- No adult intervention at school to stop bullying
- Experience of sexual violence occasionally or repeatedly
- Problem alcohol use by someone close to the pupil
- Accidental deaths (excl. road traffic deaths) among population aged 1-17
- Hospital care for injuries and poisonings
- Parent's excessive alcohol use has caused harm
- Bullying has stopped or decreased after reporting the bullying

Health and Well-Being

- Does not eat school meals daily
- Has no close friends
- Less physical exercise than one hour a week
- Infant mortality
- Suicide mortality among population aged 0-17
- Moderate or severe anxiety
- Has experimented with illegal drugs at least once
- Experience of sexual intercourse
- Heavy drinking at least once a month
- Daily smoker
- Overweight

School and learning

- Those aged 17 - 24 not in education or training
- Problems with school work environment
- Teachers do not encourage pupils to express their opinions in class
- Teachers are not interested in how the pupil is doing
- Pupils' opinions are not taken into consideration in school work development
- Problems with the atmosphere of learning community

Family, leisure time and social inclusion

- Does not know how to influence school matters in school
- Has no close friends
- Difficult to talk to parents
- No family meals in the afternoon or evening

Support and protection provided by society

- Children aged 0-17 years placed in care or emergency placement according to the last placement decision
- Children aged 0-17 placed in care during the year
- Children aged 0-17 placed in emergency placement during the year
- Child welfare clients in open care, aged 0-17 during year
- No adult intervention at school to stop bullying
- Home help, recipient families with children in services funded by the municipality, during year

Support and protection provided by society

- Children aged 1-2 in municipally funded full-time day care
- Children aged 3-5 in municipally funded full-time day care
- Crime suspects aged 0-14
- Crime suspects aged 15-17
- The number of under 21 year-old suspected offenders in criminal and civil cases that have been referred to mediation
- Induced abortions among girls aged 13-17
- Births among girls aged 13-17
- Bullying has stopped or decreased after reporting the bullying

School Health Promotion Study

- Biannual
- Basic Education classes 4-5 (and parents), 8-9 and Upper Secondary Education classes 1-2
- Recently also information about students according to Gender Identity and Sexual orientation, Ethnic Background, Children in Alternative Care
- Results by municipality / school
- These results are not well enough known nor discussed with pupils

School Health Promotion Study

- Of the pupils in grade 8-9, A
- About 8% had no close friends
- About 7% smokes (15% ten years ago)
- About 70% like to go to school
- About 38% said that teachers are not interested in how the pupil is doing (65% ten years ago)
- About 15% said that the teachers do not encourage the expression of opinion in class (32% ten years ago)
- About 38% said that they can talk about their issues to their parents (22% ten years ago)

Child Policy

- Committee on the Rights of the Child Recommendation 2011: The Committee calls upon the State party to ensure that it undertakes measures to establish an effective mechanism for coordinating the implementation of policies on child rights between all the relevant bodies and institutions at all level.
- The Committee recommends that the State party develop a comprehensive policy and plan of action for the full implementation of the Convention.
- The plan of action should be linked to sectoral, national and municipal strategies and budgets to ensure appropriate allocation of the human, technical and financial resources required for its implementation.

Child Policy

- Ombudsman for Children first parliamentary report 2018:
Child Strategy
- Government decided about the Child strategy
- Only three Ministries are included in it's work
- New Parliament / Government Spring 2019

The Help For Family

- New Social Welfare Act 2015: A family can be given help that are part of Child Welfare services without being "listed as Child Welfare clients.
- Government has given a proposal for a new Children's Custody Act, that will make the court procedures more child-friendly, quick and give more power to the Opinion of the Child.
- Within the reform of the Social and Health Services there is a national aim for Family service center

School Policy

- Provider of Basic instruction can not run profit from the basic Education
- Usually all children in same area go to same school
- Teachers have a Master degree
- Some problems with the free education, such as the availability of ICT devices and School camps that are part of the Curriculum.



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