

Looking at the Future

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Formulating the Icelandic Family Policy



Background

- International Year of the Family in 1994
- First Icelandic Family Policy in 1996
- 2013 Family Policy Reassessed
- Decision Based on Governmental
Testimony



Family Friendly Community

- Different family norms accepted
- Economic stability and secure housing
- Balance between family- and worklife
- Protection from violence and abuse
- Support from alcoholism and other drugs



The Methodology

- Steering group (project management) formulated
- Consultation group formulated
- Our task is to make policy and action plan with clear vision, goals and defined actions in an action plan where it is stated who is in charge, what is the timeframe, cost analysis and measurements.



Steering group

Chairman

3 Ministry of Welfare

1 Ministry of The Interior

1 Ministry of Education, Science and Culture

1 The Icelandic Association of Local
Authoroties

1 University of Iceland (The Faculty of Social
work)

9 in total



Consultation group

- Alpýðusamband Íslands
 - Barnaheill
 - Bandalag háskólamanna
 - Bandalag starfsmanna ríkis og bæja
 - Félagi eldri borgara
 - Félag einstæðra foreldra
 - Félag um foreldrajafnrétti
 - Geðhjálp
 - Hagsmunasamtök heimilanna
 - Heimili og skóli
 - Heilbrigðisvísindasvið Háskóla Íslands
 - Íþrótt- og Ólympíusamband Íslands
 - Kennarasamband Íslands
 - Samtök um kvennaathvarf
 - Landssamband eldri borgara
 - Landssamband æskulýðsfélaga
 - Mannréttindaskrifstofa Íslands
 - Neytendasamtökin
 - Rannsóknarstofnun í barna- og fjölskylduvernd
 - Rauði krossinn á Íslandi
 - Reykjavíkurborg - mannréttindaskrifstofa,
 - Samtök atvinnulífsins
 - Samtök kvenna af erlendum uppruna,
 - Samtökin 78
 - Sjónarhóll
 - Stígamót
 - Unicef á Íslandi
 - Velferðarvaktin
 - Landssamtökin Þroskahjálp, Æskulýðsvettvangurinn
 - Öryrkjabandalag Íslands.
- 31 in total**



Consultation

- 200 ideas, thoughts and action plans
- Broad consensus
- Prioratizing on 40 actions
- Focusing on children and their welfare
- The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child



Chapters – our proposal

- Economy
- Diversity of Families
- Housing
- Children Care, School and Leisure Time
- Children Welfare and Health



Children Welfare and Health

- Cooperation and integration in basic services
- Documentation and processes in child protection
- Coordinated valuation on the support needs of disabled and/or chronically ill children
- Analysing and mapping the resources for children with severe multifarious problems
- Screening for alcohol and/or drug abuses
- Screening for violence, negligence and bullying against children.



Now what?

- Getting feedbacks, finishing the consultation
- Cost assessment
- On the Ministry's website for comments
- Parliamentary resolution in spring 2015



Thank you!

