



Project "My school is my home":

EURLYAID - EAECI is a participative European association of persons interested in developing knowledge and intervening in the area of early childhood intervention, bringing together a working party consisting of researchers, practitioners and representatives of parents' associations from various countries of the European Community. The association, based in Luxembourg, was founded in 1989, during an international conference held in Rotterdam. Today, the growing recognition of the importance of early identification and intervention in problems that affect the overall development of the child, takes this association to develop guidelines and training programs to support the provision. Within this purpose, EURLYAID seeks to contribute to the development of common policies and legislation in the EC, thus ensuring the rights of these children and their families.

At the last conference in Paris, October 2015, EURLYAID celebrated the 25th anniversary and published a booklet about 25 years on Early Intervention in Europe and the challenges in the future.

One of the important statements was about:

3. FAMILY-CENTERED PRACTICE

Finally, we can emphasize that the importance of the family in the course of the differentiation of ECI during the last 20 years is increasingly accepted as fundamental. The opening of the mind towards a holistic view of disability, considering more than the biological factors, embraces the embedding of the child in its family as being crucial. Professionals working in ECI generally acknowledge the right of the parents to be involved in the

process of planning the support and translating it into action – often together with the whole family.

Nevertheless, the quality of cooperation with the family is an issue of time and financial resources. There exists a general acceptance that the family must be involved.....Including families in the support for children with developmental problems is irrefutable as a basis of ECI work in the 21th century. The flexibility of the ECI concepts should be open in financial and intercultural respects to provide the right kind of support even while considering the different necessities and circumstances.

The complete report is published in English, German and French on the Eurllyaid website:

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