

EARLY CHILD CARE FOR CHILDREN UNDER THREE YEARS IN CZECH REPUBLIC

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The child in the family in the 20th century

20th century called Keyová as "**Century of Child**". The position of the child is finally seen as an adult status.

Changes that affect the conditions of education in early childhood:

- • Reducing the number of children in the family, the family is shrinking,
- • The position of women in society and in the family is different.
- • Men take care for children as well as women.

Family, learning and family culture

- Family as first teacher – important for socialization, learning, development...
- We can speak about **family culture** (Cherri, 2008):
 - defined by four basic aspects:
 - The family atmosphere
 - Cohesion
 - Communication
 - Learning in the family

Family culture

- The successful firm and strong relationships in family depend on how intense is sharing (cohesion), communication and family atmosphere. These aspects related to parenting style as a part of family culture. Parenting style is also involved by learning and by experience.
- Parenting style is an influence of parent to child it is caused of these differences include culture, personality, family size, parental background, socioeconomic status, educational level, and religion

Approaches to upbringing

- **Traditional (child-centered) approach** the parent prefers the child's needs at all levels. Parents devote time and interest in the child feels responsible, the main thing is for them to uncritically required satisfaction of the child. In education is governed more by intuition than intellect.
- **Modern (rationally realistic) approach** sees a child as part of the presentation of the family. Parents expect a smooth development and try to purposefully support. They are used to raise a child professional services to clients that place as claims (foreign languages, sports). Follow new trends (intelligent toys) use information (test your child) think and act rationally
- This creates a **variety of alternative approaches** (seeking approach). Parents are trying to return to all natural (breastfeeding), inspired by the natural Nations (carrying a child, listening communication instincts), changing their own lifestyle (leaving the city) to which incorporating the children (vegetarianism, alternative medicine, bio-style).

The family supporting policy of Czech republic

- In 2005, there was the National Concept supporting family policy, social policy which seeks to create opportunities for families with children and also to provide parental education.

There were some instruments how to do it:

- • Promoting financial awards families
- • Support for the family climate in society
- • Support the creation of a safe environment for families with children
- • Popularization of parenthood in society and research in the field of family

In year 2014 Czech republic family support policy did not much change

Types of institutions: Nursery

- The first type of nursery is dated to 1832.
- The first prague nurseries was launched in March 1884 .
- The 1960 law for the pre-designated nursery education for children from birth to three years of age kindergarten for children from three to six years of age and common institutions of nurseries and kindergartens. At the same activities were initiated for the development of a comprehensive educational-educational system for children from birth to six years of age.
- It was gold age of nursery.
- In nowadays Nursery is cancelled as institutional setting, it is not in privilegium of Ministry of health (2012).

Private paid care for children under three years

- According to Law no. 455/1991 Sb., On business can pay private care for children under three years of age realized as bound trade "Caring for a child under three years of age mode" or free trade "Services for children and household" (so-called. baby-sitting). In this case, provides assistance primarily in domestic work and offers only short-term childcare.
- Founder of paid care - private pay care for children aged up to three years may establish a natural or legal person (eg. Ltd.), which owns the trade authorization to carry out this activity (Štěpánková, Jaklová, 2006). Since this is a trade hardcover, is necessary competence, which is a degree in nursing or higher professional education study pediatric nurse or nurse with a focus on

Parent-child activities for children under three years old

- The time of up to three years of age is becoming an important in terms of entertainment for families with children and education and training in the area of parental action, but also acting on the child. There are a lot of possibilities of parent child activities in Czech republic and parents attend them a lot.
- At present there is a large number of educational activities for children up to three years, so they were divided these activities by their specialization into several categories.

Categories of parent child activities

- **Educational programs focused on psychomotor development:** the exercise of babies and toddlers, babies and toddlers massages, swimming, etc..
- **Training programs aimed at developing language:** sign language of deaf babies and toddlers, foreign language for toddlers, music rings etc..
- **Training programs aimed at social development of children:** Morning baby, nursery-schools (corporate, montessori nursery)



Thank you for your attention.