

Abstracts

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Examination of the operation of child welfare services in Hungary

In Hungary child welfare services started with the Child protection Act 1997. Child welfare services are a form of special personal services, using methods and tools of social work aimed at protecting the interests of a child by facilitating the child's physical and mental well-being and upbringing in a family, prevention of endangering a child, terminating already existing harmful and endangering situations and rehabilitation of children removed from their biological families. The Rubeus Association has prepared a survey with the aim to examine the effectiveness of child welfare services and evaluate the realisation of these services. In this study we present the main results of the research relating to the operation of child welfare services and will also analyse future requirements for improvement.

Anita Kürti – Júlia Tincu

The impact assessment of a peer assisted learning program targeting the elimination of reading and reading comprehension in 3rd grade students

During peer assisted learning two or more students form a group in order to learn together by assuming the roles of a tutor and tutee.

The aim of the present study is to eliminate reading and reading comprehension difficulties by peer assisted learning. Our hypothesis suggests that peer assisted learning strategies are more effective than traditional methods in reading and reading comprehension.

3rd grade students with and without reading difficulties participated in the study (n=12). The intervention consisted of 10 sessions. The members of the experiment group studied together in pairs, following the principles of peer assisted learning. The control group performed the same tasks according to traditional teaching methods.

As reported by our results, peer assisted learning did not prove to be significantly more effective than traditional methods, however we intent to highlight the importance and worthiness of application of peer assisted learning strategies.

András Pári

The Hellin-rule nowadays, or whether twin birth rate is predictable?

Hardly any sociological research deal with the twins or families having twins aspects. This paper analyses the chance of having twin babies in Hungary in the past two decades (1990-2012). The author tested the rule of Hellin reflecting the twinning rates in Hungary and did research on the spatial aspects regarding to twin births.

Rita Benke

Social care workers in home care services - on the basis of interviews with carers

The study is about long-term care, based on interviews with attendants examines the identity of the attendants, and the care relationship. The attendants' narratives draw attention to the quality of care relationship and the identity of the attendant are determined mainly by the mental aspect, not the physical aspect of care, which care work is identified with and stigmatized by. Focusing on the care relationship in the training, the everyday life and the judgement of the attendants has primary importance to a high quality and client-focused care work.