



Family Education

What is it?

Family education aims to open the school environment to the families to improve their instrumental education and at the same time to improve their participation in the school and the society.

How does it work?

It consists of proposing a training for the family oriented towards improving skills and essential knowledge important for life in today's society, in order to provide the opportunity to help their children with their homework, to support them in academic issues, the reading... and much more.

Generally, parent-teacher meetings are conducted once a year. Indeed, most teachers contact parents only when their students have academic or behavioral problems. From this point of view, it may be too late for preventing trouble and failures. In order to prevent that, Family Education proposes that families (parents, aunts and uncles, grandparents...) are in charge of deciding what is to be learned and when and how it will be done. Families meet, gather everyone's requirements and consider possibilities for starting training.

They decide on the timetable and which days to train on. The families themselves are the ones who interact, engage in dialogue and decide on which training to aim for and also how it will be undertaken.

- Families proposed what they want to learn and when this would be possible.
- People in the community and volunteers are sought to provide this training.
- Normally a mixed commission is in charge of organizing the various trainings.
- Language, ICT, Literacy, Mathematics trainings are prioritized.



Evidences and results

Previous research have shown that this action contributes to higher self-esteem, perception of well-being and self-confidence thereby, increasing their capacity to participate in discussions and debates, in both students and families. It increases the skills and job opportunities for adults increasing their confidence, and the possibilities for parents to help their children with their homework, creating new meaning about learning and education.

Additionally, it increases the expectations regarding parent's future and that of their children by increasing the motivation to continue studying. It also creates and reinforces social networks.

Materials and resources

Access to information and training to do so.

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