LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND:
Promoting child inclusion through quality education for all

Veneto Region’s experiences in Child Policies

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“Veneto, la famiglia è di casa” in Veneto Family is at home is a slogan that gathers and offers a number of projects promoted and disseminated throughout the whole Region.

Projects that want to stimulate public and private, profit and non-profit organizations, in the search for new organizational and production plants built for families.
Examples of Family friendly projects

• 8,411 family vouchers for families with 4 or more children to 158 single parents and separated of divorced families with small children and difficulties to pay rent and health care.

• Public and private Family Centers with education, social and health care interventions.

• 30 Local Family Alliances with projects in 4 areas of intervention with partners from institutional, public and private sectors

• Project for a Law on Family that deals in an adequate way the new social framework, the new needs to promote the culture of families as a social and productive capital a resource for society.

• The Family Nursaries
Investing in early education: the Family Nurseries, what are they?

- The Family Nurseries project was set up in 2008 by the Ministry for Social Services of the Veneto Region;

- This project offers educational and care services for children aged from 0 to 3 years old by education workers trained through a regional qualification programme;

- Each worker looks after maximum 6 children in their own homes. The care include also meals and nap times;

- The service is coordinated at regional level and the organisers plan, check and monitor the work of the teachers;

- The Veneto Region coordinates, trains and assesses the processes and gives “Family vouchers” to the families that benefit from the service in order to lower the economic costs.
The project promotes services which help families, by promoting working possibilities to a target group who is often excluded from work due to family commitments.

**WHY Family Nurseries:**

- Activation of flexible services
  - Family nurseries which can be adapted to the work and families commitments

- Creation of new working opportunities with new models which promote the reconciliation between work and family life

- Families which can benefit from this service in order to enter and stay in the working environment

- Integration of women in the labour market
WHY Family nurseries:

Advantages of the project

✓ To normalize a type of work which is underestimated and often undeclared (tax evasion, precarious conditions, lack of security, lack of discussion with others who have the same job);

✓ To include a new kind of service within an integrated system of services;

✓ New work competences are introduced in unusual contexts;

✓ Families nurseries allows a small and flexible organization which is adaptable to the needs of children and their families;

✓ These services are flexible, in particular they have flexible opening hours, in order to meet the needs of everyone with variable working hours;

✓ Family Nurseries is an answer to the involvement in the work environment of women interested in maintaining their role within the family;

✓ Family Nurseries is an answer for women who have stopped their professional career in order to have a family.
Family Nurseries Legal base:

**DGR 1502/11**
« Approvazione Linee Guida per la tipologia di servizio Nido in Famiglia della Regione del Veneto: aggiornamento implementazione del sistema regionale dei servizi alla prima infanzia gestiti in civile abitazione». Updating guidelines for Family Nurseries

**DGR 674/08**
“Marchio Famiglia” Family label experimental project Family nurseries

**DGR 4252/08**
“Individuazione dei requisiti, criteri e delle modalità di sostegno delle Unità d’offerta Nido in famiglia.” Selection of the criteria and modalities to support the offers of Family nurseries

**DGR 1502/11**
“Linee Guida per il servizio Nido in Famiglia della Regione del Veneto”. Guidelines for the services of Family nurseries in Veneto.

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Family nurseries guarantee of the system:

• Care and education;
• Competent, flexible and monitored organization;
• Small familiar place with adequate professional competences;
• Sustainability;
• Participation of the public Administration.
RESULTS Family nurseries

Data from the Veneto Region

✓ 346 Families nurseries in the Veneto Region
✓ 607 trained teachers enrolled in the regional lists
✓ 41 organizers
✓ 2000 children
General Conclusions:

• To leave no child behind, **Families nurseries are one example of a tailor made win win solution** in our Region in order to respond to the bigger and changing early education needs of new families.

• The **role of the family is crucial in society**: it is the first support for the social and economic growth of the person. The families have changed over time, they have become smaller and more fragile, however **they are still, the first response to inclusion and the economic crisis**. They are to be protected and safeguarded. It is important for the new generation to be aware of their value.

• The **investment** of the Veneto Region in the Social field for **Family policies** is most relevant more than 800 milion euros second after health care.
Thank you for your attention!  

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