

Utilization of experience in the development of child protection

Experienced companions - Experience knowledge into child protection services

Uuden edessä


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The course of the performance

- Dialogue - experience in substitute care
- Presentation of experienced companions activities
- An experienced companion poem
- Questions



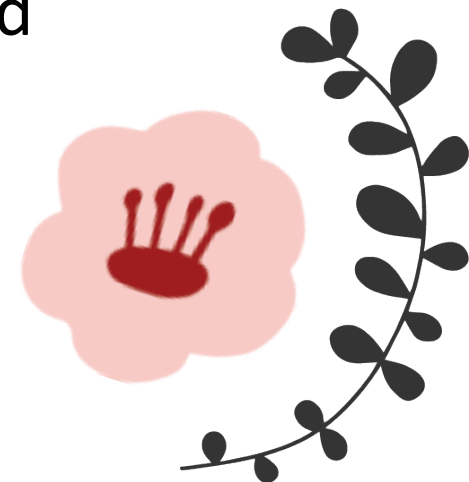


What do you think about when a child's parents seem to burden the social worker and behave unpredictably?





- For the parent, the child is the most important in the world
- The contacts are due to an emergency not getting help
- The parent and social worker speak the same thing in different words
- The same experienced, approachable person is needed to walk alongside
- A parent's better well-being will help him or her face the child





- Only a parent fighting for the child is visible in distress
- Supported by an experiential partner who gives the parent perspectives on emotional reflection
- Peer increases parental understanding and improves cooperation with foster family and social worker
- Support for the parent helps him or her look at the best interests of the child





- Collaboration requires the right attitude
- The peer dares to tell things directly because he seems to understand
- A parent's mentalizing abilities come to the fore when the environment is safe
- The peer helps the parent to say the situation to the social worker





- Everything can go wrong if a parent doesn't come across
- When the collaboration goes smoothly, things can even be taken care of between the parent and the surrogate family
- Less burden on the social worker
- A positive continuum arises when a familiar peer goes hand in hand





Concluding remarks of the dialogue

- Experiential knowledge offers new perspectives
- It's information on what to try

- According to the THL study, experiences with an experience expert are either very or largely positive ([Kostiainen ym. 2014](#))





Kokemuskumppanit

- From a Customer to a Companion-project (Family Rehabilitation Center Lauste)
- Trained experience expert (100h +)
- Peer support tasks & development and advocacy tasks
- Fee-based
- Obligation of confidentiality
- Care



Experienced Companion poem

When a family needs help, going through an experience partner does the same thing.

May be frightening and distressing.

There is a kindergarten, clinic, family work and school. The experienced companion knows what it can feel like.

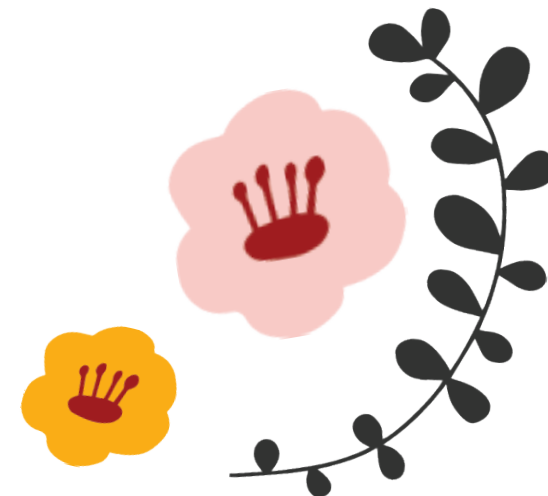
The service is for families, if any. However, the experienced companion activity is unique. There is rehabilitation, outpatient, surrogate, and aftercare, therapy and babysitting, the embarrassment it raises.

There are different families and situations, and there are many different types of experienced companions.

There is an experienced companion with training and experience in our job of listening, encouragement and helping.

Everything may be strange and new, remember, the situation is still not impossible at all.

An experienced companion brings hope and requires only one call.





Ask!

We'll answer.



Kiitos!

