

Implementation of “Frühe Hilfen” in Austria. Annual Progress Report 2024

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Summary

Background

This report describes the activities and conditions for the implementation of “Frühe Hilfen” (Austrian programme of early childhood interventions) in Austria in 2024. The report fulfils the obligation defined in the legal basis for “Frühe Hilfen” (“Frühe-Hilfen-Agreement”) to present an annual progress report on the implementation of the programme. It supplements the FRÜDOK annual report (“Frühe Hilfen. Figures, facts, data”), which primarily presents the results of the analysis of the data collected in the FRÜDOK documentation.

Method

The main basis of the report are the standardised annual reports on the implementation of “Frühe Hilfen” in the respective federal state prepared by the “Frühe Hilfen” Coordination Offices at federal state level – based on a structure defined by the National Coordination Group “Frühe Hilfen” – as well as the activity report of the Austrian National Centre for Early Childhood Interventions. This report summarises the main contents of these annual reports.

Results

In 2024, the new governance structures defined in the “Frühe-Hilfen-Agreement” were established. In all federal states and at a national level through the Austrian National Centre for Early Childhood Interventions, numerous measures were taken in accordance with the specific requirements to ensure good implementation of the programme. Corresponding activities related, for example, to good accessibility of the target groups (families and professionals), training and further education or diverse networking activities. The quality requirements defined in the “Frühe Hilfen” quality standard were largely met.

Conclusion

The implementation of “Frühe Hilfen” in Austria in 2024 has been successful. Thanks to the sustainable anchoring and funding of “Frühe Hilfen”, it has been possible to maintain existing structures, cooperation and synergies and to continue the constructive work with families.

Keywords

Frühe Hilfen, Early Childhood Interventions, Quality Requirements, Implementation Experiences