

# Linköping

Where ideas come to life



## Family support and informal adult learning adapted to the need of different groups

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## Linköping municipality

All inhabitants	2012 12 31	149	000
Born abroad		21	000
Bosnien-Hercegovina		1	137
Iran		1	437
Irak		3	723
Jugoslavien			810
Norden (Finland, Norv	way, Denmark	) 1	447
Somalia		1	624
Germany			553
Others		10	208

14% same as in the whole Sweden

	0-18 years		
	Irak	1832 🦼	
	Somalia	1832 925 447	
	Syrien	447 /	
	Iran	400	
	Bosnien/Hercegovina	330	
4	Jugoslavien	318	

## **Open unemployment in percent**



## Linköpings kommun







Vision – Från hinder till möjlighet

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## Immigrants and disadvantaged groups

- Department of social service
- The Swedish Social Insurance Administration
- Unemployment office
- Adult education

## Brief background about parenting preventively work in Linköping

2000 The first parenting course started in Linköping

2001-2003 Project: The Best for children and youth,

2004 The first Family Welfare Center were established

2004-2009 Continued development work. Pre-schools and schools had opportunity to send proposals for new pedagogical ideas and get funding to test them.

2010-2013 National parenting project

## We offer universal parenting support for all parents

Two tracks

Everyone who wants to participate Immigrants and parents with special needs

## **Proportionate universalism**

To reduce the steepness of the social gradient in health, actions must be universal, but with a scale and intensity that is proportionate to the level of disadvantage.



Closing the gap The Marmot Review 2010

# The basis for our preventively work in Linköping

Those who have the greatest impact of the child's emotional and intellectual development is the parents.

One of the greatest risk factors for a child is to drop out of school or not go through with approved grades

### National focus on parenting 2009-2013

Municipalities and universities together



The institute has since 2009 distributed 1,6 million euro to support 21 different parent support project and two of them in Linköping.

The municipality of Linköping and the University of Linköping together.



## Long-term efforts to promote health and to prevent illness among children.

Three objectives:

1. Increase collaboration in parenting between operators whose activities are directed at parents.



**Objectives:** 

2. Increase the number of health arenas and forums for parents.



3. Increase the number of parents participating in training in health promotion and universal, evidence-based parenting programs.

# National overwiev of support for new immigrants in Sweden

- Plan for establish and housing
- Introduction allowance
- Swedish for immigrants
- Information in their mother tongue about life in Sweden
- Coaching from the unemployment office

# What's then the first and most important needs for migrants with children?

- Information concerning pre-school, schools, social services and other community functions
- Information and discussion about parenting in Sweden
- Opportunity to practice speaking Swedish
- Practical help to communicate with different services in the society
- Help with home work for both adults and children

## What we offers to parents (and children)

- "Bridge Builders" (link persons) on family welfare center and schools
- "To be a parent I Sweden". A course for information and discussion about parenting with tutors who speaks their own language, also in collaboration with the adult learning Swedish for immigrants.
- Parenting courses with tutors who are speaking their native language, e.g. Cope
- Activities in the local areas e.g. different courses: seewing, cafees for speaking swedish, learn to cycling, gymnastic for women also with tutors who speak Swedish.
- Family learning parents and children learn together

### Who can support?

#### Mother tongue teachers is a big resource!

**Double-cultural competence** 

**Trusth worthy** 

Mother tongue teachers has been the key to reach the newly arrived parents, but also earlier immigrant parents who for various reasons need information in their native language.

Native educators are role models of high status.

Good recruitment possibilities when new language groups arrives.

## Bridge builder

Family welfare center

Local group activities

#### In schools

Operate as a cultural and linguistic links between parents and professionals. They establish personal contact with parents through their professional capacity and network and provide information about activities, motivate to visit activities and self participate.

The number of parents with different ethnic background than Swedish has increased at the family welfare centers.

Group activities has started with leaders who is both compatriots and Swedes.

Knowledge transfer to the Swedish personnel through working together.

## Family welfare center

#### A meeting point for all parents with children 0-5 year

## A family welfare center include maternal health, child health, open pre-school and social services with emphasis on prevention.

On a family welfare center, several professional groups such as midwives, nurses, preschool teachers and social workers work together.

The objective of the activity is to take the whole family's lives to promote good health among children and parents by:

- be available as a close venue
- strengthen the social network around the children and parents
- create work where parents and children are involved
- provide easily accessible support
- be a knowledge and information center

Just an inspiring picture.....



## Being a parent in Sweden

In the mother tongue for target groups and also in cooperation with Swedish for immigrants.

- 5-8 occasions x 2 hours.

- Parents need more knowledge about Swedish conditions to be able to better support their children's development

#### Themes:

- The Swedish education system.

- Parents responsibilities, obligations and rights concerning preschool and school. The school's mission and responsibilities

- Parent's important role in child development
- Attention and praise in intercourse with the child.
- Equality





A bridge builder in action on a Family Welfare Center



#### Different methods and courses

## **Parenting courses**

#### **On different languages**

Approximately 40 tutors, whereof 20 with arabic, somalisk, romani and bosnian as mother tongue.

<ul> <li>Copeing with toddlers</li> </ul>	1-3 years
COPE	3-12
KOMET	3-11
Connect	11-15
<ul> <li>Teenage-COPE</li> </ul>	13-18

Special designed short courses

www.linkoping.se/familjeprogram

## **Family learning**

- Parents and children work together
- We used the method for migrants and their children who needs support in their language development
- Using topics designed to meet the needs of the group
- Make the parents aware that they are their childrens most important teacher
- Bridge builder together with a Swedish pedagogue

### Bridgebuilders as tutors in the local districts

Gymnastics for women.

Sew and talking Swedish

Parenting courses

Swim lessons for adults

Learning to cycling

Swedish leaders together with bridge builders

### Integration step-by-step

Step 1: Information and discussion in divided groups and in your own language with fellow countrymen.

Step 2: E.g. Arabic and Somalian together with two bridge builders in both languages.

Step 3: Together with bridge builders and "Swedish" tutors, sometimes outside the local area.

Step 4: Participate in other activities in the society, e.g. NGO, sport, libraries, cultural events.

Step 5: Be a inclusive member of the Swedish society



### Argument for universal work on a population



90 % - no visible problems



7 % - risk group

3 % - group with problems

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## The End

