

Child Neglect: Welfare practice yesterday and today

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Our study

Public discourse

- 1574 articles from daily and weekly newspapers of three Swiss language regions (time frame 2009-10 and 2018-19)

Political discourse

- 251 Council documents, reports and official hearings of commissions, parliament debates protocols, federal council statements (two time frames 2009-10 and 2018-19)

Expert discourse

- 53 files from 5 cantons (two time frames 2009-10 and 2018-19)
- 13 observations of decision making process and 21 interviews with experts
- Sociological in-depth analysis in two cantons (time frame 1981 – 2019)

Perspective of affected mothers

- 12 problem-centred interviews with mothers



Selected results

1. Parental will and the invisible child
2. Myth of the family: Familism and motherism
3. Neglecting the social situation of families

Current challenges

1. Overcoming familism
2. Integration of different professional perspectives
3. Consideration of the family's life situation

