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## **"Family Midwives" - Emotional and Social-Psychological support and care for all kinds of families**

The true meaning behind Early Childhood Support allows us to identify and provide effective early support to parents and their new-borns and children before problems occur.

Effective Early Childhood Support works to prevent problems occurring, or to tackle them directly before problems get worse.

The Early Childhood Support goals in Germany derive from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), according to which all children have the right to protection, support, and participation, 'irrespective of the child's or his or her parents' or legal guardians' race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, property, disability, birth or other status' (Art. 2, Section 1, CRC).

The work of the "Family Midwives" within the Early Child Support schemes is available in all federal states in Germany.

The Family Midwives are employed in Mother Child Support Projects taking care of single parent women, or men, pregnant women and mothers and fathers, who live in communal institutions with an absence of social support within their family.

Early Childhood support through Family Midwives offers a variety of support for families with children up to the age of three.

Family Midwifery acts on behalf of health promotion and health prevention. The psychosocial, emotional, and medical counselling and support of families in need is of utmost importance. The work involves regular home visits and home care with the interdisciplinary cooperation with other professionals.

Family Midwives work with Doctors, Social workers, Welfare services, Teachers, Educators, Government run-facilities, public facilities, and other such social services.

Continuity of care with a trusted professional who has the competence to set up and maintain a medical and social network with support during and after pregnancy, by taking care of parents with their new-borns and small children of up to three years of age is of utter importance to fulfil the goals an idea of a targeted Early Childhood Support.

### **Recent Publications**

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## **Biography**

Jaque-Rodney in 2000 has been the Co-founder of the network Family Midwives. In 2001, she has been Provision of the Internet presence [www.familienhebamme.de](http://www.familienhebamme.de) - the first online portal for family midwives. In 2004 – 2005, Contribution towards the German Midwifery Association (DHV) curriculum "From the Midwife to the Family Midwife" and to the professional profile "The Family Midwife". 2007 First Family Midwives' representative of the state association of Family Midwives in North Rhine-Westphalia. 2008 Development and implementation of the "Bochum Prenatal Prevention Project" as a Family Midwife and project coordinator at the public health department of the city Bochum. 2009 Member of the expert commission "Child Protection" of the Ministry "Children and Youth" of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia. 2010 Member of the German Midwifery Associations (DHV) commission "Family Midwifery". Since 2010 Organiser the advanced training courses "From the Midwife to the Family Midwife" in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia. 2011 Completion of studies (BSc) of Midwifery Sciences at Caledonian University of Glasgow UNICEF New Year reception. Since 2012 Development and implementation of Mülheim's Early Prevention project "For a Good Start into Life" as a project manager and coordinator of Mülheim's Social Urban Development Company Ltd. (Mülheimer Gesellschaft für soziale Stadtentwicklung mbH). 2012 Contribution towards the guideline for municipalities "The Deployment of Family Midwives in Early Prevention Networks" of the National Center for Early Prevention (Nationales Zentrum Frühe Hilfen – NZFH). 2012 Contribution towards the "Competence Profile Family Midwives" of the National Center for Early Prevention (NZFH).

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