EXPERT CONSULTATION ON FAMILY AND PARENTING SUPPORT
UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti Florence

AGENDA
26-27 May 2014

The aim of this consultation is to bring together academics, researchers, UN agencies and civil society organizations to discuss concepts, frameworks, policy orientations and elements of provision in relation to family and parenting support in different settings. Expected outcomes of the meeting are as follow:

- Clarification/finalisation of the conceptual and analytical framework that links policy to impact of interventions and examines the continuum of services for multiple outcomes
- Defined further steps and contributions to the selected case studies
- Identification of gaps in evidence and future research priorities
- Development of a reference group to advance research and strategy on family and parenting support and defining roles/contributions of different actors: UN, academia, civil society

DAY ONE
26 May 2014

9:00 – 9:30 Arrival and registration

9:30 – 9:45 Welcome and introduction – Marie-Claude Martin, Director, a. i. Office of Research, Innocenti (OoR)

PART 1 – OOR/Oxford University research on Family and Parenting Support
Moderator: Goran Holmqvist, Associate Director, OoR

09:45 – 10:00 Jasmina Byrne, OoR - Background and a broad research framework
10:00 – 10:45 Mary Daly, Professor, Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford - Presentation of the preliminary findings “Family and Parenting Support: Analytical Framework and Key Orientations in Policy and Provision”
10:45 – 11:00 Jasmina Byrne and Alice Margaria OoR - Overview analysis of UNICEF supported policy and provision in middle and lower income countries

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee
11:30 – 13:00 Discussion about the analytical framework and the findings with introductory remarks from:

- Andrew Dawes, University of Cape Town (South Africa)
- Maria Herczog, Associate Professor at Eszterhazy College, Budapest and Member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

PART 2 – DRIVERS OF POLICY AND PROVISION – Why has there been an emerging interest in family and parenting support and what are the implications?

Moderator: Mary Catherine Maternowska, OoR

14:00 – 15:30

- Maureen Samms-Vaughan, Professor, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Child Health, Faculty of Medical Sciences, The University of the West Indies - Jamaica case study
- Ninoslava Pecnik, Professor, Department of Social Work, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb - Croatia case study
- Lena Karlsson, Director, Child Protection Initiative, Save the Children Stockholm
- Jana Hainsworth, Secretary General, Eurochild, Brussels, Belgium

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee

16:00 – 16:20 LESSONS FROM RESEARCH

- Jenny Pearce, Professor of Young People and Public Policy at the University of Bedfordshire, UK, and John Coleman, Senior Research Fellow in the Department of Education at Oxford University, Parenting teenage victims and perpetrators of violence: lessons from research on prevention and support

DISCUSSION

Moderator: Andrew Mawson, OoR
DAY TWO
27 May 2014

PART 3 — THE NATURE AND CONTINUUM OF SERVICES AND NEEDS:
Moderator: Clarice Da Silva and Peter Gross, UNICEF NYHQ

9:00 – 09:45
Pat Dolan, Professor and Carmel Devaney, Lecturer and Researcher
UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre, School of Political Science and
Sociology, Research and Innovation Centre, NUI Galway – Family support
for families at risk

09:45 – 10:30
Bernadette Madrid, University of the Philippines, Director of the Child
Protection Unit, Philippines - Parenting support in the context of violence
prevention
Rosana Morgado, Professor, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro Brazil –
Violence prevention: how to ensure parenting support

10:30 – 11:00  Coffee

Moderator: Heidi Loening-Voysdey, UNICEF South Africa

11:00 – 11:20  Lorraine Sherr, Professor, University College London– Parenting support in
the context of HIV
11:20 – 11:50  Elana Gaia, Social Policy Specialist, UNICEF CEE/CIS and Denise
Stuckenbruck, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF ESARO – Family support
and social protection
11:50 -12:10  Florence Martin, Senior Coordinator, Better Care Network – Family
support for prevention of family separation
12:10 – 13: 00  Discussion

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch

PART 4 — FAMILY AND COMMUNITY: Gendered Roles and Community Participation
Moderator: Prerna Banati, UNICEF OoR

14:00 – 14:30  Ruti Levtov, Program Officer Promundo-US and Co-Coodinator of the
MenCare Campaign
14:30 – 15:00  Emebet Mulugeta – Associate Professor, Institute of Gender Studies and
Psychology, Addis Ababa – Gender Assigned Roles and Parenting –
Ethiopia Case Study
15:00 – 15:30  Professor Mark Brennan, UNESCO Chair in Rural Community, Leadership, and Youth Development, The Pennsylvania State University, US

PART 5 – CONCLUSIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONTINUED COLLABORATION
Moderators: Goran Holmqvist

16: 30 closing