PREVENTATIVE FAMILY ASSESSMENT IN THE BASQUE COUNTRY

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Background and aims: within the framework of an agreement between the Family & Infancy Service and Basque Country University (Faculty of Psychology), a new family preventative assessment service was implemented in Vitoria-Gasteiz City Council. Methods: a group of 100 families of two year old children, were assessed through home visiting procedure using the HES-2 which assess a wide range of parenting competencies and family context variables, subsequently families were provided with a series of everyday parenting guidelines. Results: empirical evidence of the effectiveness of family assessment and parenting advice was obtained. Conclusions: a regular, evidence based, preventative family assessment strategy should be implemented in school, health and social services.