

Family Group Conferencing / Familienrat in Germany 2020

Germany: 357,021 km², 81,2 million inhabitants

The german-speaking network is divided in regional networks that meet several times a year to support each other and interested communities. The contact persons in the regions distribute information about FGC – trainings, questions, publications etc.

14th “German speaking network meeting FGC”

with participants from Husum to Graz in the south, should have been held from 15th till 16th Oktober 2020 in Stuttgart.

Due to Covid-19 we had to postpone the meeting to 29.9.21-1.10.21 in Stuttgart!

On Thursday we had a small gathering of:



NETZWERKKONFERENZEN e.V.
Forum zur Förderung von Conferencing-Verfahren

NGO to promote structural implementation and all issues around FGC and other conferencings and circles

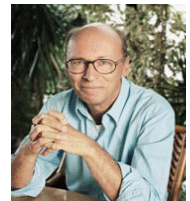
Friday we had the yearly FGC-workshop...open for everyone *ONLINE*- as a small substitute!

„...we do not want anyone to know about our problems! „

Dignity and Shame: Dr Stephan Marks

"Shame is a painful, often overlooked emotion that can become acute in any work with people, for example when clients are ashamed of their origins, poverty or need of help. Undetected feelings of shame can lead to depression, withdrawal or addiction - or can turn into cynicism, defiance or aggression. Therefore, it is important for everyone who works with people to recognize shame and to be able to deal with it constructively.

Because although it is painful, it also has positive functions. In his lecture (from the perspective of psychology, social psychology and brain research), Dr. Marks provides the basic information about shame. We will then discuss the impulses for the work with FGC.



We had 30 participants



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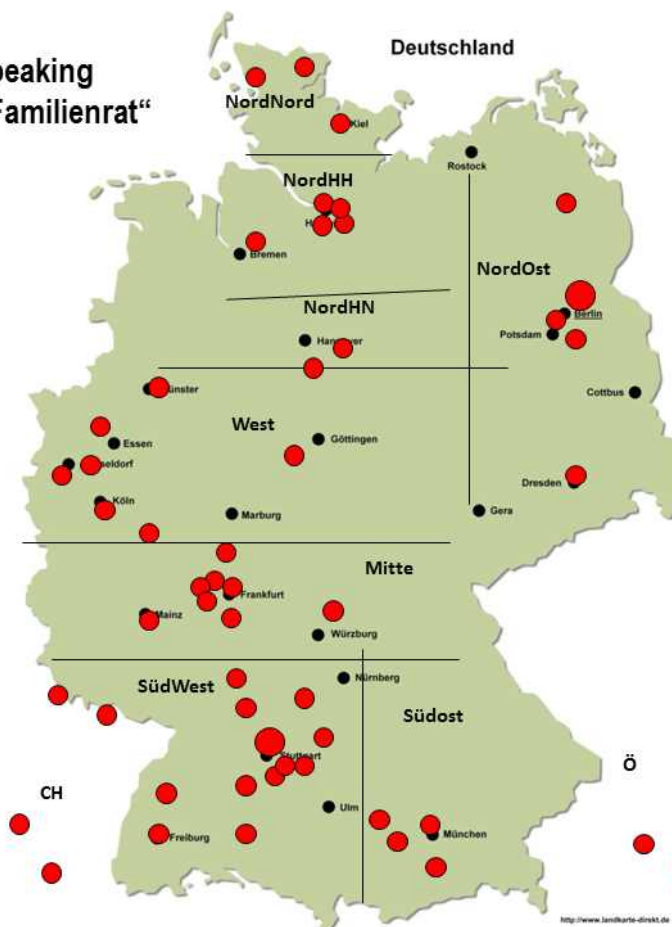
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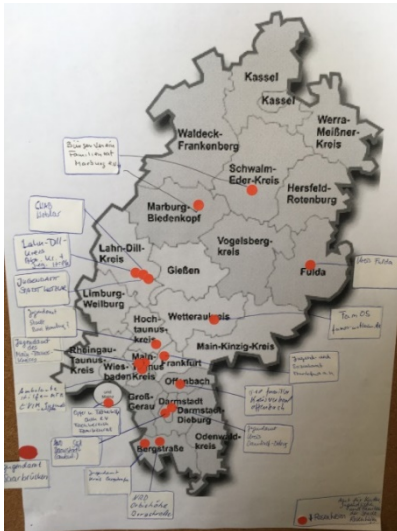
German speaking network „Familienrat“



The regions – due to COVID everyone is “under construction” these is mostly information from 2019

[Das Regionale Netzwerk Familienrat Mitte grüßt Bratislava! Greetings from Network „Mitte“ to Bratislava!](#)

Our Network...



- ... is made up of Hessen plus Mainz
- ... we meet 3 x / year
- ... consists of youth welfare offices + private agencies
- ... is a continuous participant of the german-speaking fgc-networkmeeting
- ... is steadily growing a little bit

- ... we love fgc !
- ... our statement: fgc is a right for every family!
- ... our challenge: more fgc to everybody !

... we love growing and getting more

... and one member of the board of our fgc-association NetKo e.V. works with us in our regional network

Stuttgart
2019

FGC 2019

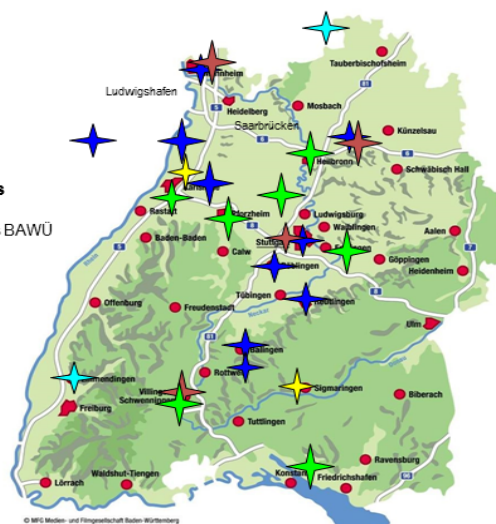
- Interested communities
- First steps
- Projects
- Permanent structures and funding

FGC in Education and Trainings

- University of applied sciences BAWU
- FamilienRat-Büro Stuttgart
- SKF Karlsruhe
- IB Mannheim

Semiannual Meetings:
Information
Networking
Support
Development

network southwest



Several cities and regions are working with FGC's. Organisation and structures are mirroring the german variety. Persons in the social service (quite successfull in Freiburg Hochschwarzwald), trained social workers as coordinators working for help providers (Karlsruhe, Reutlingen, Ludwigshafen, Mannheim and trained citizens as coordinators (Stuttgart, Böblingen). Universities of applied sciences in Mannheim and Villingen Schwenningen include FGC in their studies. We are using FGC in childprotection, families in need of support, in questions of young offenders, in futureplanning for elderlies and adults. Successfully also for example in questions of domestic violence in refugee homes.

Stuttgart 2020

450 FGC'S so far

approx. 80 per year

Mostly childprotection, divorce related questions and questions around mental health issues.

project FGC + stationary care:

25 experiences

Workshop

FR and stationary helps :

Family, stationary care, custerfamilies partnership for the wellbeing of children, Prof. Dr. J. Faltermeyer

FGC and Corona:

People are in need of families and friends!



Conference

Workshop Autumn 2020 :

...we do not want anyone to know about our problems!

Dignity and Shame: Dr. Stephan Marks

JIPIEH: 10 Years FamilienRat-Büro!!!

We will have a 11 years celebration next year!!!

Fürstenfeldbruck 2019: Let's get it started!



FGC started in 2019 for the city Puchheim (20000 Inhabitants).

The pilot experiment:

FGC as a mandatory part of the counseling for families in the child protective service.

27 requests in 2019:

7 FGC's realised, 7 at work, 6 families quitted the preparations, 5 preparations will start soon.

18 citizens as coordinators.

Cooperation partners of the pilot experiment: Landratsamt

Fürstenfeldbruck,

Stadt Puchheim & Gesellschaft für Jugend- und Familienhilfe e.V.

Rosenheim:

Working to increase the level of awareness

60.000 inhabitants

FGC since 2012

Every family with children (up to ~21years) can have a FGC.

15 requests for FGC in 2019

12 citizens as coordinators

1 professional social worker/fgc coordinator (20 hours/week):

- Public relations
- Coach for the citizen coordinators
- Contact partner for child protective services



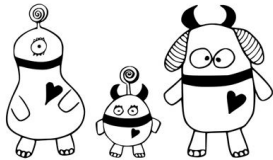
Steffi, 16 years old, lives in a children's home.

At home there had been a lot of shouting with the father. The father misses Steffi. Steffi misses her father. But there has been so much trouble. Can they live together again?

Familienrat
Zusammen. Mit Freunden und Familie.

A Family Group Conference can be helpful.

Familienratsbüro 0049 - 8031 / 352 8067



Family Group Conference

Together. With friends and family.

Region North East

Berlin:



- 15th year of fgc in Berlin-Mitte
- mostly scattered professional community → efforts for a relaunch of regular talks and exchange are being made
- four of twelve districts with dedicated fgc-offices "Familienratsbüro" run by ngos → option for citizens to apply for a fgc directly without necessarily contacting youth welfare services first
- city-wide guideline by the senate on how to put fgcs to best use in youth welfare in the making; debate on eventual financing overshadowing the process



fgc in Hamburg

- - 12 offices in the city of Hamburg since almost 4 years
 - - easy and low- threshold approach for the families (no request or application needed)
 - - youth welfare service not necessarily needed
 - - 3 times/ year trainings for professionals and for coordinators
 - - slow progress in implementaion
- - best structures **do not** mean best results
- - good structures help for implementation, but a change of mindset is needed
- October 2020 germanspeaking start of the second edition of further education on the University of Applied Sciences in Hamburg to get the certified degree for facilitators FG-+ multiple circle- conference proceedings.
- So STEP BY STEP ... and even in Covid - Times --- FGC's based online with an intensive work of preparation, mainly to make sure that everybody who needs it would have an advocacy person on his/her/its side!!!!