

# Good practice in development of family-based care for children

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# Family-based care

- Working within the family
- Working with family-based placement alternatives

# Working in the family home

- Programs addressing parent skills and qualities of family life
  - Multisystemic Therapy (MST)
  - Parent Management Training (PMT)
  - The Incredible Years /Webster-Stratton

# Working with families as the placement alternative

- Differentiation seems to be very important (Storø et al 2010)
- Kinship care (Thørnblad 2009)
- Matching (Backe-Hansen et al 2010, Sinclair & Wilson 2003)
- Training, support and supervision (Backe-Hansen et al 2010, Ianke & Thorød 2006)
- Contact with the birth family (Backe-Hansen et al 2010)
- Children and young people with a minority background (Backe-Hansen et al 2010)

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# Question

- Are the systems for working with children and young people in your countries flexible enough to allow for individual differentiation (so that each child will be offered the help that he or she needs, chosen on the basis of an assessment of individual needs)?