



***Health care guarantees for children and parents;  
education and responsibility increase of parents,  
strengthening of family values***

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Contribution of obstetrics and gynecology to the healthy demography  
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The role of the family in the child's health

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Social campaigns and the involvement of the non-governmental sector in  
strengthening family values

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Healthy family psycho-emotional development

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## ***RECOMMENDATIONS***

### **Strengthening of family values in society**

- Provide public funding to co-finance the non-governmental organizations working on family and demographic issues and advocating family interests: to strengthen value of a child and a prestige of a large family,
- Provide state funded educational programs for parents to raise knowledge and responsibility as a parent.



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### **Strengthening of family values in society**

- Provide social campaigns with governmental and non-governmental support about the importance of responsibility to be a parent (including need for sufficient attention, elementary first aid skills, etc)
- Raise the parental pride by positive campaigns, public recognition which respectively ends in families with more children



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### **Strengthening the role of the father**

- Use legislative means insisting on Father's involvement like Father's quota during parental leave,
- Provide public campaigns to raise the father's status in society and diminish societal prejudices of the father's involvement in childcare



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### **Raising responsibility**

- Establish day to day cooperation between kindergartens, the child welfare services and family doctors to eradicate the cases when a child's living conditions are damaging to his health and development;
- Strengthening the inspection system to support and educate rather than punish parents without parental skills



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### **Raising responsibility**

- Change attitude of society to keep alert not only for own children
- Implement the targeted and long-term programs and campaigns to reduce child traumatism.



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### **Healthy family today and tomorrow**

- Provide life-long educational support for a healthy parenthood
- Provide rights to health: being continuously informed about health, its safeguarding in all periods of life as well as importance of reproductive health
- Develop versatile and extended support and services for children and parents during prenatal and postnatal period.