

Early Childhood Intervention in Germany

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Early Childhood Intervention in Germany

2006: Start of the Federal Government's commitment

- Gaps in the child protection system became obvious (Kevin)
- KiGGs Study: 20 percent of children show mental health problems

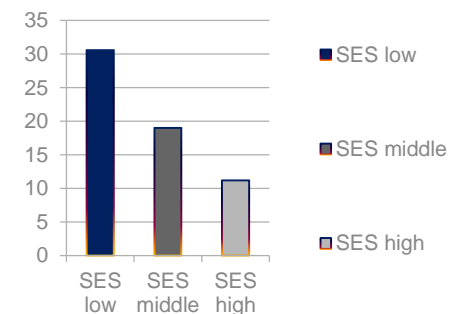


Analysis:

- Increased risk of adversities in childhood,
- Poor child health and developmental outcomes,

➔ *are both statistically linked to psychosocial burden*

Mental Health Problems in children
3 – 17 and SES (2006)



Psychosocial burdens like...

- ...high parental stress
- ...poverty
- ...symptoms of parental mental health disorders
- ...parental adverse childhood experiences
- ...frequent conflicts
- ...young parenthood



➤ poor parental capabilities



➤ Children's poor health and developmental outcomes

➤ risk of maltreatment

Salzmann D, Lorenz S, Sann A, Fullerton B, Liel C, Schreier A, Eickhorst A, Walper S. How are families with small children in Germany? In: ECI Data Report 2017. Köln

Early Childhood Intervention. Federal Program

Vision: **Equal opportunities for all children**
(WHO Nurturing Care Framework)

Every child has the right to grow up healthy and safe
(Administrative Agreement between the Federal Government and
the Länder)

Goal: **Improved psychosocial care for families in need** (targeted
support)

Strategy: Support should be **prevention oriented; strictly voluntary**

Early Childhood Intervention in Germany. Core Elements of the Federal Program

Cross-sectoral ECI Networks

- Ca. 550 municipalities, network coordinators
- Members: health, social services, others



Voluntary targeted support

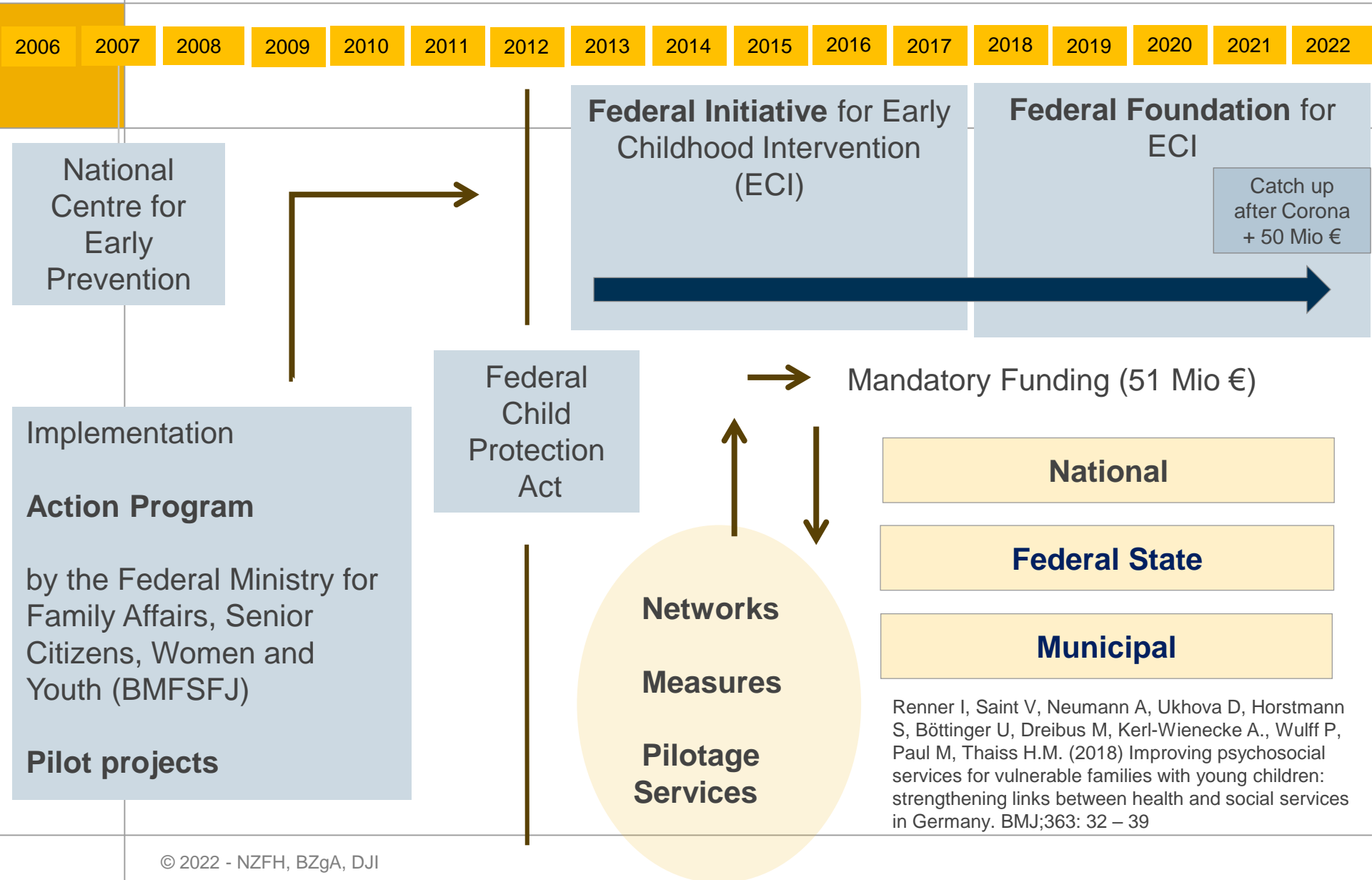
- E.g. longterm home visiting services by healthcare professionals with additional qualification (family midwives, nurses)



„Pilotage Services“ in health settings

- early identification, counselling, referral to support services





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