

## Comments Procedure: Quality Standard for Early Childhood Interventions

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### Summary

#### Background

In the course of the implementation of the regional early childhood intervention networks in the years 2015 to 2017, it became clear that a quality standard, which serves as orientation for the existing networks and for further expansion, is needed and desired in addition to the already established instruments for quality assurance. The development, testing and evaluation of a quality standard for early childhood interventions was therefore explicitly included in the mandate for the National Centre for Early Childhood Interventions (NZFH.at) for the 2018–2021 funding period. A first draft of the quality standard was drawn up by NZFH.at with the involvement of early aid coordinators and subsequently submitted to a comments procedure.

#### Methods

The central regional implementation partners and various committees of NZFH.at were invited to submit comments. They were explicitly requested to coordinate their comments with other relevant persons from their professional or regional network etc. This should ensure the broad involvement of the relevant stakeholders. The comments received and the form in which they were taken into account or processed have been prepared and documented in this report.

#### Results/Findings

The comments received show broad support for the draft quality standard for early childhood interventions. They also contain numerous comments and suggestions with regard to specific quality requirements.

#### Conclusion

Many comments and suggestions were taken into account in the revision of the draft quality standard for early childhood interventions. In particular, quality requirements for which there has been controversial feedback will be examined more closely in the evaluation.

**Keywords**

early childhood interventions, quality standard, comments procedure

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