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**Child guarantee event
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About Gezinsbond (Belgium, Flanders)

Independent Flemish family organization

members: more than 200,000 families

12,000 volunteers in local communities

140 professional staff

We work for **all families**

Values: non-discrimination, inclusion, solidarity

3 pillars: advocacy/local activities/support services



Child poverty in Belgium:

- 1 child in 5 grows up in poverty ; most at risk in single parents/large /low educated / migrant families
- Poverty Policy is a shared responsibility :Federal/Regional/local gov.
- Gezinsbond focus : Preventing + counteracting poverty

Child poverty = family poverty

Proportional universalism

Priority : first years of live of all children



Policy levers/ Priorities :

Jobsecurity – Raise social benefits

Grant social rights automatically with family modulation

Extra Child benefits for low income families

Maintenance for children: service for claims ,DAVO ; objective calculation

Income related contribution in ECEC

Accessible and affordable healthcare : free for children/3 party payer scheme



Fight against poverty = priority ! Childguarantee ! +++

- + childstandards and participation of children
- + affordability is not sufficient, attention for other barriers

Child poverty = family poverty :

- + strenghtening families:
 - * parenting support
 - * financial support : VAT reduction essential children products



Thanks for your attention

More Info

www.gezinsbond.be

