

## Projects are conducted in the following fields

- Rehabilitation, education and care for persons with disabilities
- Education
- Child, youth and family services
- Health care / community psychiatry
- Labour market policy
- Social and labour market policy
- Organisation and social environment
- Migration and demography

## ZPE and its publications

The ZPE publishes results of research projects in an own edition ("ZPE-Schriftenreihe"). The publications are available in the book trade as well as directly at the ZPE office or online .

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## Centre for Planning and Evaluation of Social Services (ZPE)

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## The (ZPE)

The Centre for Planning and Evaluation of Social Services (ZPE) is an interdisciplinary scientific unit of the University of Siegen. The research centre wants to function as a bridge between theoretical developments on the one side and conceptual and practical developments on the other side.

Demographic and economic changes in society, and consequently in social service provision, have led to far reaching challenges. New processes of exclusion and inclusion are taking place in parallel. This requires evaluation and change of the concepts of social support, education and health care as well as the reflection of professional roles in social work.

Social work is confronted with challenges concerning

- the guiding principles like participation, self-determination and self-organisation of the addressees change the requirements for professional action,
- processes of individualisation of life courses require personalised concepts of assistance,
- resource-orientated professional action require a continuing evaluation of social, educational and health care programs,
- new concepts arise for the academic training and further education of pedagogical and social care professions.

These challenges similarly arise in every country with developed welfare-state systems. Hence for the ZPE the cooperation on a European and international level is of high importance and essential part of activities.

## Areas of Work

The activities of the ZPE refer to theory development, research and consultation in the social work, education, health care sector and social policy.

They include:

- Further development of scientific research approaches and theoretical concepts,
- evaluation and analysis of processes on a personal, institutional and societal level,
- professional, structural and organisational-sociological dimensions of social work, education and health care,
- evaluation of intended and unintended effects of professional work and its structural framing.



## Activities

- development of concepts and instruments for planning, evaluation research and quality management
- scientific analysis and evaluation of socio-political programs and services in educational, social and health care sectors
- consultation of organisations, associations, government bodies and social administration boards
- qualification and further education as well as organisation of national- and international workshops, seminars, and conferences.

## Possibilities of scientific qualification

The qualification and training of scientific researchers is an important concern of the ZPE. Students are integrated into research projects, research assistants are supported in their academic qualification.

## Cooperation

The interdisciplinary approach to research questions is supported by the intense cooperation of ZPE-members from different disciplines. Currently there are scientists from the fields of educational science / social work, sociology, social policy, psychology and social medicine working together.

The ZPE is part of regional, national and international networks. The centre cooperates closely with partners from the social and health care sector, with voluntary welfare organisations, with education services as well as with administration boards and governments at the local, federal and national level.

On international level the ZPE is involved in European and international research activities. The centre participates in international workshops, seminars and conferences. Members of the ZPE work in international research projects and cooperate with numerous research centres abroad.

## Academic Teaching

All professors of the ZPE as well as many research assistants contribute to the academic teaching at the University of Siegen. This is done with particular responsibility for the academic courses in the field of Social Work.