

## Summary

The book depicts the activities of child protection development unit project and the results gained during the years 2006-2008. The book brings out the possibilities of regional development work and the future needs for development in child protection work in capital region from the viewpoint of developers and workers who participated in the project.

First, the implementation process of development work is described, bringing out its challenges and successes. Then we go through the development realized in pilot units and developer network and its results in three municipalities of capital region, in Espoo, Helsinki and Vantaa.

As Vantaa's developer network's activities the description of good practices and evaluation process is presented, and the future challenges of network and development work are reflected. Furthermore, we tell about model creation born as a result of development work: situation assessment realized in cooperation between child welfare and A-Clinic. The description has also been selected to web pages on Good Practices of National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health (*STAKES*).

Concerning the City of Espoo, the ESP- family work development process and implementation of working model in Leppävaara non-institutional social care services is described. Furthermore, we reflect the meeting with the young and their participation in the light of literature review and feedback requested from young clients of child protection.

In the Kaarela pilot unit of City of Helsinki the social counsellors and social workers analyze their development work. Different social guidance operation models are described and localized in client process. In addition to this, the child welfare's prevailing work practices are studied, reflecting upon the social worker's authority, responsibility and expertise as a leader of client process of non-institutional social care and substitute care.

The objectives and results of development activities of Herttoniemi-Itäkeskus pilot unit of City of Helsinki are described by bringing out the field workers' experiences on progress of development process and challenges in changing operating environment. The interspace between research and development is studied by analyzing the initiation of practice study and the phenomena in work community relating to it.

Practice study is viewed as an intervention both to client situations and work community.