

# Family Centres in Flanders

Creating equal opportunities for all children and their families

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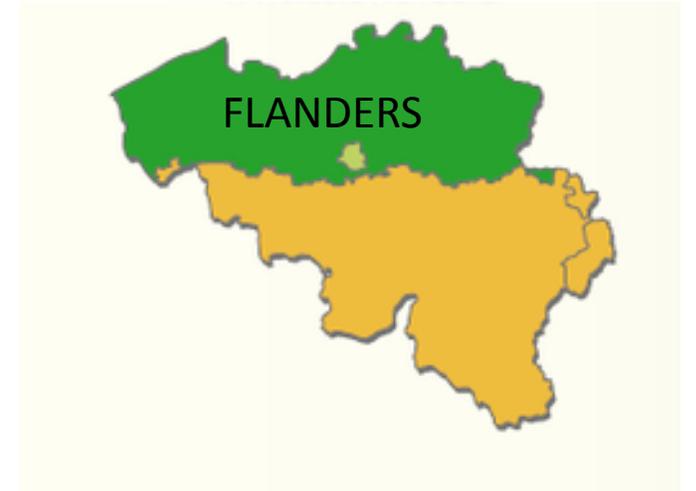
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(= Child & Family)

Agency of the government in Flanders  
Ministry of Welfare, Public Health and Family

Services (infant health services/ 97%)

Active on the policy area of family support + child care + adoption



2010

How can we improve the support for children and their families in Flanders?

2014



The Determinants of Health (1992) Dahlgren and Whitehead

Collaboration

Different life domains

Local level

Proportional universalism



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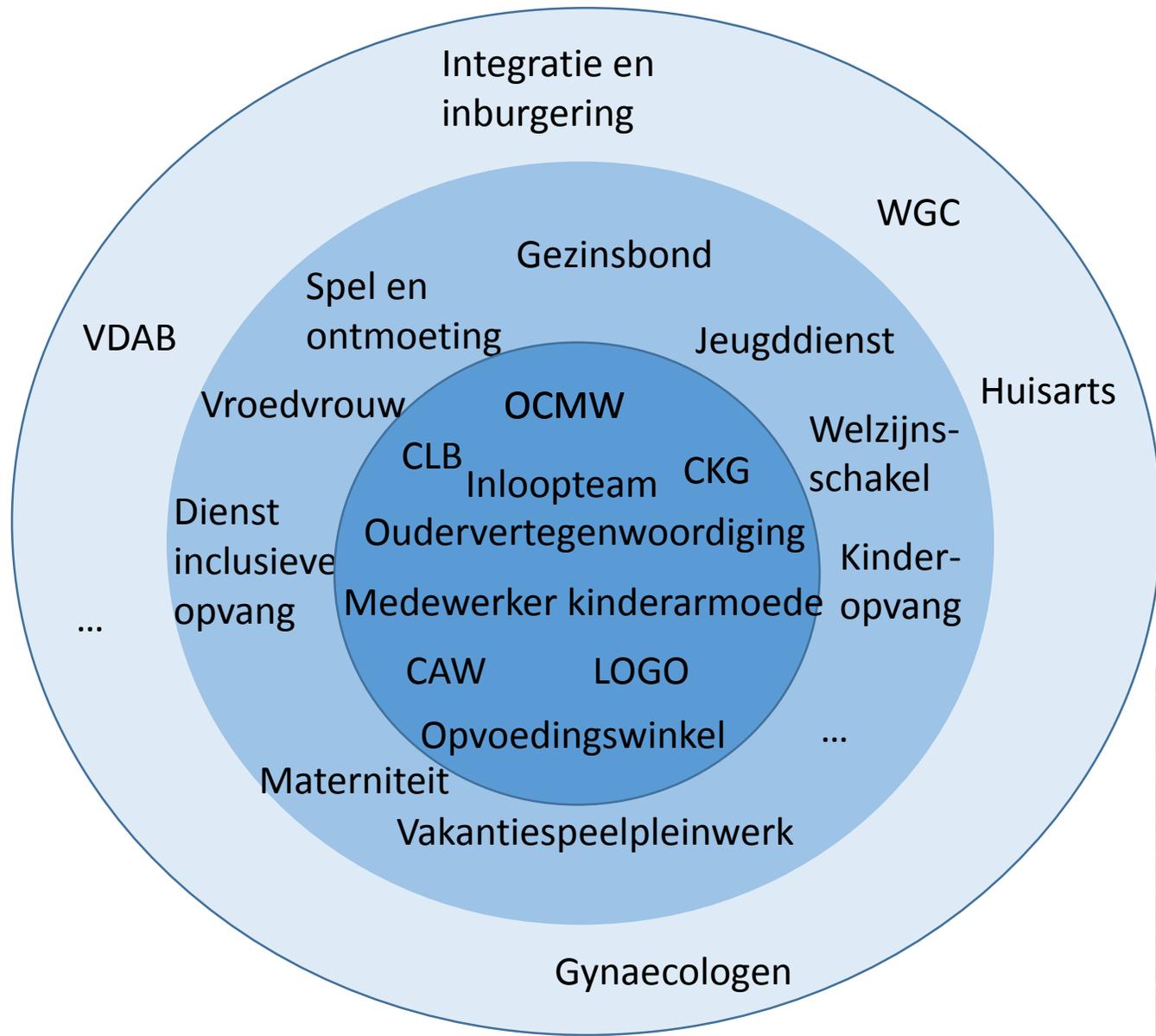


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Family centres in Flanders = “Huis van het Kind”

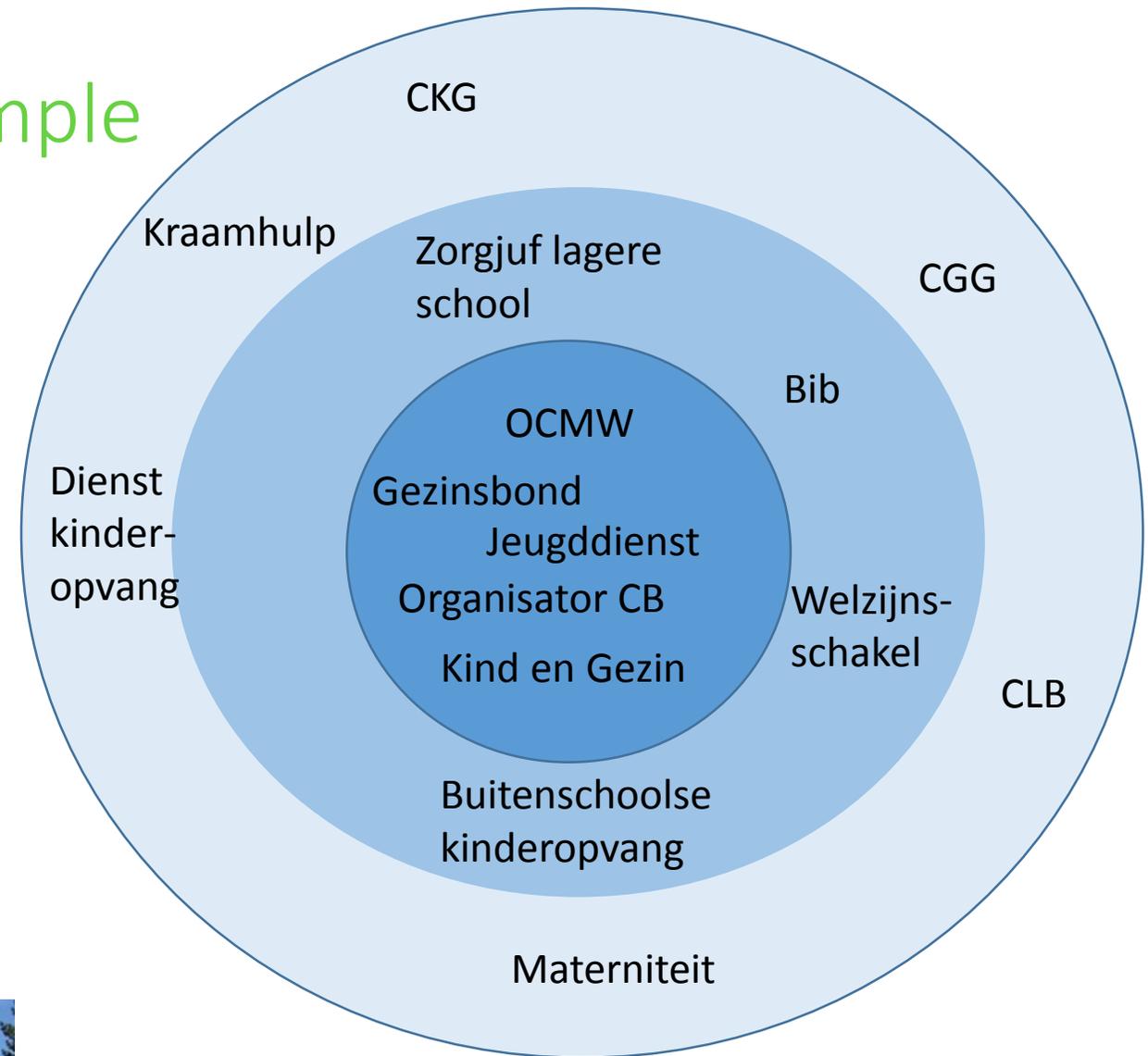
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Family Centre: an example

# Family centre: another example



# Another example

Huis van het Kind  
 HOME LEVEN WONEN WERKEN ONTSPANNEN BESTUUR THUISLOKET A TOT Z  
 Geef hier uw zoekterm in

HUIS VAN HET KIND  
 MAASEIK - KINROOI

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# Several municipalities



Lokale besturen  
 Scholen  
 Vrijwilligersgroep  
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# Substance abuse



# Conclusion

There is much variation between the different family centres in Flanders.

But they all work at building bridges to better health for all children, attuned to the local needs, and with respect to the (more or less limited) local resources they can build on.

# However... the latest evolution

To create equal opportunities to better health

Invest in family centres in such a way that they offer integrated services which are accessible for all families and which are attuned to the local needs of the families.

= Family Centres

Design a universal pathway that describes which information and services should be minimally offered during pregnancy and the first years after birth. Design more specific pathways for families with more needs.

Invest in a high-quality system/ organisation that makes it possible to implement these pathways (for example: invest in training and education of practitioners)



HUIS VAN HET **KIND**

Thank you!

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