

Estonian Parents are
Doing a Good Job!

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Main Goals of the Estonian Parents Association (EPA)

- EPA activities rely on belief that parents are the ones who can and want to be responsible of their children. This responsibility can be taken away only after solid consideration and in extreme cases.
- EPA was established in Tartu 1998.
- At the present there are more than 1600 members.

Main activities of the Estonian Parents Association are connected with forming public opinion.



Data about Estonian Families:

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- There were around 600 000 households in 2012, in average 2,2 people in one household.
- The average age of the mother on birth is 29,54.
- During 2011 there were 5499 contracts of marriages and 3099 divorces.
- Household's quality of life can be defined by the forced consumption (in 2012 45% of the income), declining quality of life.
- **289 EUR** in average was spent by one member of the household during one month. **Old-age pension in average is 312,9 EUR per month.**
- In October 2012 women earned 24,6% less than men, despite of the fact that level of the education of the women is higher than men have....



Measure of Goodness:

- 95 % of the children go to the kindergarten. There are limited number of places (specially in towns).
- Basic education is free of charge, though some children do not even have a pencil and they have to go to bed without dinner, dreaming about the lunch they can get at school free of charge.
- 2/3 of the school leavers are young men.
- In higher education and in life long learning only 1/4 are men.



How GOODNESS Is Achieved:

- „EUROorgphans“- there are many children whose parents are working abroad (economic refugees) and children are left behind.
- Estonians are very „good“ in consuming strong alcohol.
- Estonian families are looking after the older generation at their homes: there are not enough places at nursing homes, general attitude forces and law obligates to look after the older generation at home. There is lack of financial resources to offer dignified living conditions and treatment at nursing homes for the older generation.



Let´s Keep Up Our GOOD Job!?

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