

Empowering Young Academic Voices: IFFD Working Groups Shaping the Second World Summit for Social Development.

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Family-Oriented Policies at the Broader Community Level

Urban Planners

- Family-centered zoning with affordable, multi-generational housing
- Participatory budgeting for community-friendly infrastructure
- Universal design standards ensuring accessibility for all families

Climate Change Awareness and Adaptation

- Family participation in climate policymaking processes
- Disaster preparedness plans tailored to family needs
- School curricula integrating climate literacy focused on local impacts







Family-Oriented Policies at the Family Level

Parents/Caregivers

- Universal home-visiting programs with trained mentors
- Peer-led support networks connecting parents with shared experiences

Workplace Policies

- Flexible work arrangements customized to family needs
- "Right-to-disconnect" protections ensuring work-life balance
- Tax incentives for companies implementing family-friendly policies

Early Childhood Development

- Equitable access to quality development programs
- Integration of responsive caregiving into healthcare systems
- Maternal mental health services through routine screenings

Parental Education and Support

- Evidence-based guidance on child development and positive discipline
- Publicly funded programs accessible to all socioeconomic levels





Family-Oriented Policies Targetting Key Populations

Early Childhood

- Prevention of Adverse Childhood Experiences through family support
- Cross-sector collaboration between health, education, and social services

Healthy Ageing

- Age-friendly cities with universal accessibility standards
- Intergenerational programs combating social isolation
- Anti-ageism campaigns shifting perceptions of aging

Family Reunifications for Migrants

- Streamlined digital visa processing with multi-language support
- Inclusive family definitions recognizing diverse structures
- Post-reunification integration support including language and counseling







Thank you!

Questions? Contributions?



