Daily work on Pupil-Teacher-Relationships in Heinrich-Böll-Schule







Requirement

Work on pupil-teacher-relationships in Heinrich-Böll-Schule starts with a detailed diagnostical view on the emotional and social development of each child.

All interventions for strengthening relationships are led by the knowledge of attachment theory (J. Bowlby).



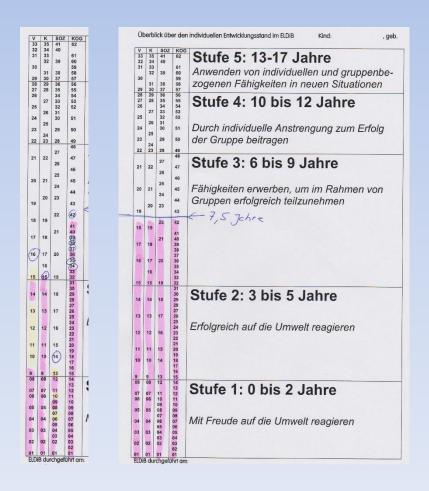
Content of this presentation:

- 1. Short explanation of the diagnostical view
- 2. Short introduction of some aspects of attachment theory, which lead our interventions
- 3. Presentation of three bricks which help us to strengthen pupil-teacherrelationships
 - a) "Safety First" Caring
 - b) "I am with you" (Physical) Closeness
 - c) "Let's explore the world together" Playing



1. Diagnostical view

- We distinguish between life age and the age of emotional and social development
- We use the assessment instrument ELDiB



Left: assessment of a pupil with special needs in emotional and social development: life age and age of emotional and social development differ

Right: Life age and age of emotional and social development are on the same level



Conclusion

If the age of emotional and social development is not the same as the life age teachers need to consider that in their interventions for building relationships.

Some of our pupils are in their emotional and social development only 2 or 3 years old. That means we need to deal with them as we would do with very young children.



2. Some aspects of attachment theory, which lead our interventions

How do very young children establish contact to their environment? What do they need?

a) Attachment behavior (Safety system)

- -> looking for physical closeness
- -> looking for caring

b) Exploration behaviour (curiosity system)

- -> distancing themselves for exploring the environment
- -> making experiences of self-efficacy, solving problems, getting competences
- -> showing effort and frustration tolerance
- -> development of autonomy
- ⇒ "Attachment is education"



For building relationships it is always necessary to satisfy the safety system first!

That's what relationship work is about in our school: Teachers are the garantors for the pupils to feel safe, thus enabling them to explore their environment and develop.











Making reliable experiences of safety: "I can trust my teacher, I can dare to explore the world"









"My teacher is listening to me."





c) "Let's explore the world together!" - Playing



Sharing the teacher: The first step to new relationships...



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"... but my teacher is always my back-up"



Our suggestions for ideas to strengthen pupilteacher-relationships:

CARING

 Implementing small meals (fruits, cookies,...) and sharing the situation with the pupils

PRAISING

 Trying out how naming of very small aspects of good behaviour and praising changes the relationship to a (maybe most difficult) pupil

PLAYING

 Implementing playing situations and getting a feeling for playing as content of support

