

# Dear Parent,

## Who should look after your child?



Day-care staff,  
Teachers, Peers...

...or Yourself?

Many children and parents are surprisingly unhappy in today's Swedish, so-called, welfare state. Children often feel insecure, useless, unloved, unmotivated – or tensed up. Parents, on the other hand, fight an uphill battle against time, their bad conscience for not really coping and their bad confidence as – yes – parents.

For two-income or lone-parent families, the hard slog starts early in the morning. At that time, the children have to be 'tilted' out of bed, dressed, and pushed out of the home early so the parent(s) will make it in time for their daily grind; there is usually not even time for a family breakfast in anything resembling peace and quiet.

At the end of the day, one has to rush to shop, fetch the children, cook, wash up, clean up, help the children with their homework, read a good-night story – before sighing for relief and perhaps watching the latest news on TV before staggering to bed oneself.

Because at this time of the day, there is no time or energy left for more; one has to hit the sack early to be able to cope with tomorrow's copy of the day before.

The alternative: that one of the parents stays at home the first few years is unfortunately out of the question. It undoubtedly would reduce stress but would also condemn the family to – politically imposed – social isolation and poverty.

That Swedish small-child families are as hard pressed as this is obvious in many ways. One of them is the sales statistics of medicines against ulcers and depressions. Those statistics are apexed by stuff like Losec for ulcers and Cipramil for depressions and the consumers of both are parents and their children.

Sweden's parents have lived in this situation for so long that the vision of a better life has largely been lost to them.

That vision we in Children's Right to Their Parents Sweden want to restore – and turn into reality



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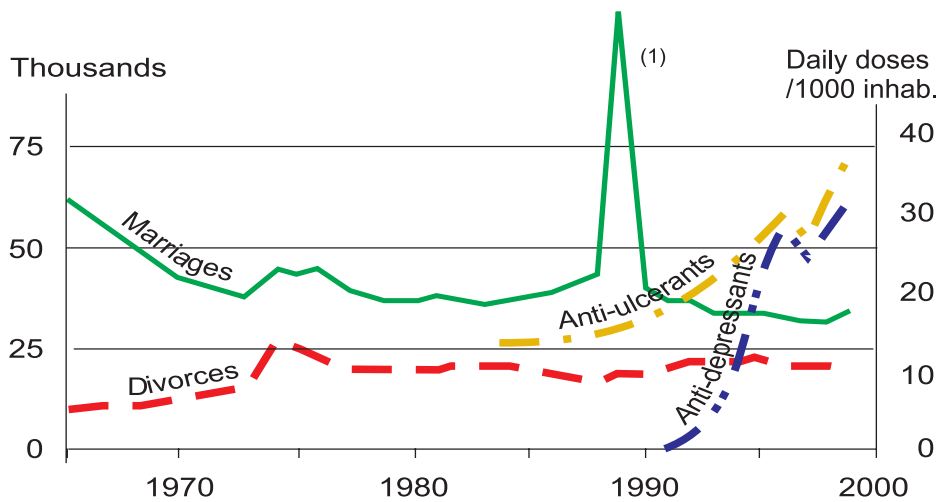


Diagram showing:  
 - No. of marriages and divorces in Sweden since 1965...  
 ...and  
 - the extent of prescriptions for anti-ulcerants and anti-depressants since the early 1980s when those drugs became available  
 Sources: SCB och Apoteket AB.  
 Footnote 1: This surge in marriages was due to a law change that put cohabiting couples at a pension-related disadvantage.

The diagram above indicates that drugs do not solve the problem; roughly every second marriage ends in divorce, putting the family members under even more strain.

And our government has recently taken another step in the wrong direction by stepping up taxation to be able to offer its hyped up childcare services at even lower fees than before (now approx. 8 percent of the full cost) to make sure that not even the well-to-do will decline its 'generous' offer.

### How has this coercion come about?

How come we Swedes have fought so hard for so long to achieve such a poor quality of life?

One important reason is our endeavour, over the last few decades, to eliminate all inequality between men and women, to grant women the same career prospects as men have and to coax men to take the same responsibility for home and children as women traditionally have.

Up to a point, that effort is a good thing, but in our eagerness to achieve gender equality we have – unjustifiably – glorified professional moneymaking and devalued home-making and child care, even to the extent of tweaking the taxation and benefits systems so as practically to force parents to do the politically correct thing.

This has taken place and is still doing so at enormous macro-economic, social and human costs.

This madness we in Children's Right are working towards stopping.



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### We in Children's Right fight for...

#### ✘ *Children's right to their parent's time.*

Big political and attitude-related changes must come about to give parents more time with their children and the quality of life they deserve.

#### ✘ *Home-making being recognised politically as the fundamental contribution to society it is.*

For decades we have deluded ourselves into believing that plainly staying at home and taking care of home and children is not good enough. It is high time to change that mindless attitude.

#### ✘ *That the parents, not the state, shall decide how children should be looked after.*

The Swedish Government has decided that all children shall be in industrial-scale daycare and their parents at work – and utilises economic-political measures to ensure that this becomes the case. That kind of popular oppression must simply cease.

#### ✘ *That parents be granted the financial means they need to look after their children by themselves the first few important years.*

Designed properly such a measure would be both macro-economically and freedom-wise the right step to take.

If you think like we do, i.e. that it is time to liberate parents and children from the political vice they have been jammed into for so long, we suggest two actions:

- 1) Tell your MPs what you think of their existing family policies and demand change!
- 2) Become a member of our association! Together we will be strong enough to give parents and children the peace of mind and the political support they deserve.