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## Shared parenting in Switzerland

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## About me



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- IT-Consultant
- President VeV Schweiz since 2005
- President GeCoBi since 2008
- Columnist in «Männerzeitung» since 2008
- Founder of ZwüscheHalt in 2009
- Gov. Round table Joint Custody since 2011
- Steering committee PDR since 2012

Father of two sons (18 + 19)  
separated 2003, divorced 2009





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20.09.2012 - Heute Donnerstag fand in Köln eine Fachtagung des Väteraufbruch für Kinder statt. Das Thema lautete "**Doppelresidenz**". Da ich ohnehin ...

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[Fachtagung paritätische Doppelresidenz @ www.ticketino.com](#)  
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Paritätische **Doppelresidenz** - denn Kinder brauchen beide Eltern. ... Link zur Veranstaltung, [http://vev.ch/dokumente/fachtagungen/doppelresidenz.pdf](#) ...





## Organisations attitude on shared parenting

### Positive attitude on shared parenting\*

- GeCoBi
- 19 member organisations of GeCoBi
- other organisations for fathers
- Männer.ch
- Children's lawyers
- Mediators
- Child psychologists
- Association of rainbow families
- Pro Familia – umbrella org for families

### Critical attitude on shared parenting\*

- Swiss lawyers association
- Swiss association of single parents
- Swiss association of femal lawyers
- Alliance F – umbrella Org femal org.

\* not a complete list



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## Political Organisations attitude on shared parenting

Left parties	Center parties	Right parties
Heavily against joint custody.	Rather positive on changes in family law, towards shared parenting and joint custody.	Positive on joint custody (fighting for men's rights)
Rather critical on shared parenting. Still defending women's rights.	Positive on the need of both parents in family affairs and in work scenarios.	Rather conservative on shared parenting. Mostly defending traditional family role models.
Positive on external child care and part time working	Positive on external child care and part time working	Rather critical on external child care and other family support systems (costs)
		Rather critical on part time working for men





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## Legal situation in Switzerland under current law

Married couple	joint custody, joint residence
non married couple	custody with mother only, Possibility to have joint custody on joint request
separated but still married	joint custody, residence assigned by court (usually to mother >80% )
divorced	custody and residence assigned by court, Possibility to have joint custody on joint request (currently ~45%)





## Known models for separated parents

### Single residence with mother

- Most common model (> 85%)
- With or without joint custody

### Single residence with father

- Very rare (< 10 %)

### Nestmodell

Both parents have their flat – children live in the original apartment  
Parents share responsibility by coming to the flat for a certain time

- Very rare
- Very expensive







## Known models for separated parents

### Single residence but extended contact with other parent

- Growing model.  
In everyday's life very similar to shared parenting,  
but usually all rights with one person (usually mother)
- Only works as long as no difficulties.
- Can be cancelled with no notice (because all rights in one hand)

### Shared parenting

- Very very rare. Legally almost impossible.  
Reason: A child cannot have two residences according to Swiss law.
- Usual solution for shared parenting, if parents agree: 49 / 51 % residence





## Social environment for new family models

- Number of divorces / separations > 50%
- Number of well educated women growing.
- Economy needs the power of the well educated women
- One income is not enough for a large part of the population
- Men start to think different about work/life balance
- Companies still remain in old thinking (men work 100%)





## Legal situation in Switzerland under new law (> 2014)

Married couple	joint custody, joint residence
non married couple	custody with mother only, Father can easily request it, even if mother disagrees.
separated but still married or divorced	joint custody, term of «residence» is not used any more – basically shared residence  Possibility to claim at court if one parent wants to move away <b>with</b> the children <b>«if the move would affect the relation between child and the other parent»</b>





## Effects of law-changes to shared parenting

- With current law shared parenting is almost impossible
- New law allows any form of shared parenting
- Questions about money have to be cleared as well.  
New law is in progress
- Society is changing – shared parenting is starting to become trendy
- Still difficulties in part time work for men. Political effort still necessary.





## chances / risks / next steps

### Chances

- Law is changing – time for changes in society's attitude
- Good moment to develop new concepts and handling procedures
- New praxis, based on new understanding. Generation change in authority offices

### Risks

- Misuse of the new law to maintain current thinking (by judges / lawyers)
- Losing focus on the best interest of child

### Next steps

- Organisations like ours are in the best place to develop new praxis
- Make shared parenting known to authorities, judges, lawyers etc
- Spread information, network and connect in Switzerland and abroad
- Launch scientific work on shared parenting in Switzerland and abroad





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