

## Introduction of the research consortium: Health Literacy in Childhood and Adolescence (HLCA) – A Target for Health Promotion and Primary Prevention

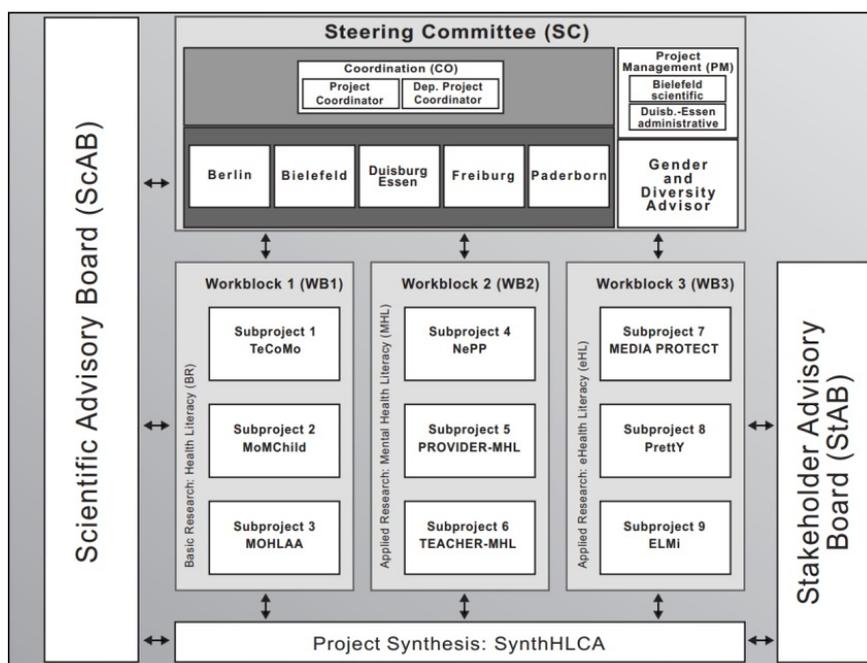
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In spring 2015, the Health Literacy in Childhood and Adolescence (HLCA) Consortium launched its research activities at ten locations in Germany, hosting 13 academic research institutions, research institutes and community centres. Funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) from March 2015 till February 2018, the project will conduct research on child and adolescent health literacy, as well as considering their social environment and professionals from the health and social sector working with children and adolescents. These groups encompass families, parents, caregivers, teachers, educators, and community providers of health and social services.

The HLCA consortium consists of three work blocks (WB 1-3), each including three subprojects. WBs are grouped by topics: Basic research (WB1), applied research on mental health literacy (WB2) and e-health literacy (WB3). Research will focus on the development of a sound conceptual framework for health literacy promotion in childhood and adolescence. Further, the project aims at the development, implementation and evaluation of measures to promote health literacy, and capacity building in academic training that adds to



the transfer of research findings to professional practice of health promotion and prevention with foci on mental health and e-health literacy. The methodological approach will consist of mixed methods combining qualitative and quantitative methods.

The HLCA Consortium consists of the following academic and non-academic partners:

Research Institutes	Research Partners
Bielefeld University	Bielefeld Centre for Teacher Training
University of Duisburg-Essen	SSC Science Support Centre, Duisburg-Essen
Essen College of Gender Studies	Social Science Survey Centre, Duisburg
University of Education Freiburg	LVR Landschaftsverband Rheinland
Robert Koch-Institute, Berlin	LWL Klinikum, Department of Psychiatry, Warstein
Catholic University of Applied Sciences Paderborn	Criminological Research Institute of Lower Saxony, Hannover
	Jugendhilfswerk Freiburg

The consortium will be supported by a scientific advisory board that includes international scientists and health literacy experts from transdisciplinary fields and arenas, from Austria, Germany, Israel, the Netherlands, Portugal, Swiss and Wales.

We are looking forward to informing the audiences around the world on science and research.

Further details and information online:

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