

these families are meant for growing,  
and that's just what they'll do!





**“Finding a short definition for positive parenting is not easy. For example, in German [and Portugal by the way], as in a number of other languages spoken across Europe, a literal translation of the term “parenting” is not possible.”**

**“Positive Parenting is as an approach to child-raising that fosters a relationship between parents and children based on mutual respect, the facilitation of the child’s full development potential and on the ability to negotiate diverging interests in a non-violent and constructive way.”**

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Seeing the parent-child relationship as based on equal dignity and mutual respect corresponds with a wider understanding of as being entitled to rights.— they are not adults, but neither are they small adults with small rights. [UN Convention on the Rights of the Child](#), adopted in 1989; only two states worldwide, the USA and Somalia, have not signed it.

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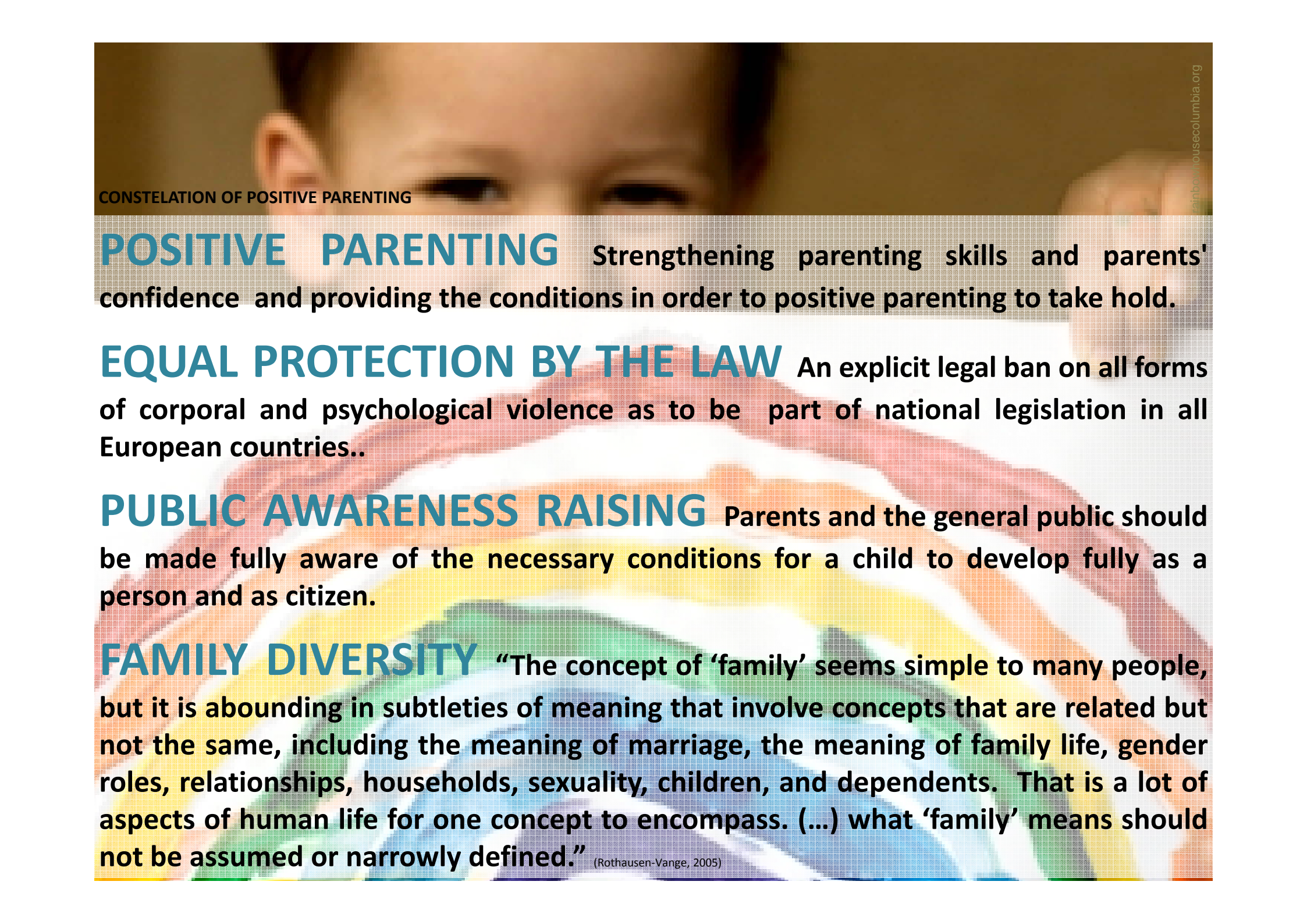


A photograph showing two hands, one from the left and one from the right, holding a small, light-colored object between their fingers. The background is a clear, bright blue sky. The hands are positioned in the center of the frame, with the fingers slightly curled around the object.

#### THE SOCIAL DIMENSION OF POSITIVE PARENTING

**According to the Council of Europe parenting is not just a private matter, confined to the four walls of the home. The state has also a duty to support the creation of an environment, where positive parenting can take root- such as the provision of child care that is accessible to all, family-friendly employment policies, as well as services that strengthen positive parenting skills. (...) involves a “community” of key parties” - that include local and national service providers as well as the state.** • <http://www.respectworks.eu/themes/positive-parenting.html>





CONSTELATION OF POSITIVE PARENTING

**POSITIVE PARENTING** Strengthening parenting skills and parents' confidence and providing the conditions in order to positive parenting to take hold.

**EQUAL PROTECTION BY THE LAW** An explicit legal ban on all forms of corporal and psychological violence as to be part of national legislation in all European countries..

**PUBLIC AWARENESS RAISING** Parents and the general public should be made fully aware of the necessary conditions for a child to develop fully as a person and as citizen.

**FAMILY DIVERSITY** “The concept of ‘family’ seems simple to many people, but it is abounding in subtleties of meaning that involve concepts that are related but not the same, including the meaning of marriage, the meaning of family life, gender roles, relationships, households, sexuality, children, and dependents. That is a lot of aspects of human life for one concept to encompass. (...) what ‘family’ means should not be assumed or narrowly defined.” (Rothausen-Vange, 2005)



# (y)our family olive tree, a tree made of resilience and resistance

individual and group challenge

fruits are  
**EXPECTATIONS**

life horizon; wishes;  
dreams

leafs are  
**IMMATERIAL  
PATRIMONY**

life path;  
relationships and affection;  
politic, and legal framework;  
culture and knowledge

trunk is **DECISIONS**

I/we decided.....

**& CHOICES**

I/we choosed.....

branches are  
**MATERIAL PATRIMONY**

natural resources;  
infrastructures;  
equipments

roots are **CORE VALUES** as integrity, liberty, equality



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**these family trees are meant for growing,  
and that's just what they will happily do!**