

The *Grup de Recerca de Parella i Família* (GRPF) is recognized as a Research Group of the *Generalitat de Catalunya* 2009-2013, and renewed for 2014-2016.

GRPF was founded in 1998 when the *Institut de Salut Mental Vidal i Barraquer* and the *Facultat de Psicologia, Ciències de l'Educació i de l'Esport*

Blanquerna (FPCEE Blanquerna) signed an agreement so that the two research groups working in the same area, the Research Unit and the Couple and Family Study and Research Group of the Family, could converge on a single research unit. Since then, the unitary group emerged, the

**Couple and Family Research Group** ( ***Grup de Recerca de Parella i Família*** , **GRPF**)

was raised in the Master Plan to further the shared research, joining forces with other Catalan and Spanish research groups and eventually collaborating with other international research groups.

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The group is made up by researchers with a long career of research in couple and family issues, coming from the field of clinical psychology, social psychology and pedagogy, resulting in an interdisciplinary group. Taking into account the complexity of approaching the family group, the main aims are emotional and communicative aspects, as the family is the first space for the maturation and education of all its members. From this perspective, we want to elaborate different models of intervention in both preventive and therapeutic levels.

The group is systematically organized around different sub-areas of research such as the quality of marital relationships (Marital quality), the impact of divorce, early intervention, family education as a social agent, family violence, migration, international adoption, addictions, marital therapy, etc..

