



Making life a safe adventure

Strengthening families to prevent maltreatment of children with disabilities

In occasion of the 20th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Residential dissemination event

(Ca' La Ghironda Modern Art Museum, Zola Predosa, Bologna, Italy)

19/20 November 2009

AIAS Bologna onlus and its national and international partners promote, in collaboration with Ca' la Ghironda – ModernArtMuseum, a two day event focussed on operational strategies for the prevention of maltreatment of children with disabilities. As earlier results obtained by the consortium show, effective prevention strategies should be based on the enhancement of protective factors in the life situation of the child and the family. In dealing with this important issue we will move away from the prejudice that disability automatically leads to situations of tension, depression and risk and explore the individual, family and community resources that can be developed for preventive purposes. The event will highlight the importance of the family and of its strength and needs. We will further highlight how respect for the rights of the child and the development of his/her potentials contribute to a change in the perception of disability. Finally we will focus on the triangle Child-Parent-Professional, on communication issues and on the need of supportive networks that strengthen families and contribute to making the life of children with disabilities a safe adventure.

The location for all events described is Ca' La Ghironda (www.ghironda.it), a modern art gallery and sculpture garden, wonderfully located in the hills behind Bologna. The aim of the organisers is to create an intensive learning moment, based on the active collaboration of all participants fully valuing the intellectual, human, artistic and natural resources available.

Thursday November 19th: 14.00-19.00 Seminar

The seminar targets invited representatives of organisations from different European countries and working from different perspectives for the prevention of maltreatment of children with disabilities: experts, parents, care providers, policy makers.

We will have key note presentations from experts in the field, reports from work undertaken by the consortium partners during the project and a plenary debate.

A more detailed program will be made available through the web site: www.aiasbo.it/daphne
From this page it is already possible to download the deliverables produced by the consortium.





Friday November 20th: 9.30-13.30 Exchange of good practice

The Friday morning is dedicated to the exchange of good practice in the following fields:

- information and awareness raising on children rights and the prevention of maltreatment of children with disabilities
- prevention strategies – networking – intervention models
- empowerment of children and families
- professional development of workers in the care sector

This session will target professionals in health, education and the social sector, representatives of NGO's such as parents associations and associations of people with disabilities, etc.

We will prepare:

- A “market place” (room with tables and display walls) where the participating organisations can display printed matter, posters, pictures, etc.
- A multimedia room for presentations (video's, slides). Participants are invited to present examples of good practice, results of their work, intervention methods, cases, etc. The focus should be on the transferability of the method. Simultaneous translation English-Italian will be available. Presentations in this session need to be announced to the organisers.
- A creative room for interactive workshops – group work. Organisations are invited to organise a one hour interactive session that illustrates their way of working and that physically involves groups of participants. For example role plays, simulations, group exercises, creative workshop methodologies, etc.

contemporary we will have some groups of young people with disabilities involved in creative workshops in the atelier of the museum.

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-16.00 Guided tour in the Sculpture garden and the art collection

16.00-17.00 Preparing the creative workshop + celebration

Friday November 20th: 17.00-19.30 Creative workshop and party

For this event we are inviting children with and without disabilities, parents, staff, testimonials, politicians. All will be involved in the making of a unique piece of art to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (20/11/1989). Once created, we will try to turn the sculpture into music and sing it together. An anniversary cake will be eaten.

Promoting organisations: *AIAS Bologna onlus (I), Ca' La Ghironda Modern Art Museum (I), Fenacerci (P), AFANIAS (ESP), EFOESZ (HUN), EVPIT (EST), SUSTENTO (LV), DISABILITY NOW (GR), PORAKA (RM), TURKISH SPASTIC CHILDREN ASS.*

Invited organisations: Mencap (UK), Eurochild (EU), UNICEF, European Disability Forum, EASPD, various parents associations, The European Commission (Daphne Program), yourself...





Interested in participating?

Participation is free of charge. Bologna is well connected with all major airports. Overnight accommodation (and meals) are available in the premises of the Museum. Please contact eravaglia@ausilioteca.org for booking accommodation. The venue is barrier free. **Travel costs and accommodation costs might be reimbursed** under specific conditions and budget permitting: please send inquiries to hoogerwerf@ausilioteca.org.

Participants are invited to contribute to the programme. It is possible to do so by:

- bringing materials (printed or self made) of your organisation that are relevant for the seminar and that show methods, approaches, models, results;
- having a presentation in the Friday morning session;
- transferring your expertise in an interactive session with the participants;
- taking part in the production of the piece of art.

YES, I wish to contribute to the success of this event.

Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

I need a table/display/both to display the following materials in the market place:

I wish to present in the multimedia room or in the interactive group work:

Title:

Conductor/speaker:

Short description:

The method that we envisage for promoting this event is a very open method. Organisations that wish to contribute to the success of this event can join the list of supporting organisations.

Please list/do not list my organisation among the supporting organisations of this event.

Please return to hoogerwerf@ausilioteca.org or by fax to: + 39 051 6597737

