



By the 1st of June, some families with children received material support

In order to achieve the Action Plan dedicated to the International Child's Day – the 1st of June, there were allocated 5,6 mln. lei from the Republican Social Support Fund, in order to offer unique material support to vulnerable families with children.

The money will be given through the population's local supporting funds, that set the beneficiaries categories, also the size of the support through the administrative councils decisions.

The children from the family-type homes and those being in the foster care system were the most important groups that benefited of the material support. The

setting of the beneficiaries among the non-institutionalized orphans, disabled children, big and one-parent families was carried out with the help of the public organization committee for the evaluation of the necessity of the material support, that are present not far from the localities Town Halls.

In the Chișinău municipality, the unique material support was for the orphans, graduates of the 9th, 11th and 12th grades, an amount of 376,000 lei from the local budget.

There were used a total sum of 6,0 mln. lei, or with 0,2 mln.lei more comparing with the previous year's program, through which 26 thousands vulnerable families benefited of the support.

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The pieces of work of the prizewinning people of the "Enciclopedia familiei" republican pupil contest, launched during the THE FAMILY Festival 3rd edition, were inaugurated at an exposition at the ground floor of the Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family, and the authors of the works received diplomas and presents.

There were exposed over 800 pieces of work at the contest launched on the 21st of April this year, under the aegis of the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the United Nations Organization in Moldova, in partnership with the "Echinox" Creativeness.

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In the Republic of Moldova, the FAMILIA Festival took place for the 3rd consecutive year

At the 3rd edition of the THE FAMILY Festival, consecrated to the International Family Day, the peak moment was the national event that took place on the 15th of May, in the „Ștefan cel Mare” Central Park.

The event welcomed the capital's visitors and habitants next to the fountain, further on the stage were invited the official guests and the event organizers, who have greeted the participants at the event. Between the guests also were present the Prime-Minister, Mr. Vlad Filat, the Deputy Prime-Minister, Mr. Mihai Moldovanu, the Deputy Minister of the Labor, Social Protection and Family, Mrs. Ana Vasilachi, the Chisinau Deputy Mayor, Mr. Nistor Grozavu, the coordinator of the social projects in promoting family values Romania, Mrs. Andreea Marin, the Director of the Directorate for Child's Rights Protection, Mrs. Svetlana Chifa, the Director of the United Kingdom AO "Lumos Foundation" in the Republic of Moldova, Mrs. Irina Malanciuc.

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The primary school pupils have been proposed to make 1-2 drawings on the family theme, the V-IX grades pupils to draw a family tree, and the X-XII grades pupils – to write an essay based on this quote: “The love for the country is born from the love for the family”.

The organizers selected 67 drawings that were exposed at the exposition before the 1st of June – The International Child Day.

Being present at the inaugural event, the Deputy Minister of Labor, Social Protection and Family, Mr. Sergiu Sainciuc, stated that the THE FAMILY Festival represents a national project of promoting family values, and the contest objective was to develop the children’s personal view of the pupils on the family importance in their life.

Mr. Sergiu Sainciuc also congratulated the winners wishing them success in the future, inspiration and a lot of perseverance.

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On the stage also were present three families, who were awarded and congratulated. Between them we distinguish a family that looked after 13 adopted children, together with their 2 biological children. Also a family that raises and educates 11 biological children, as well as a couple that this year celebrates the golden wedding.

There also took place a concert dedicated to the THE FAMILY Festival, with the participation of children from Chisinau municipality, “ARTICO” Creation Center and professional artists.

Accompanying the concert, in the „Ștefan cel Mare” Central Park took place the exposition of the pieces of work made by children, happy starts contests “My Family”, with the participation of 10 families with children from 5 municipal sectors, scooter races, box (races, demonstrations, master-classes), and the “Insula Speranțelor” (The Island of Hope) professional school exposed cakes made by the institution’s children and master class - hairstyling, makeup, mani-

cure etc. The winners were rewarded with diplomas, presents and sweets.

The 3rd Festival edition was launched on the 10th of May this year, under the aegis of the Government of the Republic of Moldova, in partnership with the United Nations Agencies and through the direct involvement of the Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Interethnic Relationships Bureau.

The goal of the event was to promote the family values as the love, mutual respect, the equal division of household responsibilities between women and men, and of the duties to educate children, also looking after older people, as well as formation of the non-violent relationships culture.

During these days, the Festival included activities both at the national and local level, among them we distinguish contest for pupils, public actions of raising public awareness and information, festive events, concerts, etc. There also was carried out

a video spot promoting family values, as a social entity that lately faces a number of challenges, as the divorce, abandonment, violence, migration, etc.

Through THE FAMILY Festival with the “Values give birth to a family, the family – to values” main title, the organizers are willing to raise the public opinion regarding this problem, to urge the citizens to respect and to promote the fundamental family values in the everyday life. In their turn, the authorities, international organizations, civil society and the community are urged to build strong partnerships in order to solve the existing problem, capitalization of the maternity and paternity importance, reconciliation of the professional activity with the family life.

The International Woman’s Day is celebrated according to the United Nations General Assembly decision, adopted through the 47-237 resolution, on the 20th of September 1993. In the 2010, THE FAMILY Festival was given the a national status, and the 15th of May was declared as the Family Day in the Republic of Moldova, being included in the list of the national holidays.

The launching conference of the „Approaching the Negative Impacts of the Migrations on Minors and Families Remaining in the Country” project took place

On the 25th of May 2011 officially was launched the “Approaching the Negative Impacts of the Migration on Minors and Families Remaining in the country” Project, financed by the European Commission. The project is co-financed and implemented by the Italian Ministry of Labor and Social Policies – General Directorate for Immigration, in partnership with Moldova’s Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family – The Directorate for Family and Child’s Rights Protection and the International Organization for Migration, the Mission in Moldova. (OIM)

At the launching conference, hosted by all three implementing partners, were present over 70 guests, representatives of the EU state members embassies, of the Government, active in the fields NGOs and mass-media. The event started with a speech of the Deputy Ministry for Labor, Social Protection and Family, Mr. Sergiu Sainciuc and Head of the International Affairs Unit – General Director for Immigration – Minister of Labor and Social Policies of Italy - Mrs. Germana Viglietta, followed by the speeches of Head of the EU Delegation in the Republic of Moldova, E.S. Mr. Dirk Schuebel, the ambassador of Italy in the Republic of Moldova, E.S. Mr. Stefano De Leo, and the Program Coordinator on Prevention and Protection of the International Organization for Migration, Mission in Moldova, Mrs. Irina Todorova.

Mr. Sergiu Sainciuc presided the first part of the conference, and the second part being moderated by the Head of Directorate for Family and Child’s Rights Protection, under the Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family, Mrs. Viorica Dumbrăveanu.

Mr. Sergiu Sainciuc in his speech emphasized the partnership importance, especially that with the hosting countries of the moldovan’s immigrants, in order to efficiently approach to the social negative impacts of the

immigration. Thus, the deputy minister acclaimed the launching of a new project as a successful example of this kind of partnership, and of one complex and multilateral approach assuring the ministry’s commitment in the successful implementation of the project.

On the other hand, Mrs. Viglietta mentioned the evolution and recent accomplishments in the Moldova-Italia partnership, especially on the labor immigration and bilateral agreements domains. Mrs. Viglietta expressed her support for the project initiative, accentuating that its uniqueness and expected results will have a big contribution to both society and official policies levels from Moldova and Italy, as establishing the way through a stronger cooperation and will serve as a positive practice for other destination countries for the Moldovan’s immigrants.

In his turn, E.S. Mr. Stefano De Leo assured the project partners that, in order to facilitate the efficient project’s implementation, the Italian Embassy will offer all the necessary support for strengthening the partnership between the Italian and Moldovan authorities.

Dirk Schuebel offered a high appreciation of the implementation partners’ efforts and

the will of both Italian and Moldovan Government to address the consequences of the mass migration, emphasizing the importance and the extended contribution of the new project in achieving the set objectives by the Mobility Partnership between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova. Mr. Schuebel presented the context in which the project was elaborated and its role in the EU assistance to the Republic of Moldova.

The project’s activities approach the necessities of children, young people and vulnerable families from Moldova, that are left without the support of the other family members who are abroad, but also the Moldovan’s immigrants with the residence in Italy, through the development of the informational system on child protection, exchange of experience and offering Italian assistance social-educational Moldovan centers for children without care, promoting job opportunities for young people from Moldova, through courses of professional training and support in starting a business; the organization of the raising public awareness campaigns on the negative impacts of the immigration on the family relationships in Italy; and offering direct protection and as-

sistance to children and families remaining in the country.

All the project’s activities will be coordinated collective through the training of a Inter-Institutional Technical Committee, formed from all three implementation partners, as well as the Italian Municipalities Association (A.N.C.I.) and the project’s associates: “Assomoldave” – The Moldovan’s Migration from Italy Association and “A.M.I.C.I.” – The Moldo-Italian Association for cooperation and intergration.

Mrs. Irina Todorova mentioned that „This partnership will strengthen the bond between the parents living in Italy and the children left in Moldova”. „By establishing this bond and identifying the necessities faced these people, will be possible offering the proper protection and assistance both to the children and families remaining in the country, as well as to the parents immigrants in Italy, through direct project’s interventions.”

This initiative is the result of a strong partnership between the Italian Government and the Moldova’s Executive, both at the bilateral level, as in the framework of the EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership, whose goal is a better management of the migrational flows.



The Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family and the Federal Immigration Service of the Russian Federation signed the Cooperation Agreement on Labor Migration

The Deputy Minister Mr. Sergiu Sainciuc and the Director of the Federal Immigration Service of the Russian Federation, Mr. Constantin Romodanovski, on the 26th May this year, signed the Cooperation Agreement on Labor Migration between the Moldavian Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family and the Federal Immigration Service of the Russian Federation.



Through the nominated Agreement, the enabled institutions intend to establish cooperative relationships focused on solving the problems regarding the labor migration management, the record of the migrant workers, the exchange of experience regarding the documentation of the migrant

workers and the mutual exchange of normative acts on labor migration.

The above Agreement mentioned above also states a continuing execution of the acquaintance of the migrant workers with the staying and working rules in the employer country, as well the counteraction and work-

ing unregulated, and using the illegal work of the migrant workers.

It is important that the mentioned Agreement was signed at the meeting of the Leaders Council of the migration institutions from the CIS states, taking place at Troitkoe (reg. Moscow), Russian Federation.



On the 31st May- 1st of June 2011, in Chisinau took place the first bilateral seminary with the labor and social policies experts from the Republic of Moldova and Austria

The Attaché Bureau for Labor, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection from the Austrian Embassy at Chisinau together with the Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family, organized the first bilateral seminary with labor and social policies experts from the Republic of Moldova and Austria.

At the opening ceremony participated the Deputy Minister of Labor, Social Protection and Family, Mr. Sergiu Sainciuc and the Attaché for Labor, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection from the Austrian Embassy at Chisinau, Mr. Georg Reibmayr.

The event included the experience of the Austrian institutions, the regulations and structures on labor law, security and health at the work place, as well the social dialogue. Meanwhile, the Moldavian experts familiarized the audience with the current situation and existent structures in the Republic of Moldova. The seminary also was an opportunity to discuss the challenges and current problems of the Republic of Moldova on labor and the possibility of creating a base for the fu-

ture knowledge exchange.

The seminary was addressed to all the actors from the Republic of Moldova, that are involved both in the legislative and practical implementation of labor law and security and health at work place processes.

The Federal Minister of Labor, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection from Austria founded his Attaché Bureau in the Austrian Embassy at Chisinau in October 2010. This has led to the intensification of the good relationships between Austria and the Republic of Moldova, and their depth in labor law, social affairs and consumer protection. The Attaché's aim is, through the specific transfer of know-how with the help of the Austrian experts, to contribute to the improvement of the Republic of Moldova authorities in these fields, to make possible an intense knowledge exchange at all levels and to share the knowledge, respectively Austrian experiences, especially those related to getting closer to the European Union standards.

The Republic of Moldova makes big efforts to strengthen the country's administration and legislation, their adjustment at the European standards, respectively at the international standards. In the framework of the partnership and cooperation Agreement between the Republic of Moldova and the European Union, respectively at the current negotiation stage of a depth association agreement they focus on the labor law field, security and health at the work place and social dialogue. In context, there is considered the adaptation of the directives and specifications of the European Union right and tends to the fast reform of the institutions and processes.

Austria's accession at the European Union almost 16 years ago, as well during the continuous integration process, this country gathered precious experiences regarding the labor law. Austria always wanted to have high standards in the security and health at the work place, having as a basis a strong and time developed social traditional partnership.

They need your help!

Seven orphan children need a house

They have no parents and no place to live. Their mother died because of a ruthless disease, and their father abandoned them. All the seven the Șaramet children need people's help to get a house and a hope for the future.

All the children, from the oldest (19 years old) to the youngest one (4 years old), live in their aunts house from Albinetul Nou, Fălești raion. The crowded house, where twelve persons live, has only three little and dark rooms, in which the basic living conditions are missing.

The guardians of the seven children, also the owners of the house, Angela and Alexandru Nicolaenco, told us they would love to offer them the necessary living conditions, but already for a few years they have been struggling with dire poverty. No one has a permanent job in this family, and the only source of income they have got is the Social Support (means tested poverty benefit offered to households). Two of the family members are people with special needs and require special medical assistance.

The director of the Theoretical Lyceum Albinetul Vechi, Mrs. Galina Casian says that "These children's situation is hard to describe and you can't remain indifferent about it. They live in tough conditions after the death of their mother and the abandonment of their father. I call up everyone to mobilize for offering them a place to live."

The interim mayor of the Albinetul Vechi comuna, Mr. Sergiu Colesnic,



From Heaven, from up in the sky, the children's mother prays the angels to protect her children. The children protected by her pray, have the force to believe that one day they will have a house, the place where they will be happy again.

states that the local authorities have done their best to help this family to handle with this difficult moment in their live, but the local budget funds to support families like this are very limited. The financial support from the local authorities, the allowance children benefit from are not enough for these seven children to have again a place to live and a decent life.

In partnership with "Teleradio - Moldova", EveryChild Moldova launched a fundraising and raising public awareness campaign in order to buy a house for these seven children deprived of parental care.

The PR Manager of EveryChild

Moldova, Mr. Anatol Mămăligă, mentions that everyone with a big heart can make a donation in the account of the Banca de economii fil. N 28 Fălești, BE-COMD 2x 648,C/B 280 96484 988, the Transfer account 986364, Trustee Nicolaenco Angela.

The house will be acquired in the same community, in order the Șaramet children not to be separated from their relatives and friends. People willing to make either a money or household materials donation are free to call also at the phone from the Albinetul Vechi commune Town Hall, 0259 70336, and ask for the social worker Maria Chelianu.



Foster care services enhance their forces at Călărași

It is impossible to implement a comprehensive child care system without the appropriate social services for the little citizens. According to this desire, the local authorities from Călărași in the closest future will recruit and hire 20 foster parents, with the purpose to facilitate deinstitutionalized of children and their social reintegration.

A decision in this regard was approved by the local committee of the “Ensuring child’s right to a family and his protection against violence, abuse and neglect” project, implemented by EveryChild with the USAID support. Călărași raion is one of the project’s three pilot raions.

According to the statement of the raion’s Vice-President, Mr. Vasile Timofti, “Besides the development of the foster care services, we also consider opening new family-type homes, together with those already existent in the raion’s localities. At the moment we have 15 pending family requests to provide this type of services, that are new for our raion. Also, we always look for support possibilities for the families where there is a great risk to abandon their children. We interfere in the family where the poverty can be the reason of child separation; the parents receive support in bringing up and educate their children at home”.

The reform’s outcome Fewer children in the residential boarding schools

When the residential system reform was launched, the number of institutionalized children in the residential institutions, under the Ministry of Education decreased with about 40 %, in comparison with 2007.

Thus, in 2007, 63 residential institutions hosted around 10,500 children, and by the end of 2010, 53 residential institutions hosted 5813 children.

The reduction was possible due to those 520 children reintegrated in their biological or extended families, other 82 children were placed in foster care or in family-type homes, also around 4580 graduated the residential institutions.

According to the Head of the Directorate for preschool, primary and secondary education from the Ministry of Education, Mr. Valentin Crudu, in 2007-2010 there were closed 8 residential institutions, and one institution was reformed.

In order to optimize the residential institution network, 4 of these institutions were transferred for free from the Ministry of Education to the local administra-

tive units. It is about the special boarding school for children with arrears of polio and cerebral palsy (Ialoveni), the boarding school for orphans and children without parental care (Ungheni), the boarding school for orphans and children without parental care (Napadova village, Florești raion) , the auxiliary boarding school from Mărculești, Florești raion.

At the moment, another residential institution – the orphanage from Cernoleuca village, Dondușeni raion is under liquidation. All the children hosted by these institutions were placed in their biological or extended families, or places in alternative small scale residential services.

In our republic at the moment there are 26 auxiliary schools, 15 boarding schools, 7 special schools, 3 sanatoria schools and 2 orphanages.



The evaluation showed – the community is the best place for children from the auxiliary school

The local committees of the “ Ensuring child’s right to a family and his protection against violence, abuse and neglect” project, implemented by EveryChild with the financial support of USAID, had meetings between 8-10 June in Călărași, Făleşti and Ungheni raions.

At the committee meeting from Călărași they discussed about the results of the social work assessments of children from the auxiliary school from Călărași, as well as their families.

**Elena CHITOROAGĂ,
Specialist in Protection of families with children at risk,
Călărași raion.**

During the assessment in the auxiliary school were placed 71 children. The social worker stated that in the majority of children’s files some documents were missing – the decision of the local Commission for the protection of child in difficulty (local gate-keeping commissions), the assessment act of the child’s living conditions and the registration order in the residential institution. Two children lived in the institution for two years even without having their birth certificates in place.

The assessment’s results allow us to state that more often the reasons for children entering the institutions are: pedagogical indifference, children coming from vulnerable families, parents in divorce, parents health problems, and we can add – lack of information and education of the parents, limited access to medical and social services, discriminatory attitudes and behavior of teachers from the communities towards these children.

An important case is also that of the two brothers that have entered the auxiliary school due to their mother not being able pay the monthly fee at the community school.

Unfortunately, we have to accept that there existed cases when child’s opinion was not taken into consideration when placing him/her in the auxiliary school. In some cases, the institutionalization decisions are made only by the local teachers.



After the discussions with the children, we identified that most of them were sitting at the last bench in the community school. Children want to live with their parents, even though they have a difficult situation at home.

In context we will mention that the majority of children come from vulnerable families, with bad living conditions, where one or both parents are unemployed, and the family income being an occasional one. After evaluating the living conditions we realized that four families do not have their own place to live, living in a rent.

Lilia ELISEI, psychologist- assessor

Every third child living in the auxiliary school from Călărași has a delay in mental development, like difficulties of analysis, limited vocabulary etc. In the rest 60% of the cases, the psycho emotional profile of the children manifest a pedagogical negligence – intellectual passivity, reduced cognitive interest. These children goals lack ambition, even some of them being immature. Note that all the children want to become drivers or cooks. Not even one of them can self-estimate himself/herself, being ashamed and think that they have nothing to share about them. It is really difficult for them to argue their own opinion, deeds and actions.

23 from all the children have a delay in the psychological development, 43 have been subject to social-pedagogical negligence. There are only six children with moderate or severe delay in the psychological development in the whole institution; and it is not right for such a big institution with such a big number of places to activate only for these six children.



**Elena ROTARU,
main specialist in mother and
child assistance, Călărași**



After the medical evaluation of the children, we found out that 12 children have a disability degree, 8 of them having a moderate mental retardation, 2 children have severe mental delay, one child has a heart disease, and another child – cerebral palsy. The rest of the children have been diagnosed with light mental retardation, but these facts were not present in the documents of the child’s file. The conclusion is that the

majority of children can be integrates into mainstream school with additional teaching support, followed by a reintegration in their biological families.

The majority of children do not meet the institution’s status which is meant for the schooling of children with mental disabilities. Only 15 % of the total number of children meet this condition, the rest of them have to study in the community schools and live with their parents.

“Ensuring child’s right to a family and his protection against violence, abuse and neglect” project has reached its end

EveryChild Moldova’s partnership with its local and national partners, implemented with the support of UNICEF, the other day have summed up the “Ensuring child’s right to a family and his protection against violence, abuse and neglect” project data.

According to the EveryChild Programme Director, Mrs. Daniela Mămăligă, director de programe la EveryChild Moldova, the goal of the project was to strengthen the social protection system capacity from Ungheni and Făleşti raions, in carrying out a complex approach to the needs of vulnerable children and their families for the qualitative social services, inclusive for a system of family separation prevention and protection of children without parental care.

The project included the reorganization of 3 auxiliary schools from Făleşti and Ungheni raions, as well as the development of community based services, meant to assure child’s growth in a family or within a family environment.

At the national level, EveryChild mostly collaborated with the Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family, in order to strengthen national child protection system, to develop and improve social and educational policies that are meant to prevent child separation from the family and facilitate the integration in the community schools of children from the residential care. There also have been strengthened the both ministries communication capacities, in this way assuring the partnership between the main stakeholders of the reform and application of a unique vision regarding this context.

At the local level, the project has strengthened the capacities of the local authorities from Ungheni and Falesti offering practical support in the social services implementation and integration in the local services system. There also were improved the capacities of the authorities in charge of the strategic planning and impact evaluation of the services on children and families.

Children reintegration in the family – an investment in the future

*Larisa BUBNOVA,
specialist in the families with
children at risk issues, Ungheni raion.*

The reform process in Ungheni included the reorganization of the auxiliary school from Ungheni and the reintegration of the institutionalized children in their biological or



extended families. We note that the children reintegration was made possible after a wide process involving children and their families, as well as the school and the community. Every family is monitored after a child reintegration in the family. After a few months after the children reintegration, now we can state that, in the majority of cases, the relationship between children and the other family members are really good. Children are happy for being back home and live with their parents and siblings.

The success of the children integration, in the majority of cases, depends on the involvement level of the supporting teachers and of the community social worker. Unfortunately, we have to state that we identified cases of supporting teachers’ non-involvement, the lack of financial remuneration being the main reason. There also were cases where not all the community social workers knew about the situation of the reintegrated children in very detail.

It is easier to prevent the institutionalization, rather than to fix it’s harm

*Olga RĂILEAN,
social worker, Child protection Center,
Făleşti*

65 from those 103 children trained in the auxiliary schools from Făleşti had brothers and sisters, 28 have had siblings in the same institution. In case one of the brothers was placed

in the boarding school, the other brothers also became institution’s beneficiaries.

In 85 cases the main reason for the child placement in the residential institution was the family poverty. In other 30 cases, children entered the residential care due to alcohol abuse of the parents. Note that in just 25 cases the main reason of the child’s institutionalization was actually the mental retardation.

The auxiliary school from Albinețul Vechi was dissolved on 25th of June 2010, through the Decision of the raional Council Făleşti. Children from this institution were transferred to the auxiliary school in Soci Noi, teaching made in Russian.

Until the 1st of May 2011, 40 children were placed in their biological families, and other 4 placed in guardianship.

From those 38 children remaining in the auxiliary school from Socii Noi, 15 graduate. At the moment they are looking for solutions on the reintegration of the rest of children.

Conclusions formulated as a result of the assessment of the children’s situation were: the lack of social services inside the institutions, the long-term placement of the children in the institutions interrupted children relationship with their families and damaged the child-parent attachment. The project team stated that children reintegration in their families and communities need bigger investments than those allocated for the prevention: community level services (kindergarten, school, day centers), undifferentiated educational program.

The child protection national legislation will adhere to international standards

The policies and practices of the protection of children without parental care will be adjusted to the standards stipulated by the UN Guidelines for Alternative Care of Children, adopted by the United Nations Organization General Assembly at the 20th anniversary of the Child's Rights Convention. The reform will be made in the framework of the "Protecting children from Moldova from family separation, violence, abuse and exploitation" project, implemented by EveryChild Moldova, with the USAID financial support.

One of the first conclusions of the recent meeting of the Working Group for the revising of the national legislation is that a lot of the normative and legislative acts contain contradictory norms regarding child care and protection.

The working group consisting of specialists from public central authorities such as Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Justice, civil society and academics representatives, reviewed the current primary and secondary legislation and the developed practices in order for them to be adjusted /amended according to the UN Guidelines' stipulations.

According to the Head of the Child Protection Directorate of the Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family, Mrs. Viorica Dumbrăveanu, based on the results of the legislation analysis, the experts will develop an Action Plan for the implementation in the Republic of Moldova of the United Nations Organization Guidelines on alternative care of children.

Thoroughly were analysed 55 national legal acts

The legal expert, Mr. Iurie Perevoznic mentioned that there were selected 55 national legal acts for



the review which were considered to be the most important in the protection and care of children without parental care.

Also Mr. Perevoznic mentioned that it should be given a big importance to the Law on Child's rights, as it is the basic Law in setting the child's judicial statute. Ac-

cording to the expert, the law has to include definitions of some terms like "children in difficulty", for which the law gives no clear definition, or the development of the "best interest of the child" principle.

Perevoznic also revealed that is necessary some stipulations of the Family Code to be reviewed, those who still focus on institutionalization, because the United Nations Organization Guidelines show the residential care as an exceptional and temporary alternative.

Mr. Iurie Perevoznic also stated that „ It is welcomed an express regulation to ensure the maintenance of the obligation and responsibilities of the parents deprived of parental rights, in order to ensure further child maintenance. Actually, after the deprivation of parental rights, the parents are almost left on their own, but it would be much better to intensify the work with them”.

The United Nations Organization Guidelines on Alternative Child Care were adopted by the United Nations Organization General Assembly at the 20th anniversary of the Child's Rights Convention.

The Republic of Moldova is one of the first countries from this part of the continent willing to join this international document's stipulations.



The psycho-pedagogical assistance service – its here to help teachers and children

The Ministry of Education suggested to the General Directorate for Education, Youth and Sports to create a psycho-pedagogical assistance service. According to the Head of Directorate for preschool, primary and secondary Education inside the Ministry of Education, Mr. Valentin Crudu, this service's goal will be to assure and respect children's rights to development, education, protection, community integration and socialization.

The beneficiaries of this service will be children younger than 18 years of age, having difficulties with the development, knowledge, studying, etc., as well as their families. These psycho-pedagogical assistance services will also be addressed to the specialists working with children in difficulty, educational institutions, local authorities, medical institutions, social services etc.

Children's evaluation will be carried out based on the multi-disciplinary principle, in the psychological, social and pedagogical domain, involving qualified specialists. The parents or the legal representatives of the child will participate at this process. The results of the complex and multidisciplinary evaluation will be the basis in elaborating an individual plan/program of psycho-pedagogical assistance.



Depending on the evaluation's results and the necessities identified the service will establish the inclusion form and will refer the child to the specialized services and institutions.

The service also will also carry out other activities of support, counselling, education for the person that have children in their care: parents or the legal representatives, other persons.

The elaboration, promotion and the implementation of the prevention programs of children entering difficult situations, respectively of the institutionalization, is one of the goals of this service.

The service will be financed from the raion/municipal budget, from donations, grants, other sources, according to the actual legislation.

The existence of a specialized service would solve a lot of problems

Elena GONȚA, Deputy Director of the General Directorate for Education, Sports and Youth, raion of Călărași

It is a necessity the opening of a psycho-pedagogical service within the Directorate of Education. My colleagues from the Directorate and the teachers from the educational institutions from Călărași raion think that it is appropriate the existence of a service in charge of the children's psycho-pedagogical problems. Today, due to the lack of staff, not in every educational institution we have a psychologist. These specialists are needed in every school, but taking into consideration the economical reality of our country, we cannot afford this kind of service in educational institution. I am sure that

this lack can be compensated through the opening inside the Raion level Educational Directorates of a psycho-pedagogical center in charge of the psycho-pedagogical assistance for pupils, teachers, as well for parents. This structure has to be a flexible one, being present the whole week in the educational institutions. The conclusions offered by this commission could be beneficial and necessary in elaborating programs, with which help the Educational Directorates, Scholar Directorates will continue to carry out the methodical activity with the class masters.





„Every child has the right to study in the school from the locality he was born in, not in a closed boarding school”

Interview with the Head of the Directorate for preschool, primary and secondary general education, Ministry of Education, Mr. Valentin CRUDU

- The National Strategy for the reform of the residential child care system is on its fourth year of implementation. Which are the results till this stage?

- In the last 4 years, the Ministry of Education, along with its partners, carried out several activities stipulated in the Action Plan of the residential system reform. The most gratifying and successful result is that the number of children living in the residential system decreased with 40 %. A justifiably reason to be proud is that till the moment, 480 children were reintegrated in their families. In the period mentioned above, there were created several alternative services for child care and were opened a number of small group homes. The Republic of Moldova aims to adjust the national legislation to the international one, including in the educational and child's social protection domains. In this respect, the biggest wish is the residential system reform.

- The reform says that many children that lived a few years in closed institutions, separated from their families, will be reintegrated in the community. How prepared are the schools to meet these children? At what stage is the implementation of the inclusive education principle?

-In order to assure the inclusion conditions of the deinstitutionalized children, as well as the schooling of children with special needs in the general educational institutions, the Ministry of Education approved an order



that contains stipulations regarding the delimitation of the attributions at the central and territorial level on assuring inclusion conditions to the deinstitutionalized children from the residential education, as well as that of schooling children with special needs in the general educational institutions.

When we are talking about the development of the inclusive education we mean the assurance of the legal right to education for all the children. This mean that every child from the Republic of Moldova, whatever his/her statute, sex or ethnicity is, has the right to be educated in the school of the community he was born in, and not in separate residential institutions. In this respect, the

Ministry of Education developed the National Program on the inclusive education development, that will allow the integration of all the children, including those with special needs, in the educational system.

The concept of the inclusive education was finalized during the 2010 year. There also was elaborated the Educational Code project, that includes stipulations on the inclusive education.

- Which are the objectives of the residential system for the next period?

- During the whole 2011 year our efforts will focus on the deinstitutionalization and social reintegration of children that at the moment are in the residential care.

The Ministry of Education in partnership with the following NGOs: “EveryChild”, “Child, Community, Family Moldova”, “A.O.LUMOS” and UNICEF’s support extended the residential child care system reform in several auxiliary schools, including the ones in the Fălești, Ungheni, Călărași and Florești raions.

For the next period we aim to implement the Transformation Framework Plan of the residential child care system through the active involvement of the local actors, NGO’s and identifying new partnerships and resources. We want to focus on the promotion of the Inclusive Education Concept project and the elaboration of an Action Plan for its implementation. One of the parts of the Action Plan will be focused on the development of the legal and normative setting on inclusive education and on strengthening the capacities of the specialists in the field.

- Thank you very much for your interview.

Innovative Financing Principle – “MONEY FOLLOWS THE CHILD”

One of the objectives of the “Protecting children of Moldova from family separation, violence, abuse and exploitation” project is to identify the redirection mechanisms of money from the residential care to the new set of community and family services.

At the moment, the planned resources for the social services for children, mostly, are directed towards the residential institutions. Year after year, the government continues to spend enormous sums of money for maintaining an inefficient system to prepare the children for life, for social integration.

After the reform, an innovative financing principle, named “money follows the child” will be applied in the case of the social allowance for the orphans and children without parental care.

According to the EveryChild Public Finance Consultant, Mrs. Ala Scalschi, the application of this principle will contribute to the financial support of the families in difficulty, foster parents, and other children services. The funds used for financing the residential institutions should be used in supporting the following services:

Family support for the (reintegrated) children; The integration of the deinstitutionalized children in general schools through developing the inclusive education; The inclusion in the general schools; Foster Care.

The development of the mechanism for the redirection of resources from the residential system to the social services system will be carried out in several stages. Firstly, there will be evaluated the costs of the services necessary to children for their reintegrated in their families. Several types of services will be taken into account: medical, educational and social. Besides the financial evaluation of the residential institutions, the Project’s specialists will carry out an analysis of the costs involving the developed social services in those three pilot raions of the Project - Ungheni, Călărași and Fălești, each category in particular.

On the basis of all the evaluations, the experts will elaborate a set of legislative suggestions on the financial mechanisms that need to function for the family and child social protection system.

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Was launched the Action Decade in traffic safety

At the 11th of May 2011, in the Republic of Moldova was launched the Action Decade in traffic safety under the aegis of the World Health Organization (WHO)

WHO recommends to the member states a set of measures, including the legislation adjustment in preventing the risk factors, especially the excessive speed and drunk driving, but also the use of the seatbelt, the child chair and the helmet for the motorcyclists. WHO also recommends improving the emergency services, road education activities for children.

The traffic drama represents a major danger for the population, threatening men's life and health, causing frequent physical disabilities and great social-economical damages, being one of the priority medico-social issues.

Annually, after traffic accidents are registered about 1.3 mln dead people and tens of millions of traumatized people around the world, and we are did not mention their family members and relatives, that are also affected by the bad effects of the traffic tragedies. The traffic accidents are categorized as the main death causes among children and youth between 5 and 29 years old. Almost half of the victims are pedestrians, motorcyclists and cyclists.

According to the preliminary statistical data, in the Republic of Moldova the cases of death due to the road accidents were 471, that means 12,5% of the total trauma and poisoning cases.

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The transport network development forecasts prove that the rapid growth of the number of transport units increases the growth risk of traffic accidents, causing serious problems of organization of assistance in these instances. The lethality by traffic trauma is 12 times bigger than in the case of any other traumas, needs hospitalization 7 times more often and the disability occurs 6 times faster. Over 70% of traumatized persons in the traffic accidents need hospitalization and long treatment that is very expensive.

It is very important to mention that driving under the effect of alcohol and drugs is an significant factor in the possibility of a traffic accident. About 13% of the traffic accidents happen due to driving under the effect of alcohol.



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trend in the last years. According to the statistical data, the biggest part of the traffic accidents involving children happen between the May-September months of the year, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The prevention of the traumas aims excluding the traffic accidents and preventing the traffic traumas. Various factors interfere in organizing the prevention measures, within the competence and responsibility of both the state institutions, as well of each of us : the improvement of the communication and transport; the adjustment of special playgrounds for children; the education of skills of correct behavior on the streets and in the vehicles, obeying the road traffic rules.

In March 2010, the Republic of Moldova signed the resolution of the United Nations Organization regarding declaring the 2010-2011 years "The Action Decade on traffic safety" and assuming responsibilities that will happen next, among them being the objective of reducing with 50% until 2020 the number of traffic accidents.



! Holiday

This year, 15 817 children will benefit from tickets at the summer camp and recovery

In the last year's State Budget 17 904,1 thousands lei were provided for buying tickets at the summer camp and recovery for the children during the summer season 2011.

Thus, this year 15817 children will receive tickets at the summer camp for 10 days – the average cost of this ticket being 1131,9 lei.

The summer season started on the 14.06.11 and will last until the 28.08.11, in total being 6 shifts.

The counteraction of the camps offering us their services for children's rest and recovery in the summer season 2011 was carried out by the Ministry according to the public acquisitions procedures during one auction. There were selected 29 camps from 17 raions, from Bălți and Chișinău municipality, as well from Gagauzia.

According to the Government Decision nr.334 from 24.04.2009, from the total number of tickets for 2011, the Ministry of Labor,

Social Protection and Family will assign 55% to the Departments/Directorates for social assistance and family protection/ the Directorate for care and protection of the minors from Chișinău that will be distributed for free to the children between 7 and 18 years old, preferentially from the following categories :

- a) orphan and semi-orphan children ;
- b) children from single-parent families;
- c) children from low income families;
- d) children from big families;
- e) children under guardianship/trusteeship;
- f) children placed in family-type services;
- g) children placed in small group homes;

h) children from families with two disabled parents;

i) children from families where both of the parents are pensioners ;

j) children that have great study performances or are winners of didactical and extradiidactical olympics.

The other 45% of the tickets the Ministry will distribute to the National Confederation of Trade Unions from Moldova, in order to contribute to assuring the summer holidays of the children of the employees.

The Government of Romania also offers 80 places in summer camps for pupils from vulnerable families in the Republic of Moldova.

! Trainings

Specialists from Florești and Ialoveni raions were trained in developing the foster care service

The specialists from the Directorate/Department of social assistance and family protection and the members of the Commission for the protection of the children in difficulty from Florești and Ialoveni raions were trained in foster care service domain as a care form of children in difficulty. The "The Methodology of the foster care service development" seminary was organized by the Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family, in partnership with the " Lumos Foundation Moldova" Civil Association.

The participants at the seminary received course materials with the main normative acts that controls the training procedures and operating mode of the foster care service, as the experts there were present the Head of the Department for social assistance for

children from the Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family, Mrs. Rodica Moraru Chilimar, and "EveryChild Moldova" program manager, Mrs. Ana Paliu.

Mrs. Rodica Moraru Chilimar familiarized the audience with the foster care essence, goal and types of foster care. There she explained the recruiting, evaluation and approval stages of the foster parents, also being discussed the aspects regarding matching the child with the foster parent family, the duration of the placement and other practical aspects.

The foster parents work on a contract basis, that is why it is important to monitor the placed children's situation. This stage involves the home visits, the observation of the manner the individualized plan of child care is implemented by the foster parent, but

also the annual review of the competences of each foster parent.

The second part of the seminary focused on practical activities, where the members of the Raional Commission for the protection of the child in difficulty analyzed the case study materials.

The public authorities from the Republic of Moldova support the development of the foster care service in more and more localities. This service matches the national promotion and respecting the child's right to grow in a family policies. The foster care represents one of the ways to avoid institutionalization, offering the children the possibility to grow and be educated in a family. All the participants at the end of the seminary received certificates confirming the training.

The Government of the Republic of Moldova on 22nd December 2010 approved the Regulations on the mechanism of intersectoral cooperation in the socio-medical domain in order to prevent and reduce the infant and children younger than 5 years mortality rates at home.

The field facilitators were trained in order to prevent and reduce the infant and children younger than 5 years mortality rates at home

The Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, elaborated and approved an implementation plan of the Regulations and Guidelines of practical application of the inter-sectoral cooperation mechanism, for both medical workers from primary medicine, as well as for the community social assistance.

There took place 3 regional seminars in February – March 2011, were participated representatives from the health and social assistance domain from all the raions and cities of the country. During these 3 seminars was presented the Regulations on the mechanism of inter-sectoral cooperation in the socio-medical domain in order to prevent and reduce the infant and children younger than 5 years mortality rates at home and its implementation plan.

UNICEF and the „Lumos Foundation Moldova” Association will support the Ialoveni, Florești, Orhei and Leova raions in their mechanism implementation process.

The Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family and the Ministry of Health, in partnership with the “Lumos Foundation Moldova” Civic Association and UNICEF, recently have organized a seminary of training the facilitators regarding the application of the mechanism of inter-sectoral cooperation in the socio-medical domain, in order to prevent and reduce the infant and children younger than 5 years mortality rates at home.

At the training in Chisinau were present a group of specialists from the Health Care and Social Protection systems from Chișinău mun, Ialoveni, Florești, Orhei and Leova raions.

The specialists at the seminary had a common platform for debates, exchange of experience and ideas regarding the prevention and reduction of the infant and children younger than 5 years mortality rates at home.

The Mechanism of inter-sectoral cooperation in the socio-medical domain, in order to prevent and reduce the infant and children younger than 5 years the mortality rates at home was presented by the Head of the Department for Family and Child's Rights Protection from the Ministry of

Labor, Social Protection and Family, Mrs. Viorica Dumbrăveanu.

The goal of the Mechanism of inter-sectoral cooperation is to establish and develop a stable and lasting partnership between the central and local authorities, healthcare and social protection institutions, NGO's and community institutions, in order to avoid death at home among children younger than 5 years.

The partners actions inside the mechanism of inter-sectoral cooperation is based on the principles of transparency, professionalism, responsibility and integrated approach of the child's and family's needs.

The proper functioning of this mechanism involves the implication and cooperation of the specialists in the field at all the stages, in order to assure the compliance of the child's right at life and survival. In the opinion of the participants at the seminary,

it is necessary to unite the efforts of all the involved actors in order to identify, evaluate, refer, solve and monitor the families and children at risk.

During the seminary the trainers were involved in practical activities, focused on more than one stages of the case management and socio-medical assistance to the family and children at risk. The role of the trainers is to develop and strengthen the team-work abilities of the **GPs (medic de familie)**, of their assistants and of the community social assistants.

This means an essential condition for a successful implementation of the intersectoral cooperation mechanism in the socio-medical domain, in order to prevent and reduce the infant and children younger than 5 years mortality rates at home.



! Event

The Forum for jobs and professions for youth took place

At Chișinău, on the 26th of May, inside The Opera and Ballet Theatre, under the aegis of the Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Ministry of Education took place the Forum for jobs and professions for youth, where the National Employment Agency organized Job Fair for young people.

In the same day with the contest of the territorial agencies for employment, in Bălți, Edineț and Cantemir also were organized Job Fairs for youth.

This event already has become a tradition, and it is the perfect place for the information of young people on the “magic world of the professions”, to meet the employers in order to know them and their provided possibilities on the labor market.

Thus, the Forum provided information and competence consulting to the persons interested in this topic, through the team effort of around 30 educational institutions, different public authorities, over 50 companies and employing enterprises, NGO's.

The Forum's message included the messages of all the educational institutions of different levels: superior, medium of specialty, secondary professional, expressed in the presentations that will be made regarding the specialties, the enrolment and training conditions, as well the negotiation will the economical agents during the Employment Fair, consulting on opening a business and on laor legislation etc.

The Career Guidance and Labor market Relationships Center of the State University from Moldova, as well the Information and Professional Orientation Academic Center



from the Tehnical University from Moldova presented information regarding the services offered to the young people.

The „Motivație” Association, the Organization for the Development of Small and Medium Enterprises, Business Consulting Center and Catholic Relief Services also presented projects for the young people, and the Center for Supporting the Business for Blind People presented a Program of business assistance for this type of young people.

The National Employment Agency made available for all the participants an electronic data- base with 5000 vacancies, and the employers came with different vacancies from different branches of national economy and with the challenge for a direct communication, simply explained: the employers and the employees meet to see if they match.

The National Employment Agency from Chișinău municipality informed everyone about the work placement services, also the specialists in this domain offered consulting and concrete practical advices for different situations, and the specialists from the Labor Inspection talked about the labor legislation.

Also this time the Directorate for Personnel Policy of the State Chancellery presented the information on the vacant public positions in the public central and local authorities.

Among those over 50 employers that took place at the event we can distinguish ICS ”Top Shop Studiomoderna”, SA „Zorile”, ICS „Cristina” Mold-Rom-Simpex, SRL „Deliver”, SRL Portavita, SA Glorinal, ICS Cedacri International SRL, SRL “Succes-M”, BCA „Moldova Agroindbank” SA, SRL Odiseu, „Donaris Grup” Insurance Company, SRL „Euromarbi”, SRL „Melitax-Grup”, SC „IMC Market” SRL, ISC „Fourchette-M” SRL, Institute of Plant Physiology, the Heath Directorate of the Municipal Council Chișinău, the SA ”Ionel” Manufacturing plant, BC „ProCredit Bank”, SRL „Tacromet”, IM Stati Market, SRL “Vistarcom etc.

The required professions were different, from sewers and tailors (shoes), housekeepers, mason-bricklayer, chefs, waiters, sewers (in the light industry) to IT specialists (engineers, operators, technical directors, managers), economists, sellers, cashiers, bank workers, personnel service inspectors, accountants, managers, etc.

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