

PROJECT PEH021

"EDUC-PLUS" Permanent Training and Professionalism for Quality Services Provided to Children in the Protection System"

- Promoter: The Association "Resource and Information Centre for Social Professions" CRIPS
- Partner: General Directorate for Social Assistance and Child Protection sector 1 Bucharest
- Project funded with the financial support of RO10-CORAI Programme, financed by SEE 2009-2014 Grants and managed by Romanian Social Development Fund.
- Budget : **535.250 lei** total value of eligible costs, representing:
 - 409.466,25 lei SEE grant coming from external source
 - 72.258,75 lei public co-financing included in the non-reimbursable financing
 - 53.525 lei private co-financing (CRIPS' contribution)
- Implementation period: 11 months, starting with the date of 26.05.2015
- National coverage project, carried out in the 8 development regions of Romania, respectively in Bucharest municipality – sector 1 (Bucuresti-Ilfov region) and the counties: **Cluj** (North-West); **Arad** (West); **Mehedinti** and **Valcea** (South-West); **Alba** and **Mures** (Centre); **Arges** (South); **Buzau** (South-East); **Bacau** (North-East)

Purpose: Improving the social integration opportunities of children and youth in the protection system hosted in residential care services by promoting strategies, measures and training programmes aimed at increasing the professionalism of educational staff and good practices of public – private partnership for social inclusion and non-discrimination.

Objectives:

- A) Improving the capacity to provide courses that are adjusted to the educators' needs by continuous training courses and supervision of 20 trainers in 10 GDSACPs and facilitating the access to pedagogical resources and networking both for the aforementioned 20 persons, and for 40 additional trainers in GDSACPs and private structures by creating and developing a Virtual Resource Centre.



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- B) Developing the competences of educational staff working in residential care facilities (220 persons) in order to ensure the social integration of beneficiaries, as a result of the participation to continuous training courses (from the 5th to the 9th project months)
- C) Improving the public-private partnership for quality in Residential Care Services at county, regional and national level, by organising 2 county workshops in each of the 9 counties and 2 local workshops in Bucharest sector 1 (20 workshops in total) and elaborating by means of a participative approach of a Code of good practices of public-private partnership for the social inclusion and non-discrimination of children in residential care services.

Activities:

A1 Project Management

A2 Elaboration of a training model, pedagogical kits and development of a Virtual Resource Centre “CVR Trainer” for the trainers who train the staff working in the child protection field

Consultation for the selection of the training topics; Carrying out the training needs analysis in the county, based on the TNA tool elaborated by the project team; feedback to the elaboration of the training model for educators, pedagogical kits and video materials; development of the Virtual Resource Centre for trainers, involving the trainers' active participation

A3 Training, supervision of local trainers and setting up of a trainers' network

DGASPC ensures the selection of 2 trainers from its staff, who will attend a continuous training course (2 modules x 2 days) organised in Bucharest, CRIPS headquarters. The 2 trainers, as well as other trainers in the county, will be invited to participate to a trainers' network, developed under the project.

A4 Training courses for educators

DGASPC ensures the selection of trainees (20 educators from residential care services). The theoretical training, provided by the 2 trainers prepared under Activity 3, will take place in a training location provided by the GDSACP and will consist in 3 modules x 2 days/module. Each theoretical module will be followed by practical activities at the trainees' workplace; in order to ensure a good practical preparation, 2 practice trainers will be trained, who will have the capacity of project volunteers.

A5 Debates and collection of good practices on the topic of public-private partnership

2 county workshops will be organised in each county (CW1 and CW2), in order to debate the current situation and to identify solutions aimed at improving the public-private partnership to the benefit of protected children (on average 20 participants – PLA representatives, heads of residential care facilities, professionals from social services/ schools/ other institutions, NGOs, other private structures including sponsors, mass-media). The first workshop CW1 will also provide the opportunity to formulate proposals for a Code of good practices of public-private partnership for the social inclusion and non-discrimination of children from residential care services. Steps will be taken to identify examples of good practices of public-private partnership, which will be collected and emphasised on the virtual resource centre.

A6 Communication and project promotion



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Two events will be organised – a Launching conference and a Closing conference. Promotional materials will be elaborated, whereas the dissemination of project results and project promotion will be ensured, according to the Communication and Promotion Plan.



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Proposed results

Quantitative short-term outputs (until the end of the project):

- Training model and 3 pedagogical Kits for the training of educators;
- 20 local trainers trained to use them in the courses for educators;
- specialised website – Virtual resources centre dedicated to trainers;
- 11 pilot training courses for educators organised in the 9 counties, to the benefit of 220 educators;
- more than 40 representatives of public authorities participating to the county seminars and the final conference;
- at least 20 example of good practices of public-private partnership to the benefit of the children in the protection system identified and published on the website;
- Electronic leaflet Code of good practices of public-private partnership for the social inclusion and non-discrimination of children in residential care services;

Qualitative short-term results:

In all the beneficiary counties and in Bucharest sector 1

- Development of the institutional capacity of GDSACPs to achieve an effective analysis of the staff training needs and to provide training courses that are adjusted to the needs of the staff in the system;
- Improving the access to documentary and pedagogical resources of interest to the trainers working in the child protection field
- Increasing the professionalism of educators and valorisation of this professional category with high responsibilities in educating and integrating children and young people

Quantitative long-term results (5 years as from the project end):

- Development of the Virtual resource Centre – updating with new titles of materials and pedagogical kits of interest to trainers (at least 6 other new materials);
- Dissemination of the pedagogical kits elaborated in the project to at least 4 other counties;
- Development of the trainers' network with at least 20 new members from public institutions and NGOs;
- Organisation of 10 more training courses for educators in the beneficiary counties, using the resources elaborated in the project.

Qualitative long term results

- Similar to the qualitative short-term results, but in 4 other counties.



Programme indicators to which the project contributes

Number of children who benefit directly from the project services	30
<i>Out of whom Roma</i>	20
<i>Out of whom girls</i>	20
Number of specialists/ professionals/ volunteers who provide services to children and/ or youth belonging to vulnerable groups and who acquired specific knowledge and abilities	220
<i>Out of whom specialists/ professionals/ volunteers of Roma ethnicity</i>	
Number of representatives of public authorities involved in project activities	40
Number of representatives of local and county authorities from areas/ localities with a high percentage of Roma population	24
Number of representatives of the private sector involved in the project activities	20
Number of participants to training sessions, workshops, conferences	320
Number of networks for the exchange and transfer of good practices, partnerships, coalitions and other associations initiated	1
Number of methodologies, tools, projects, action plans or local development plans elaborated	6

Specific project indicators (to be identified)

Number of trainers who joined the trainers' network	60
Number of children and youth engaged in the participative workshops and practical activities of educators	300
Number of good practices of public-private partnership to the benefit of children from residential care facilities identified and valorised by means of the project	20
Number of updates with documentary and pedagogical resources throughout the project – web page of the Virtual Resource Centre	10
Number of recipients of the Code of good practices of public-private partnership for the social inclusion and non-discrimination of children from residential care facilities (public institutions and NGOs, in addition to the beneficiary GDSACPs under the project)	50

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