

Tradition

Association for Early Intervention is a non-governmental organization, which provides services, support and help to families with vision and multiple handicapped children.

Association for Early Intervention was established in 1997. It follows up professional services provided in former centres, which worked with families with vision and multiple handicapped children since 1990.

Activities

The main aim of organization is to provide field (mobile) services to families with disabled children in their natural (home) environment within the Czech Republic.

Mission

„Association for Early Intervention provides professional services and consultations to families, which care for disabled children and children with threatened development. We accompany families in their difficult life situation and help them to be able to raise children in their natural environment.“

Aims

Families with disabled children and children with threatened development have enough support and professional service to raise the children in their early age in their natural environment.

Parents (caring persons) of disabled children and children with threatened development have immediate information, support and professional service.

Parents (caring persons) feel qualified to educate and support development of children with handicap or threatened development.

Families with disabled children and children with threatened development are partners to professionals; they participate in making decisions about required support and services for themselves and for their children.

The public, professionals and communities are aware that disabled children have the right to be raised inside their families and that is why the families need to obtain the support from the society.

Clients and services

The services are intended:

- to families with vision and vision-combined handicapped children from their birth till 7 years of age

- to families with children with threatened development in vision scanning as a result of abnormal development from their birth till 7 years of age

Some offices provide additional services:

- to families with physical, mental and multiple disabled children including children with PAS from birth to 7 year age
- to families, which became foster parents
- to families, who care or preparing to care for a child with threatened development. (A child with threatened development means a child, who is threatened in its physiological and social development. The development is threatened as a consequence of a risk as a result of an unsuitable environment.)

Number of clients in 2013: 429 families

Types of services:

Field services:

- regular consultations in families – the major activity within our services
- early intervention consultants regularly visit families and provide support and guidance
- regular consultations include direct work with a child, counselling its education, use of didactical devices, social counseling, support in terms of active learning, supervisor conversations and other activities, which proceed from individual requirements of a family
- provide accompaniment to a family while visiting doctors, councils and preschool facilities
- lending suitable devices and toys
- arrangement of contacts to other professionals
- provide contacts with other families in similar situation

Outpatient services

- are held within our centres
- functional vision assessment – evaluation of a child's current level of vision functions using special tests and techniques

- outpatient consultations focusing on child's vision stimulation and vision training

The number of selected interventions in 2013

number of consultations in families	1 763
number of functional vision assessment	145
number of telephone consultations	1573
number of epistolary contacts and consultations	7037
number of lendred devices	6595

Branch offices

Association for Early Intervention, Klimentská 2, 110 00, Praha 1

Early Intervention Centre SPRP České Budějovice, Kněžská 8, 370 01 České Budějovice

Early Intervention Centre SPRP Brno, Nerudova 7, 602 00 Brno

Early Intervention Centre SPRP Olomouc, Regional office for families with children with vision and combined handicap, Střední novosadská 52, 779 00 Olomouc

Early Intervention Centre SPRP Olomouc, Regional office for families with children with physical, mental and combined handicap, U Botanické zahrady 4, 779 00 Olomouc

Early Intervention Centre SPRP Ostrava, Havlíčkovovo nábřeží 38, 702 00 Ostrava

Additional activities

„Early Intervention Week“: organizing and coordinating of nationwide campaign



Publishing: Eliska – the story of sensuously disabled little girl, Fathers – common way, KUK – vision stimulation DVD

Training: courses ratified by Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, organization of international conferences

International partnership

For more information see: www.ranapece.cz





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