

### **EVERY CHILD IS AMAZING**

We support the families of children with developmental conditions or disabilities, to enable them to better manage their lives.

# WE UNDERSTAND HOW THE BIRTH OF A CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS CHANGES THE LIFE OF THE WHOLE FAMILY.

In a few minutes everything is different. The joy at the arrival of a new family member is replaced by feelings of fear: about the child's health, their future, and whether the parents will manage to properly care for them. The early childhood intervention service gives families self-confidence and reassurance. More than that, we gradually help to build a new future.

## WE BRING PROFESSIONAL CARE DIRECTLY INTO FAMILIES' HOMES

Raná Péče is an early childhood intervention outreach service. Our counselors travel to families' homes, and in a safe environment show parents how to care for children with specific needs and how to develop their potential. We deliver the necessary support tools, we provide social counseling and we recommend appropriate specialists. We work with families of children with special needs from birth to 7 years of age, and, in compliance with the law, our services are free of charge.

# WE TRY TO BE EVERYWHERE EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION IS NEEDED

Our counselors have been visiting families across 10 Czech regions for over thirty years. We offer early childhood intervention services to families of children with visual impairments and related disabilities, and in some regions also to families of children with physical, mental, and combined disabilities. At the regional level we also offer a social activation service (SAS) and a relief service.

## WE HELP FAMILIES AND CHILDREN LIVE FULL LIVES

We support and encourage "our" families each step of the way. At the beginning, it's necessary to overcome the shock of finding out the child's diagnosis. Then, gradually, we return the family to their normal rhythm of life, without fear of social isolation. We connect families in the Czech regions and throughout the Republic. With our help and often the support of the community, parents are able to raise their children in their home environment.



We cooperate with local and overseas experts.











#### A WORD FROM THE EXPERTS

"For me, early childhood intervention is above all about continuity. Continuity in the personal and professional care for the child, whose entry into life is accompanied by difficulties related not only to them but also to the world around them, particularly their parents. Upon leaving the hospital, in which the child has usually spent a longer time due to their health problems, a turning point occurs. Suddenly the family takes over the child's care from the hands of professionals, and further specialized care is managed on an outpatient basis. Only now does the real family life begin, along with the everyday worries. This is when parents can feel most out of their depth, unsupported, and abandoned, and with more difficult tasks to accomplish than other parents. And this is the point where Raná Péče steps in with its irreplaceable early childhood intervention services. With a focus on the family and on homecare, they bring information, personal experience, and an organizational structure which supports the parents and the child in a crucial way and further helps them on their journey. A big thankyou to all who work there."



concerns, and feelings of safety. There is never any judgement, only

offers of help, advice, and assistance."

doc. Jan Janota MD, Ph.D., Head of the Neonatal Department with Resuscitation and Intensive Care Unit at Gynecology and Obstetrics clinics at the 2nd Faculty of Medicine at Charles University and Motol University Hospital

#### **ABOUT RANÁ PÉČE**

Raná Péče teaches families of children with special needs how to live fulfilling lives. Early childhood intervention counselors bring professional help directly in the home. Together with parents they develop the child to help them reach their potential. Since the organization's foundation in 1990, we have supported thousands of families throughout the Czech Republic. Currently, our team of 80 specialists across 7 branches cares for over 900 families.

