2017-2019 The Child-Friendly Justice Momentum in Europe

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- Programs to increase employability
  - Support of social stabilization
  - Job counseling
  - Cooperation with employers

- Programs to solve debts
  - Courses of financial literacy
    - Debt counseling

- Programs to increase efficiency of alternative sanctions
  - Roma mentoring
  - Programs for juvenile offenders

- Educational Services
  - Accredited courses of financial literacy and debt counseling
  - Expert services
National Strategy

Potential:

• experience from implementation of probation program for juvenile offenders PUNKT Family (2013-2016)
  - 200 programs implemented in every region of Czech Republic
  - more than 100 lectors trained all over the country
• tight cooperation with Probation and Mediation Service (PMS)
  - key role in juvenile justice system in Czech Republic
  - probation officers – specialist on youth on each of the 76 centers of PMS in judicial districts of CR
  - organize „multi-teams for youth” in regions
1st National Workshop

• When: April 12th 2016
• Where: RUBIKON Centrum headquarters in Prague
• Participants: 34 lectors of probational program for juveniles PUNKT Family from across the country (social curators, curators for youth, social workers, probation workers, field workers, streetworkers, detention workers, therapists, psychologists, addictologists, etc., from state and non-governmental sectors)
Objective:
- to pilot the impact of the training package on our external collaborators, to find out how they will perceive the ideas of child-friendly justice and respond to the training
- to focus on potential links with their practice and the practice of probation programs for juvenile offenders in our country

Outputs:
- for this target group, principles of child-friendly justice were easier to adopt, as the lecturers have already received training from RUBIKON Centre, which is based on similar principles, including participation of juveniles, right to dignity and respect, protection against discrimination
2nd National Workshop

- implemented as 2 events for different groups of participants which enabled us to increase the impact of training to a wider area and the number of experts - altogether 78 participants
2nd National Workshop – part A

• When: November 8th 2016
• Where: Ostrava
• Participants: 53 social curators for youth from the whole Moravian-Silesian Region
2nd National Workshop – part B

• When: November 22nd 2016
• Where: Plzeň
• Participants: 25 members of “multi-teams for youth” – judges, state prosecutors, probation officers (specialists on youth, regional and district leaders), social curators etc. not only from the Plzeň and Rokycany districts (plus multi-team coordinator from Brno and PMS regional leader of West Bohemian court region).
Objectives:

- to introduce the training package and European and international standards relating to juvenile justice to professionals; to familiarize them with the importance of children's participation in the justice system and teach them skills that support children's participation.

Outputs:

- both events were positively evaluated by participants; most open to the ideas of child-friendly justice were social workers and probation officers, who were also impressed with the examples of good practice from the implementation of the probation program PUNKT Family
We focused on cooperation with the Probation and Mediation Service

- greatest impact on the dissemination of the principles and standards of child-friendly justice in the Czech Republic
- relatively young (est. in 2000) and progressive state institution
- probation officer - specialist on youth in every judicial district, methodically guided and educated within a single system.
- “multi-teams for youth” in the regions
- we can rely on our long-standing cooperation within many projects and on our 12 years experience in implementing probation programs for juvenile offenders
Next Steps

• Our efforts will be directed on incorporation of elements of the training package to the regular training of PMS officers

• We had several meetings with directorate of PMS and its key workers, who are responsible for the methodology and education
Thank you for your attention!

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