



**ASSOCIATION FOR A  
UNITED COMMUNITY  
AND SOCIAL  
INTERVENTION - ACSIS**

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# ABOUT ACSIS

OUR VISION: we actively strive to since 2004, is of a society that functions as a living organism, a body made up of diverse communities, each with its specific contribution in social life; communities acting jointly, educative and preventive for each of their members.

OUR MISSION: is sustainable development of family and community through education and specialized intervention for prevention of harmful social phenomena such as maternal abandonment, trafficking in persons or school dropouts. We achieve this through the development of education programs for a healthy life, psycho-social support, social and professional inclusion of vulnerable persons.

OUR VALUES are equally important!

We deeply believe in **Solidarity** that we translate in all our projects, through implementation of pro-awareness activities, proactive prevention and action against situations of vulnerability of community members and by increasing social cohesion, as a consequence of these synergistic activities.

We cherish and manifest **Responsibility** in our projects: ours, as an organization, toward results of our projects and interventions; Responsibility of communities toward vulnerable members, as well as Responsibility of parents toward their children.

We believe in **Continuing Education**; through formal and non-formal education, in childhood or adulthood, a community increases the autonomy of its members, but also their ability to contribute to social development.

And last but not least, we believe in **Uniqueness**; we intervene through activities adapted to the communities and individuals, leaving aside preconceptions. Believing in Uniqueness of individual and community makes us flexible and easily adaptable as organization.

## **OUR PROJECTS**

### **TARGET GROUPS:**

**Who do we work with?**

- **Families in social, psychological and economic difficulty, risk of child's abandonment**
- **Disfavored pupils from poor areas of Bucharest**
- **Vulnerable youth and teenagers**
- **Professional in the psycho-social field and teachers**

### **SERVICES PROVIDED:**

- **Social advice, professional integration**
- **Support for scholar education to prevent school dropout**
- **Vocational advice and assistance in finding a workplace**
- **Information, education**
- **Emotional support**
- **Family and community integration/reintegration**
- **Social relationships and leisure activities**
- **Financial/material support**

## **Integrated Services Project for preventing the child's separation from the one-parent disadvantaged families**

- One of 4 children in Romania is in the record of the social services, being in protection institutions, in care homes or in the street (ANPDC,2010). In the same time, Romanians in the first place in Europe from the point of view of the abandoned children. An increasing number of families face with the risk of being obliged to abandon their children, because of the financial and materials difficulties.
- We supported 183 the children's maintenance next to their 114 mothers who bring them up alone, by a customized approach of the type of assistance provided: from material and financial support as a reply to the basic needs of the family which they most often mention first at the meetings, then social advice, support in obtaining their legal rights, parental education, support in acquiring healthy behaviors and attitudes in the child's education, individual and group psychological advice, vocational advice and support in finding a workplace, support in completing the education, attendance to qualification courses.

## Access to Education for Disadvantaged Children and Young People

We aim through this project to increase access to education for children and adolescents coming from disadvantaged families; this purpose is rooted in a difficult reality, one of families with low educational and material levels, without motivation and means of support in the school education of their children.

- We organized educational and recreational activities with 65 children:
- We gave support to children in doing home works;



## Access to Education for Disadvantaged Children and Young People

- We supported writing, reading and arithmetic calculation training and development through teaching and practically-applied exercises;
- We encouraged acquisition and development of independent work/study skills;
- We provided support in the development of personal and social autonomy skills;
- We supported education through various methods; both formal and informal (visits to museums, theater, movie outings, etc.).
- We provided school supplies and material support for children included in the project.



## Access to Education for Disadvantaged Children and Young People

- We organized activities with 73 parents of pupils included in the project:
- We offered support to parents in order to obtain identity cards, children birth certificates and to access legal social benefits;
- We restructured the parents' beliefs and negative attitudes towards school;
- We made parents responsible on the importance of schooling for children;
- We offered individual counseling for parents in order to prepare them better for educating their children.
- We organized monthly sessions for parents, where aspects of children's progress at school are discussed, as well as the importance of education and motivation; we also offer tools and guidance in the process of children education.
- We organized activities with 12 teachers
- We organized informative sessions for teachers, in which we discuss practical issues related to working with children in a situation of vulnerability, as well as teachers' role in school drop-out prevention;
- We kept in touch with the schools attended by the children of the program for monitoring their school situation.



# Creation Workshop Project

The Creation Workshop is a social enterprise offering a working organized and securing framework, learning and social relationships for mothers who bring up alone their children.

- **Objectives:**

- To support socially disfavored mothers in assuming work responsibilities and achieving the necessary skills to obtain a job in a profit environment.
- To offer a training and adapted work environment for single mothers in social difficulty.
- To offer jobs for single mothers in risk of separation of their child.

- **Activities:**

- textile toys training for the beneficiaries provided by a Tailoring Instructor,
- part-time jobs for two mothers in the social enterprise
- manufacturing textile toys (puppets)
- interactive theatre shows in kindergartens for promoting and selling the textile toys
- individualized psychological and social assistance for single mothers facing the risk of abandoning their children.



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## Creation Workshop Project

We participated with the workshop products at fairs organized by companies in order to support the social economy: S.C. Mega Image SRL, ANCOM, Casa cu Rost, Muzeul Satului, Asociatia Neamunit, GFK

7 companies supported the activity of the Creation Workshop by purchasing our products

8 theatre representations organized for children from schools and kindergartens



## Social Rights for the Mother and the Child Project

Goal:

informing and advising activities with respect to the rights related to the mother-child couple within two Bucharest maternity hospitals, as a consequence of having identified in the field the mothers' need of guidance, immediately after the birth

436 mothers with 770 children were informed with respect to both the rights and services provided by the state and the existing social services

# Preventing Human Trafficking Project

- We aim through this project to reduce the trafficking in persons' phenomenon by increasing the self-defense capacity of groups at risk and raising awareness at the community level regarding this flagellum.
- We held information workshops for 480 students enrolled in the Technical College " Dinicu Golescu "- Bucharest and Technical College " Elie Radu " - Ploiesti. The themes, addressed in an interactive manner, were primarily related to the main ways of recruiting a victim, the profile of human traffickers, their means of transportation and exploitation, based on their victims' gender and age, ways to protect themselves in front of the phenomenon.



## Preventing Human Trafficking Project

- 30 parents and 43 vulnerable children have also benefited by information workshops and advice on human trafficking prevention . We focused on the knowledge of children's rights both by parents and by children, the recruitment methods used by traffickers , the recognition of risk situations and ways of protection, adapted to the age and developmental level of the child.



### Testimonial:

- “I was very impressed by the movie I have seen during the workshop, with respect to the way a stranger can persuade a child to go with him. I went home and discussed with my child about this, not to let himself tricked by any stranger. “ N. Mioara, beneficiary



## **COLLABORATORS**

- **FONCP- The Federation of Non-Governmental Child Protection Organization**
- **RISE Romania**
- **The General Directorate for Social Work and Child Protection, 1st district**
- **The General Directorate for Social Work and Child Protection, 2nd district**
- **The General Directorate for Social Work and Child Protection, 6th district**
- **The Institute for the Protection of Mother and Child-“Alfred Rusescu”**
- **The Hospital of Obstetrics and Gynecology “Prof. Dr. Panait Sarbu”**
- **The Children Action Romania Foundation**
- **Portico Association**
- **The Association for the Support of Social Integration**
- **General School no. 145**
- **Inocenti Foundation**
- **The Association “Casa Ioana”**
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- **Workshops without Borders Association**
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- **Technical College " Dinicu Golescu "- Bucharest**
- **Technical College " Elie Radu " – Ploiesti**
- **School Inspectorate of Bucharest Municipality**
- **School Inspectorate of Prahova County**

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