

## COMPLETED PROJECT SUMMARY

**Organization:** Sananim

**Grant proceedings:** Comprehensive program for taking care of children of mothers that are addicts

**Project name:** Centrum SOS Archa – crisis center for children, youth and adults

**Project length:** 24 months

**Requested amount in the grant proceedings:** 1,465,992 CZK

**Subsequent project supplementary financing:** 155,600 CZK

**Total grant amount:** 1,621,592 CZK

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### Project goals and results:

#### **1. Searching for, selecting and contacting high-risk families**

- assistance planned with 130-140 children, 208 children selected, out of this active work with 123 children and their drug addicted families from Sananim and 85 children from drop-in facilities

#### **2. Working out the mother's perspective and motivation for treatment. Treatment of the mother with the goal of the subsequent maintenance of abstinence. Solidifying the mother's relationship with the child. Strengthening parental behavior.**

- ongoing work with the family
- acquisition of upbringing skills (cooperation of the caretaker with mothers with the goal of assisting in accomplishing the goals set with the psychologist; how to play and take care of children, etc.)
- children's rehabilitation (children's massages courses, etc.)

#### **3. Providing a safe environment in accordance with the child's needs. Practice of parenting skills. Provision of multi-discipline cooperation with active participation by the mother.**

- cooperation with selected and verified experts in children's development (protection of acquired information) – mapping of the children's condition and needs
- model examples of good practises for specific facility types were prepared

#### **4. Improving the social conditions in high-risk families, returning the children to the family in cases where it was taken away**

- Each high-risk family had a social worker that helped the families orient themselves in the state support system and to facilitate better communication with authorities
- 107 were able to return to the original family

#### **5. Monitoring the overall condition of the child from birth, respectively from the prenatal period, use of support made available by the state**

- Children's condition monitored in criteria such as speech impediments, increased sickness rate, communication and behavioral disorders
- 80% of the children showed behavioral disorders, incl. hyperactivity

- 6. The project is focused on the healthy development of a child in a rehabilitated family that was damaged by a drug addiction of a parent, most frequently the mother. It therefore helps decrease the number of children that would otherwise be placed into institutional care, or to enable their return to a functioning biological family. A similar program that focuses on helping children of addicted parents (mothers) in treatment is unique in this scope, therefore one of its goals is also the preparation of a methodology for working with this clientele.**
  - Manual for working with children of clients that have a drug addiction was prepared
  
- 7. Increasing the quality of work with unmotivated users on the drug scene, including expanding the target group by children of parents that have a drug addiction**
  - The work took place via the case management method, i.e., it involved specific case work with the mother and child from first contacts all the way to the rehabilitation phase and everyday life accompaniment
  - Model examples of good practise and a flyer designed for pregnant users and mothers were prepared.

**The pilot project demonstrated that comprehensive care for children of mothers (parent/s) that are addicted to drugs, including work with the parents themselves, can prevent the placing of these children into institutional facilities or enable their return into a functioning biological family, even though in some cases the family or parents remained under supervision or the child was released from the institutional facility with some sort of restriction.**