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The Sirius Foundation (Nadace Sirius) is organising a thematic conference entitled “Child at Risk II” (Ohrožené dítě II) on Wednesday 12th May 2010 from 9 a.m. at which the results of national monitoring in the sphere of care for children with physical handicaps and the attitude of the public to this issue will be presented. The event will be staged at Andel’s Hotel Prague, Stroupežnického 21, Praha 5 – Smíchov. The results of monitoring will help determine priorities and formulate the grant call for aid for the project activity of non-profit organisations and organisations receiving a contribution from the State Budget from throughout the country, with emphasis on systematic solutions and prevention.

The aim of monitoring was to map out care for children with physical handicaps and to determine the most pressing problems that need to be resolved from the perspective of state and non-state organisations, the expert public and the parents that come up against these problems in their everyday care for children. Last, but not least, monitoring looked at the attitude of the public.

The disinterest of the public, prejudice and derision were all named instantly by the parents of physically handicapped children as the second most pressing area right after lack of finance. Indeed this problem was evaluated similarly by the representatives of non-profit organisations together with the disinterest of state institutions.

The conference follows on from activity of The Sirius Foundation that got underway in 2008, when the results of the first national monitoring, which focused on the issue of children at risk from the social environment, were presented at the “Child at Risk I” conference. Papers will also be given by prominent experts as part of the programme.

In its work The Sirius Foundation uses as much expert experience and as many examples of good practice from home and abroad as possible. Its activity is based on the principles of professional project management and a transparent approach.

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