

Project title:

Look to Your Future (Daleko hled)

Main theme:

Socially disadvantaged children and youth and their parents.

Project purpose and outcome (in two sentences):

The purpose of the project is to prevent crimes committed by/on children and youth. The outcome of the project is a situation when they spend their free time meaningfully, positive personal development and development of social and learning skills increasing their chances to succeed in the society, educational system and both professional and private life.

Project submitter (Member State):

Czech Republic

Project leader(s):

Plzeň Region, People in Need (Člověk v tísni, o. p. s.)

Project partner(s):

Project description:

The project's target group are socially disadvantaged children and youth and their parents. The citizens living in the so called socially excluded areas are threatened by crime both as victims and as perpetrators. Among the root causes for children and youth to be threaten by crime are lack of positive role models in socially excluded environment, lack of opportunities to spend their free time meaningfully, to develop their personalities in a healthy way, to establish social relations and most importantly lack of education which will limit their opportunities to succeed for the rest of their lives. The project aims to establish support services and tools that help to overcome these disadvantages. Interventions supporting education, personal development and social skills of children and their parents represent an opportunity to escape the imaginary closed circle of intergenerational reproduction of social disadvantage and disadvantage of members of the target group.

Objectives project:

The objective is to prevent crimes committed by/on children and youth by learning them how to spend their free time meaningfully by implementation of following activities:

1. Regular free time clubs and other free time activities for children and youth from socially disadvantaged environment.
2. Support voluntary work in the area, career counseling and other individual support.
3. Parent groups for parents raising their children in socially disadvantaged environment, parents of children with behavioral disorders, educational problems and similar and individual support of these parents.
4. 6 days course of social and personal development for children from socially disadvantaged environment, children with behavioral disorders, educational problems and similar.

The activities are implemented by the nonprofit, non-governmental organization People in Need in the Plzeň Region. The organization runs field programs. Expert social counseling, services to support education, socially activating services, probation and resocialization programs and motivational and

support activities for youth. The organization works with dozens of families living in socially disadvantaged environment.

Project outcome:

Project outcomes include:

- Regular free time clubs in 3 cities and one-off free time activities with minimum 40 children and youth involved (Activities leading to meaningfully spent free time improve children's success and development).
- Expansion of voluntary network, approximately 20 new volunteers join in 2018 and minimum of 20 children and youth is individually supported, especially through tutoring and career counseling directly in families.
- Approximately 12 clients join family groups led by experts or individual meetings of parents with experts. These include topics like care for children, effective preparation for school, behavioral problems solutions, criminal liability, (cyber)bullying, narcotic drugs etc.
- Summer course for children dedicated to socio-personal development. Its objective is to realize effective ways of cooperation and communication in a group and strengthening of children competences to cope with stress and to take part in the society in a healthy way.

Start and end project:

Started 2015, still running.

Timescales and key milestone dates:

Funding (total budget and type of funding (e.g. ISEC, EUCPN Fund,...)):

Total budget for 2018 is 348 000 CZK (approx. 13 490 EUR). The project is funded by the Ministry of the Interior (238 000 CZK, approx. 9 200 EUR) and the Plzeň Region (110 000 CZK, approx. 4 270 EUR).

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