

Holt International Children's Services

Child Welfare in Romania Project

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Project Quarter 11

I. Executive Summary

These quarter activities continued to focus on further developing and improving community services as part of the project, maximize the programs' impact in the communities we serve and sign the MOUs with the local DPCs from Constanta and Iasi.

We continued all "Child Welfare in Romania Project" – programs components in Constanta and Iasi: Crisis Intervention Services for At-Risk Families and Children (with three components: Pregnancy Counseling, Community Based Services to Families At-Risk and Services to Abandoned Children), Domestic Adoption Services, Foster care Services and Services to HIV+ Children and their Families.

Social assistants continued to assist abandoned children in maternities, pediatric hospitals, dystrophic units and institutions, as well as serving children and families at risk. They continued to provide economic assistance to families through donations of material goods and information on family planning methods and referral to local family planning clinics.

Holt participated at the S O 3.2 meetings under the leadership of Mrs. Lucia Correll, the Senior Child Welfare Advisor, during this quarter.

Holt continued the efforts at the national level for developing domestic adoption in Romania –by providing technical assistance within the National Training Program in Domestic Adoption (partnership with UNICEF and National Authority for Child Protection and Adoption) and increase public awareness through several media articles, shows on radio and TV focusing on domestic adoption.

Holt continued the efforts to improve the collaboration with the National Authority for the Protection of Children and for Adoption and the local DPCs, as well.

The majority of Holt Romania staff benefited from the "Make Parenting a Pleasure" training. Iasi Site's team will be trained next quarter.

On May, 2001 took place the Conference on Prevention & Education HIV/AIDS organized by Peace Corps and Bill Gates Foundation. The social assistant on HIV Program from Constanta site attended it.

On May, 2001 on Iasi site was organized a training " Efficient Media Campaign" for entire Moldavia Parenting Association for HIV+ infected children. Merk, Sharp & Dhom funded this training.

On June, 2001 in Bucharest was organized the workshop in Standards of Social Services and Accreditation System. The workshop was organized by FONPC, National Authority and EU Delegation in Romania. Two Holt representatives attended this workshop.

On June 2001, took place the seminary " The social assistance for families and children at risk premise of reducing children's institutionalization" organized by Feed the Children" Foundation. One of Holt staff attended this seminary.

Training

Holt continued the National Training in Domestic Adoption. We covered the last 3 regions (13 counties) during this quarter. The National Training in Domestic Adoption covered all counties in Romania. A Conference on Domestic Adoption will be held this fall in order to present the results of this training, the suggestions professionals working in this field and feed-back from Romanian adoptive children and families.

During this quarter, Holt offered training for a total of **31 new foster families** as part of their training to become maternal assistants. Holt sustain the local DPC Iasi in order to developed a foster care network for new born babies as a alternative solution to the institutionalization. Also, Holt offered training for **18 new adoptive families**. Holt is involved to trained and support local DPC Iasi to trained the adoptive families.

II. Data

All project components developed by Holt are implemented in direct collaboration with the local DPCs in the counties of Constanta and Iasi.

IASI

1. Crisis Intervention Services for At-risk Families and Children

There are six (6) social assistants in the Crisis Intervention Program in Iasi County:

One social assistant is located in the maternity hospital of Iasi and works with pregnant women at risk, women after delivery, children at risk of being abandoned and abandoned children in the maternity ward.

Two social assistants are working out of two local health dispensaries in Iasi city and offer services to pregnant women, families and children at risk from those communities.

One social assistant has worked in the pediatric wards of Iasi hospitals and children abandoned in maternities. She used to be located in the dystrophic Unit. She is maternity leave.

Two social assistants are located in Placement Centers doing child evaluation for the long term institutionalized children, and they develop permanency plans for these children.

This quarter:

A number of 131 new children (new cases for this quarter) received services under the Crisis Intervention Program developed by Holt in Iasi, of which 7 were abandoned children (in institution and medical facilities) and 124 were at risk of abandonment.

A total number of 388 children (all cases served) received services under the Crisis Intervention program during this quarter.

A number of 131 at risk children- received services through the Crisis Intervention program remained with their families and 5 abandoned children returned to their birth families as a result of services received.

A. Pregnancy Counseling Component

63 new women (new cases for this quarter) in crisis were served through the pregnancy counseling component (the quarterly objectives have been reached - 105%). Of this number 3 were pregnant and 60 had already delivered.

A total number of 166 (all cases served) received services through this program during this quarter.

59 new women received information on and referral to family planning clinics.

A number of 65 new children received services as part of the Pregnancy Counseling component (children of women in the Pregnancy Counseling Program).

B. Community Based Services to Families at Risk Component

59 new children received services as part of the community based services to families at-risk program during this quarter in Iasi.

25 new families (new cases) were registered and received services under this program component.

A total of 70 families at risk (all cases served) received services through this program during this quarter.

C. Services to Abandoned Children Component

7 new abandoned children received services through this program component.

2. Domestic Adoption Services

We have one social assistant working for this program in Iasi. She is located in Holt Office and she is working in good collaboration with the colleagues from the local DPC. Started this months, the Holt social assistant help her colleague from local DPC in order to implement the Holt's standards on domestic adoption in the local DPC practice. They have regular meetings and they work together on some cases.

During this month, efforts have been made to increase public awareness through several mass media articles, broadcastings on radio and TV focusing on domestic adoption. Additionally, there has been concluded an agreement with the Iasi County Public Transportation Company in order to place Holt's Posters on the buses (please see the attachment).

The quarterly objective for this program for Iasi was 6 new placements in domestic adoption. **We reached 50 % from objective during this quarter.**

**This quarter, 3 new children were placed in domestic adoption in Iasi.
14 children received follow up services (post placement services) during this quarter.**

**7 new adoptive families were recruited.
10 new adoptive families received training during this quarter.
A total of 23 adoptive families received services during the quarter.**

3. Foster Care Services

We have one social assistant working in foster care program in Iasi.

We continue to focus on short term foster care for de-institutionalizing of children from institution and as a preventive services.

The quarterly objectives for this program for Iasi was to have 5 new placements in foster care, for a total of 15 children placed in our Iasi foster care network. **We reached the quarterly objectives (180 %).**

**This quarter, 9 new children were placed in foster care in Iasi.
At the end of the quarter a total of 21 children were in care in Iasi site.**

**There were 10 new foster care families recruited during this quarter.
There were 29 foster families who received training.
1 new family was certified by the county during this quarter.**

4. Services to HIV+ Children and their families

Holt has one social assistant providing services to HIV/AIDS children and their families in Iasi site. She is located in the Hospital for Infectious Diseases of Iasi County, where Holt opened a social assistance office.

Our social assistant works in collaboration with medical staff working in the county hospital for infectious diseases and with the local authorities in order to support these children and their families. The social assistant supports the families to come together as a group and become stronger in order to fight for their children's life.

Holt continued to develop a reintegration program with temporary financial support of the family. In Iasi, there are 15 children infected with HIV/AIDS who received besides counseling, an economical support consisting in food, clothes, shoes, vitamins, medicine, school supplies, etc. All of these children are in their birth families. These families received a lot of support, counseling and other social services.

The quarterly objective for this program for Iasi was to serve 9 new cases (children with HIV/AIDS).

This quarter, 10 new cases of children were opened.

A total number of 55 children with HIV/AIDS (all cases served) received services during this quarter.

The quarter ended with 45 active cases.

There are 15 children with HIV/AIDS in the reintegration program with temporary financial support of the family.

CONSTANTA

1. Crisis Intervention Services At-Risk Families and Children

We have four social assistants working for this Program: 3 of them are located in Constanta city and cover the City of Constanta and the community around and near city and one social assistant is placed in Medgidia and covers Area of Medgidia.

This quarter:

A number of 125 new children (new cases for this quarter) received services under the Crisis Intervention Program implemented by Holt in Constanta, of which 15 were abandoned children (in institution and medical facilities) and 110 were identified as at risk for abandonment.

A total number of 305 children (all cases served) received services under this Program during this quarter.

A number of 112 at risk children—received services through the Crisis Intervention Program remained with their families and 9 abandoned children returned to their birth families as a result of services received.

A. Pregnancy Counseling Component

72 new women (new cases for this quarter) in crisis were served through the pregnancy counseling component (the quarterly objectives have been reached – 120 %). Of this number 7 were pregnant and 65 had already delivered.

A total number of 180 (all cases served) received services through this program during this quarter.

70 new women received information on and referral to family planning clinics.

A number of 68 new children received services as part of the Pregnancy Counseling component (children of women in the Pregnancy Counseling Program).

B. Community Based Services to Families at Risk Component

42 children (new cases) received services as part of the community based services to families at-risk program during this quarter in Constanta.

37 new families (new cases) were registered and received services under this program component.

A total of 116 families at risk (all cases served) received services through this program during this quarter.

C. Services to Abandoned Children Component

15 new abandoned children received services through this program component.

2.Domestic Adoption Services

We have one social assistant working for this program in Constanta. She is located in Holt Office and she is working in strong and close collaboration with the colleagues from the local DPC.

The quarterly objective for this program for Constanta was to have 6 new placements in domestic adoption. **We reached this objective (116,66 %) during this quarter.**

This quarter, 7 new children were placed in domestic adoption in Constanta. 17 children received follow up services (post placement services) during this quarter.

7 new adoptive families were recruited.

8 new adoptive families received training during this quarter.

A total of 30 adoptive families received services during the quarter.

3.Foster care Services

We have two social assistants working in foster care program in Constanta. One of them is located in Constanta City, working out of Holt's office and the other is placed in Medgidia, working out of the Holt Community Resource Center.

We continue to focus on short-term foster care for de-institutionalizing of children from institution and as preventive services.

Holt continues to develop in Constanta long-term foster care for HIV+ children. These children were abandoned in the institutions and medical units. They have been placed in the well trained and supervised foster families specialized to support and care for long term institutionalized children. They attend at the Community school and they are well re-integrate into the local community.

The quarterly objective for this program for Constanta was to have 10 new placements in foster care, for a total of 30 children placed in our Constanta foster care network. **We reached the quarterly objective (100 %).**

This quarter, 10 new children were placed in foster care in Constanta.

At the end of the quarter a total of 31 children were in care in Constanta site.

4 new families were recruited to become foster families during this quarter.

2 foster families received training.

There was not any new family certified by the county during this quarter.

4.Services to HIV+ Children and their families

Holt has three social assistants providing services to HIV/AIDS children and their families in Constanta site. Two social assistants are located in Constanta City and they cover a large area in the county around the city. The third social assistant is located in Medgidia and works out of the local Holt Community Resource Center.

Our social assistants work in strong collaboration with medical staff working in the county hospital for infectious diseases and dispensaries and with the local authorities in order to find ways to support these children and their families.

Holt continued to develop a reintegration program with temporary financial support of the family. In Constanta, there are 25 children infected with HIV/AIDS who received besides counseling, economical support consisting in food, clothes, shoes, vitamins, medicine, school supplies, etc. All of these children are in their birth families. These families received a lot of support, counseling and other social services.

The quarterly objective for this program for Constanta was to serve 12 new cases (children with HIV/AIDS).

This quarter, 9 new cases of children were opened in Constanta site. A total number of 146 children with HIV/AIDS (all cases served) received services during this quarter.

The quarter ended with 139 active cases. There are 25 children with HIV/AIDS in the reintegration program with temporary financial support of the family.

There are a total of 10 children with HIV/AIDS placed in long term foster care.

D. Successes and Barriers by County

Successes –Iasi

- Efforts have been continued to increase public awareness by placing Holt posters focusing on domestic adoption on the public transportation
- Increase the number of foster care placements
- Work groups between Holt and local DPC's social assistants in order to transfer our methodology and procedures to the local DPC's staff
- Project objectives for this quarter- reached for almost all program components and exceeded for some of them.
- Good partnership with the local networking of NGOs in order to support our clients

Successes – Constanta

- A good collaboration with the local Mayor's office in Medgidia –in order to support more Medgidia's community through Holt's Programs he offered us a huge building to be used for community services. The building is located in the heart of Medgidia town.
- 470 new mothers received baby –bags through Welcome Baby project including a large informational and educational written material. This project will help the Crisis Intervention Program in term to identify from the very beginning the social cases and women who need support.
- Project objectives for this quarter – reached for almost all program components and exceeded for some of them.

Barriers –Constanta and Iasi

- Changes at the Central level such as employment of new staff created confusion at the local level

- There are not very clear information regarding the finance, budgeting or children's rights at the local level. There are months delays on financial rights for HIV+ infected persons which increase the risk of abandonment for these children
- There are not minimal standards in forced and equally applied for all social services providers, no matter if they are NGOs or local authorities. These created miss-understanding and confusion for our clients
- A huge challenge continues to be the very poor economical status of the majority of our clients.

E. Information regarding "System Change" Component

Holt continued to be a permanent presence in front of the National Authority for the Protection of Children and Adoption in order to introduce our programs and results.

Holt has started pre-testing process of the three guides as objectives under the USAID project:

- a. Guide for young mothers
- b. Guide for social assistants providing pregnancy counseling services
- c. Guide for the professionals working with HIV/AIDS affected children and their families

The pre-testing process will be ended by the end of next quarter.

Holt finalized the last three regions (13 counties) left for the year 2001 under the joint project National training on Domestic Adoption. There will be a National Conference in Adoption at the end of the Project.

Holt was invited to participate in the meetings of the Task Force on Standards of Social Services and Accreditation System, organized by FONPC/ National Authority and EU Delegation in Romania.

The majority of Holt Romania staff has benefited from the training in "Birth to Three" model and more focused on "Make Parenting a pleasure". The Iasi Site' team will be trained next quarter. These series of trainings will increase the area of expertise of our social assistants and quality of our services.

Holt developed and implemented a Training of Trainers Program of " Strengthening Romanian Families by Developing Parenting Skills" in partnership with UNICEF and the local Mayor of Medgidia. The TOT will be provided in 10 counties recommended by UNICEF. The training will be provided to staff working in the local DPCs and to members of NGOs active in these counties. The first training for three counties in Moldova area was held.

Holt continues to be part of the National Federation of the NGOs active in Child Welfare in Romania.

Holt has become one of the founding member of the ProChild Romania. Holt participated on the Steering Committee during this quarter. Holt representative have been voted as an Internal Auditor on ProChild Romania Federation.

F. Narrative stories

Please, see the case stories attached. The case stories highlighted our work.

G. Report from the County Council Secretary and the National Authority of Child Protection and Adoption regarding the progress of the project

The Local DPC Director make an interview to highlight Holt's foster care program in Iasi County. Please, see the copy of the newspaper with translation.

H. Achieved goals this quarter and anticipated outputs for the next quarter

Please, see the Chapter II Data

I. Financial Report

Please, see the financial report attached

J. Attachments

- Financial report
- Case story with Photograph
- Domestic Adoption Poster

Added Chapter to the HOLT Quarterly Report:

K. Other services to children (all Holt Romania Programs)

- This quarter a total of **377 new children** were served by Holt in all four sites: Constanta, Iasi, Bucharest and Mures
- Holt ended this quarter with a total of **1076 active cases** of children and 287 active cases of women in crisis, in all four sites.
- During this quarter, we started to provide **pregnancy counseling services for HIV+ infected pregnant women**. This component started in Bucharest site so far.
- **Foster care Services** – 27 new children were placed in foster care this quarter
 - 110 children are placed and cared for in Holt foster care families
 - 16 new foster families were recruited
 - 62 foster families are recognized as official maternal assistants by the local Commission
- **Domestic Adoption** – 13 children were placed in Romanian adoptive families
 - 20 new families were recruited
 - 15 families officially approved this quarter as adoptive families
 - 39 children received follow up services
- **Crisis Intervention Services** – 161 new women in crisis were served
 - 176 new women received family planning information
 - 6 new mothers were placed in Holt's shelter for mother and child, during this quarter
 - 24 children were reintegrated into their birth family during this quarter
 - 345 children remained with their families based of the services received
- **Services to HIV+ Children and their families**
 - 33 new children with HIV and their families were served
 - 12 children are placed into the long term foster care

- 63 HIV+ children received help through the reintegration program with financial support of the family
- we ended this quarter with 253 HIV+ children active cases

- Holt continues to implement **The Community Resource Center**. This Program is a partnership between UNICEF, IOMC (Institute for Mother and Child Care, Bucharest sector 2) and Holt. The families receive professional information, support and assistance in order to get their legal rights, counseling, other services like work groups with subjects chosen by the clients, special Events. There are set up two work groups/ months for families registered at the Community Resource Center.
- **Long term Foster care for older children/sibling groups in Mures County**. We ended the quarter with 15 children placed in long term foster care: three siblings each and three groups of two siblings. The children are finished their school with good marks. The children have psychological appointments and tutors for main disciplines. The Holt social assistants moved forward with the older children job orientation. The seventh foster family was evaluated and approved during this quarter. There is ready to be concluded the seventh placement, after the children will finish their school. The summer vacation will be an adjustment time for these children and preparations will be done for the new school year.
- Holt will continue the new joint project with UNICEF and local Mayor office from Medgidia "Strengthening Romanian Families by Developing Parenting Skills".

- **Community Day Center –Rozmarinul/ Tg.Mures, Mures County**

This project is a partnership between the local DPC Mures, Holt, the local Mayor's Office and the local Ministry of Education. The implementation of this project has started last quarter. The project will continue during this quarter as well. There are social services provided through Community Based Services to Families at-risk. The children are at high risk to be abandoned, neglect or school abandonment.

- **The Parents Resource Center/ Bucharest, sector 1**

Holt obtained a space from the local DPC sector 1 in order to open, develop and run this Center. The Parents Resource Center will provide individual counseling for parents, parenting courses and other information for parents and children. The objectives are to prevent the abandonment and children desinstitutionalization from Orphanage no.1 at the beginning by increasing and developing the parenting skills.

**HOLT INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES
 QUARTELY REPORT
 APRIL - JUNE, 2001**

USAID chart

USAID IR indicators

		Cluj	Iasi	Constanta	Total
Number of children protected in State institutions			<i>Data from NAPCR - see WV report</i>		
Number of participans trained	Internal Staff*		1	12	13
	Government staff		<i>See WV report</i>		
	NGO-s		<i>See WV report</i>		
Number of children served in community based services	USAID activity		470	493	963
	County activity		<i>Data from NAPCR - see WV report</i>		
Number of families receiving services			314	467	781
Number of programs available	USAID activities		6	6	6

Number of new children admitted in institutions in Iasi, Cluj and Constanta	This quarter		<i>Data from NAPCR - see WV report</i>		
	Cumulative, since USAID activity				
Number of children placed for adoption in Romanian adoptive families	By USAID activity this Quarter		3	7	10
Number of rural communities/urban districts impacted by community development programs					

*Define type of professionals trained

Number of professional meetings to develop procedures; number of new procedures agreed by all the professionals

USAID funded activities

Case Activity by Services (*)

Case management and Family Support	Services		Cluj	Iasi		Constanta		Totals	
	Family Reunification: Number of children reunified with their families			5	64	9	50	14	114
	Foster care:	Number of foster parents recruited,		10	146	4	107	14	253
		Number of foster parents trained		29	94	2	81	31	175
		Number of foster parents certified by the county		1	20	0	28	1	48
		Number of children placed in foster care		9	51	10	116	19	167
	Domestic adoption	Number of families recruited		7	46	7	76	14	122
		Number of families trained		10	49	8	63	18	112
		Number approved by county		4	29	8	58	12	87
		Number of families receiving children		3	37	7	57	10	94
		Number of children receiving post placement services		14	32	17	57	34	89

	Services		Cluj	Iasi	Constanta	Totals			
	Home Based Counseling								
	Pregnancy Counseling (Holt's Program)	Number of women receiving counseling		63	395	72	727	135	1122
		Number of women receiving family planning info and referrals		59	334	70	623	129	957
Services for Women in Transition (World Vision)	Number of cases (mother and child) served in Emergency Shelter (not prevent)								
	Day Care Services (Number children in day care)								
Services for Youth in Transition	Number of children served in Life Skills Programs								
HIV program	Number of HIV/AIDS children served (new cases)			10	92	9	246	19	338
	Total number of children served during the quarter			55		146		201	
	Family reintegration with economic support			15	65	25	120	29	185
	Therapeutic Foster Care (Total number at the end of the quarter)			0	0	10	11	10	11

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Early Intervention and Prevention services	Number of cases receiving services							
Crisis intervention services	Children abandoned in institutions (new cases)	7	216	15	73	22	289	
	Number of families at risk served	25	248	116	349	141	597	
Emergency Funds	Number of children benefiting	<i>See WV report</i>						
	Number of families							

Translated from Romanian

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CASE STORY – JUNE 2001
Little Sumo

My story started several months ago, namely in February this year. I was then a 2 month old baby.

I remember it was quite cold outside. The rain had just stopped from falling and the wind was starting to blow. Mother and I were coming home from the station. We had taken dad to the train. He had to do his time in the army. Mother was quite sad and held me and was telling me, 'Sumo, you're all I have now'. (I forgot to tell you mother called me like that because I'm a plump little girl.)

I felt even then that my mother was worried. Shortly after that I was going to find out why. We had very little money. Sometimes we didn't have enough money for food. At least we were luckier with the clothes. Several female neighbors who loved me brought me clothes which had become too small for their own children.

The worst moment was when mother received a notification at home. I don't know who had sent it but mother started crying after she read it. Then she found out we had to pay a lot of money or be kicked out of the house.

Several days went by and mother became more and more desperate.

One morning mother dressed me up, held me and told me, 'We have one more chance. I heard about an organization which might help us. We'll go to them right now.'

I was very excited when we got to Holt (that's the name of the organization). I didn't know what would happen to us. They were our last hope.

It all took just a few minutes. They decided to help us after mother told them how desperate we were. That's how we have continued to live in our home.

Social Assistant: Mirela BUCSA

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**Parcă în dispreț pentru recomandările europene,
bani puțini pentru Protecția Copilului**

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30.07.2001

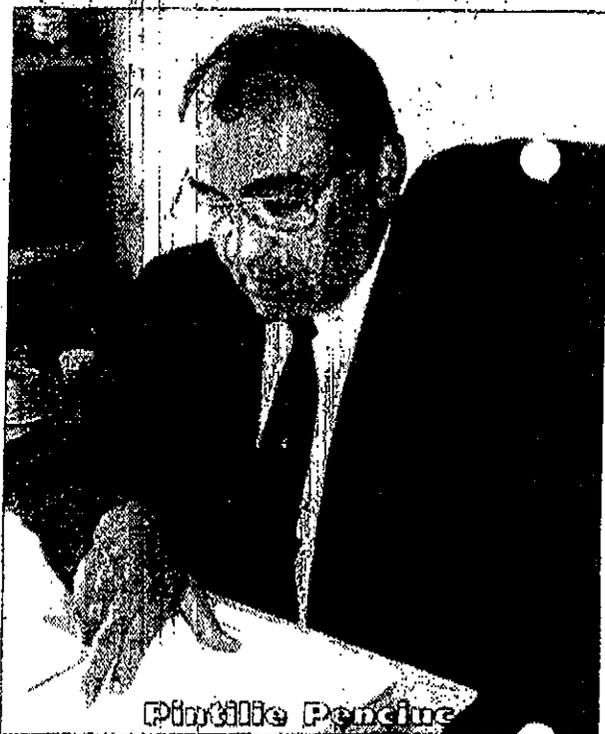
„Lecția Verheugen” este ignorată de guvernanți

Bugetul preconizat a se acorda în acest an Direcției pentru Protecția Drepturilor Copilului este total insuficient • Lipsa banilor face imposibilă organizarea concursului pentru angajarea specialiștilor în domeniu, de care este mare nevoie • În ciuda fondurilor insuficiente, DPDC are o multime de inițiative laudabile

Consiliul Județean și Direcția pentru Protecția Drepturilor Copilului sunt în impas deoarece, cel puțin deocamdată, nu au identificat sursele de finanțare necesare salarizării celor peste 2.500 de angajați care lucrează în domeniu, pe tot anul în curs. În august 2000, când DPDC a preluat de la Ministerul Sănătății și Ministerul Educației Naționale centrele de plasament pentru copii cu deficiențe s-a promis și finanțarea corespunzătoare dar se pare că au fost doar vorbe goale. De la începutul anului, conducerea CJ și a DPDC face intervenții desperate, pentru a obține banii promiși, însă nu s-a reușit mare lucru. Deocamdată, prin programele derulate se finanțează doar hrana copiilor, dar pentru a recupera acestora nu este nevoie numai de mâncare. DPDC are nevoie de specialiști care să ajute copilul cu probleme, rolul lor nefiind doar acel de a hrăni niste minori care pot avea o viață foarte apropiată de cea a copiilor normali. În condițiile în care Iașiul are nevoie numai pentru Protecția Drepturilor Copilului de peste 300 de miliarde lei și bugetul, se pare, va fi în jur de 100 de mi-

liarde lei, este greu de aplicat strategia guvernamentală care „merge” pe desinstituționalizare și găsirea unei alternative pentru copii. „Deocamdată nu stim nimic sigur referitor la buget. Din aceste motive nu putem aprecia nici data la care se va organiza concursul pentru ocuparea mai multor posturi de asistenți sociali, sociologi, juriști etc, de care este absolută nevoie. Sperăm totuși că lucrurile se vor rezolva”, a precizat Pintilie Penciuc, directorul DPDC.

Cu toate lipsurile cărora trebuie să le facă față, DPDC a inițiat un proiect, unic în țară, de instruire a asistenților maternali profesioniști. Mai precis, este vorba de specializarea celor deja atestați sau instruirea celor care solicită atestarea, în funcție de vârsta și problemele copilului pe care-l vor primi în regim de asistență maternală. „Vor fi patru categorii de asistenți maternali: pentru copii de vârstă normală, pentru copii până la trei ani, pentru grupuri de frați și pentru copii cu handicap. Era nevoie de o asemenea pregătire diferențiată deoarece nu toți copiii au aceleași nevoi și am decis că ar fi bine să începem noi



Pintilie Penciuc

acest proiect îndrăznet. Ideea de bază este înlăturarea, cel puțin pentru copiii foarte mici, a verigii intermediare, centrul de plasament. Este mult mai bine ca nou-născuții abandonati să fie preluați din maternitate direct de asistentul maternal”, a explicat directorul Penciuc.

Precizăm că în Iași, până acum, doar Organizația Holt desfășura un program spa-

cializat pentru copii foarte mici. Autoritatea Națională pentru Protecția Drepturilor Copilului și Adopții lucrează la o nouă metodologie de salarizare a asistenților maternali, în funcție de categoria de copii pe care o îngrijesc. Se intenționează ca, pentru „părinții profesioniști”, atât salariul lunar cât și indemnizația de sprijin să fie dublate.

Cristian DONOSE