

Steering Committee

Czech Republic



PARDUBICKÝ KRAJ

Project

**„Turning Words into Action: Enabling the
Rights and Inclusion of Children with
Intellectual Disabilities in Europe.“**

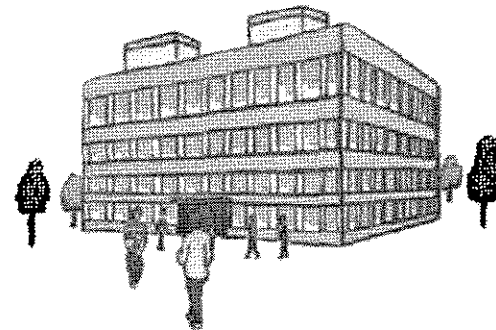
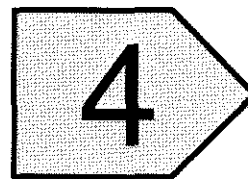
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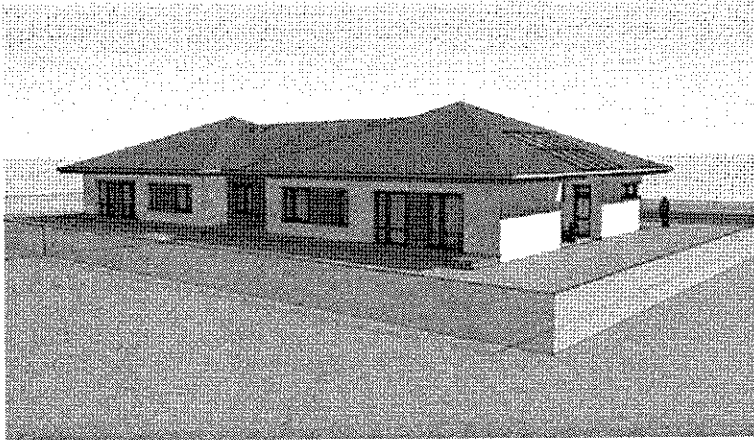


Situation in the Pardubice County

- 4 residential services for children with intellectual disabilities in the county
- Bystre - 11 children
- Raby - 5 children
- Zampach - 12 children
- Slatinany - 24 children
 - undergoing a pilot project “Transformation of residential services in the Pardubice County”
 - Plan to relocate 144 (of 279) users, including children in residential services

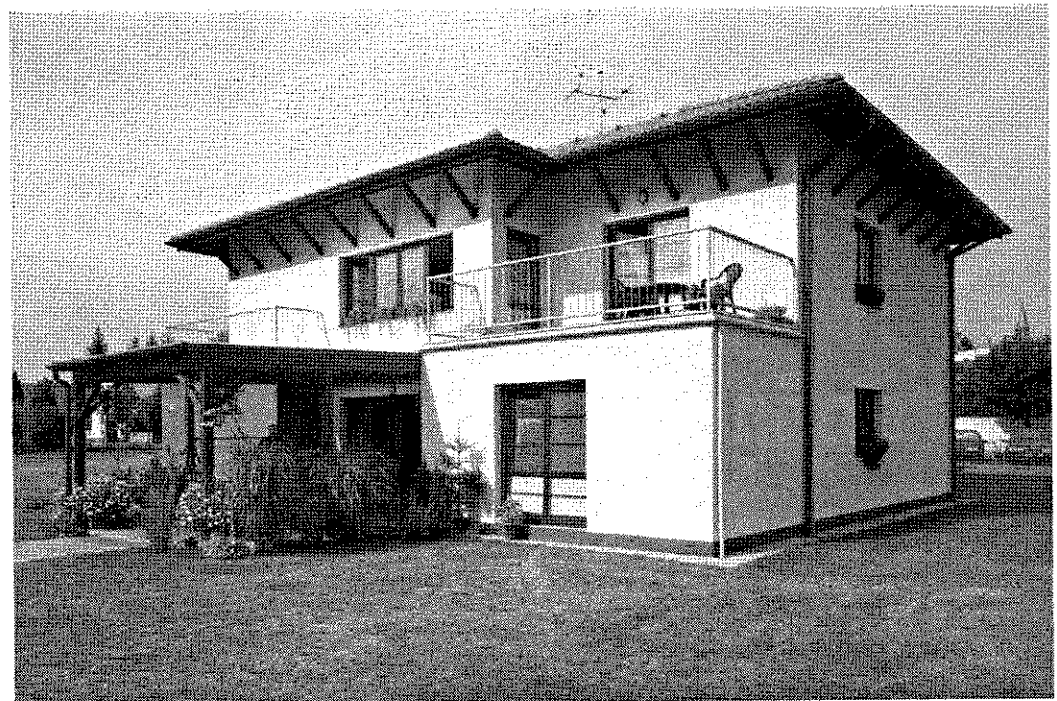


Family type of living in Slatinany



two households
for 4-6 users

Family house for 8 users



Activities in the Pardubice County

- transformation of care for vulnerable children (children living in orphanages)
 - support of parents taking care of disabled children
 - The TWIA complements and develops the activities of the Pardubice County in the transformation of residential services



Experience with identifying the needs of children in the County

- May 2011 - LUMOS project to assess the needs of children and their families
- Participating organizations - Residential Social Care Home Slatiňany and residential care home Raby
- Basic tool "Common Assessment Framework," adapted for Czech conditions
- involved 18 disabled children (6 to 17 years)
- Objective: Evaluate the new tool and identify the needs of the child and his family together and create a plan for solving his problem, suggest optimal plan of services, to incorporate the outputs from the assessment to the current plans of individual children



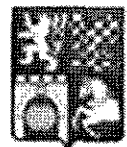
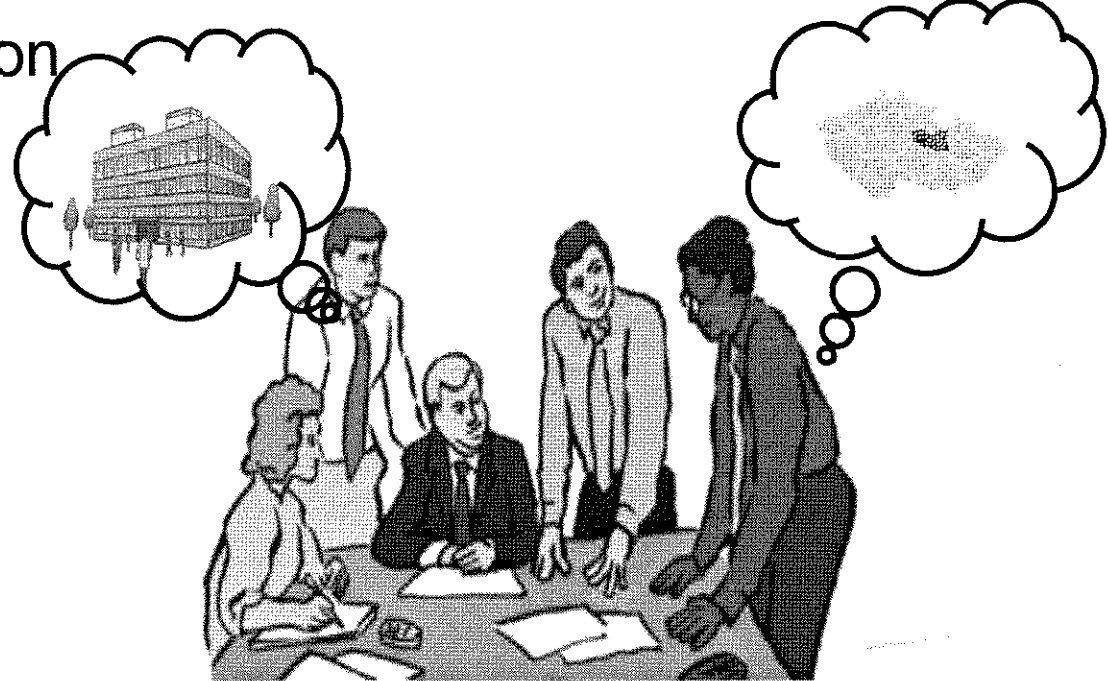
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- Determination of views, needs and wishes of children associated with the transformation
- Ensure awareness of children about their rights
- Integration of children into society
- Support for direct work with children in institutions

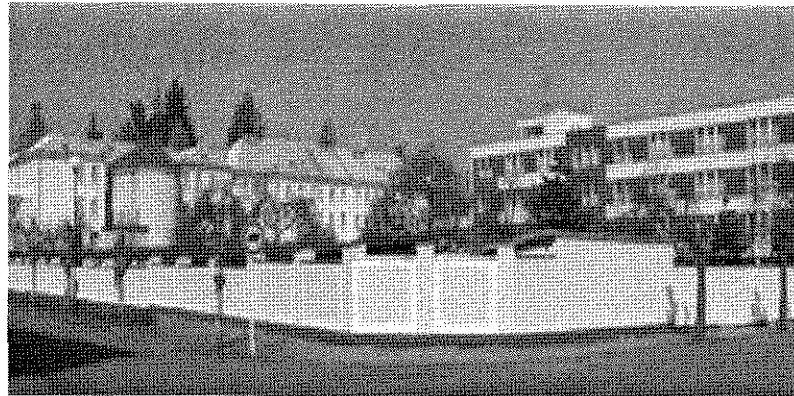


Development of child's participation

- "round table meeting" - Pardubice county, national center transformation, Lumos, representatives from organizations for children with intellectual disabilities – facts about TWIA and BHBL Declaration



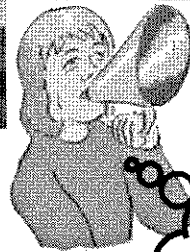
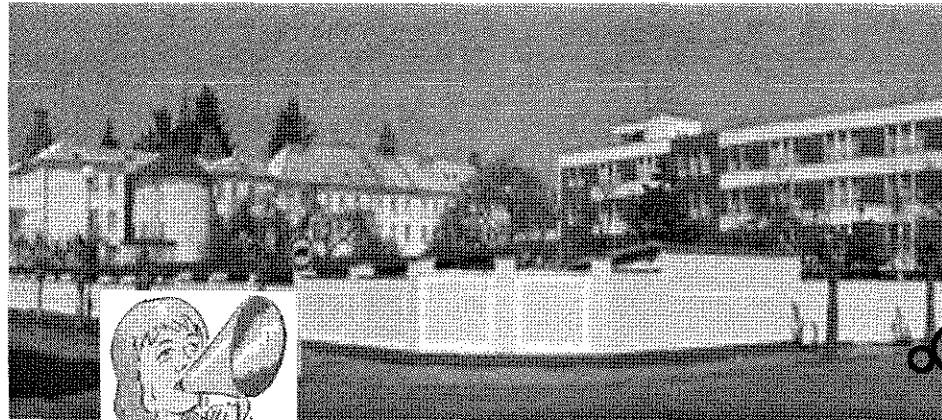
- Establishing cooperation with Social Care Home Slatiňany



- Commitment to a special school “Sonrise” - the involvement of children from families with intellectual disabilities



- Meeting with social workers, specialists, a few introductory sessions with children
- Creating of a children group with intellectual disabilities



Development of the children group

First Dimension

Lack of activation of children under 15 years of SCH Slatiňany

- Regular meeting 2 times a week through games, expressing their wishes, to support their free choices and provide information based on BHBL Declaration
- Increase activities outside the SCH area (trips, walks, meeting with children from the community)

Second Dimension

15 -18 years and young adults in transition process

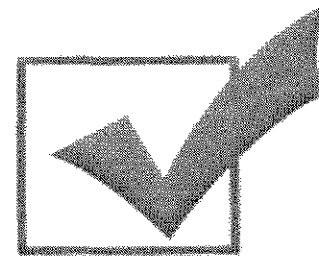
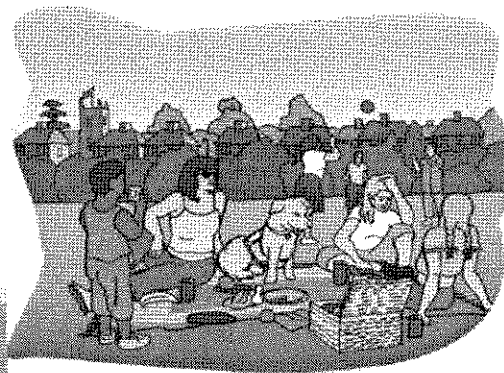
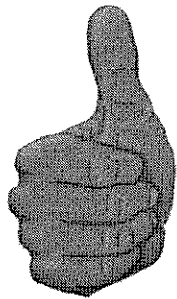
- Meeting in two weeks (monthly) - different needs
- more focused on activities proceeding from BHBL (discussing their rights through the easy read of BHBL, social communication, forum theatre, ...)

- -involving some young people from families with intellectual disabilities



National working group

- Reaching out and inviting potential members from ministries, institutions and leading organizations, etc.
- Key information about the project and main principles from BHBL Declaration, planning the first meeting with the Lumos team
- organization of involving children with intellectual disabilities from the second dimension group – to support creating of NAP by their personal opinions, wishes.



Benefits for the Pardubice County

- County receives information about the needs and strengths of children with intellectual disabilities and their families
- growing experience in communication with children with difficulties and identifying their views - we strive to make it happen common part of county experience
- Visibility of intellectual disability in community - integration into society
- Sharing experiences on national and international level



