

Activity Report

2010 - 2011

Brief presentation of FEDRA

The Federation for Rights and Resources for People with Autistic Disorder (FEDRA) is made up of associations and foundations active within social protection for persons with disabilities.

FEDRA is a Romanian legal entity, private, non-governmental, non-profit, operating in accordance with its Statute and the Romanian laws. It is an apolitical, open, non-confessional, non-profit, autonomous and independent organization.

FEDRA aims to create and maintain a suitable environment in order to stimulate and support people with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and their families.

FEDRA was founded in November 2010 by a group of six associations and foundations active in the field of social protection of disabled people. All the organization have family members belonging to this category.

The first meeting took place in Baia-Mare.

Before this meeting the first step taken was attending the 11th International Congress organized by Autism Europe in Italy (Catania) in October 2010. The main theme of the congress was – a future for autism. Also, this participation was represented the first step in the collaboration with Autism Europe, european network who militates for the rights of persons with autism and for improvement their life.





FEDRA members

The founding members of the Federation are:

- „Autism Baia Mare” Association - <http://www.autismbaimare.ro>
- „Crystal Children” Association Braşov- <http://www.copiidecristal.ro>
- „Transylvania Autism” Association Cluj Napoca- <http://www.autismtransilvania.ro>
- „Black Sea Therapeutic Center” Constanţa- <http://www.psihologieconstanta.ro>
- „Association for Supporting People with Autism” (A.S.P.A.) Suceava, - <http://www.aspasv.ro>
- „Universe Plus Foundation” Piatra Neamţ- <http://www.neamt-autism.ro>

They were subsequently joined by:

- “Defeat Autism” Association Bucharest - <http://invingemautismul.ro>
- „The Romanian National Association for Children and Adults with Autism” (ANCAAR), Iaşi - <http://www.ancaar-iasi.ro>
- „Romanian Angel Appeal” Foundation (RAA), Bucureşti - <http://www.raa.ro>
- „Autism Europe” Association – Centre for Resources and References “Little Prince” Bistriţa-<http://www.crra.ro>
- “Beyond Autism” Association Craiova - <http://www.dincolodeautism.ro>

„The Romanian National Association for Children and Adults with Autism” (ANCAAR),
Craiova - <http://www.ancaar-craiova.ro>

„Help Malin” Association, București - <http://www.helpautism.ro>

„The Romanian National Association for Children and Adults with Autism” (ANCAAR),
Argeș - <http://www.argesautism.ro>

Activities

Through its members, FEDRA was part of the process of elaborating the National Strategy for social and professional integration of persons with ASD

FEDRA members were involved in the process of elaboration of the National Strategy for ASD. The document was established within the Project “They must have a chance too!” implemented by the Romanian Angel Appeal Foundation, The Association of Cognitive and Behavioral Psychotherapies in Romania and The Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Protection.

Six meetings took place in 2011 with participation of representatives from the governmental and non-governmental sector.

FEDRA was **also involved in** the process of drafting the Methodological Norms for Law 151 regarding the specialized and integrated health, social and educational services for people with autistic spectrum disorders and associated mental health disorders. FEDRA was part of the working process as a representative of parents’ associations. The process is still going on.

In April 2011, FEDRA became a member of **Autism-Europe**.