

RESME newsletter

November 2013

Greetings from the Coordinator

May I introduce the first RESME newsletter!

On the border between Residential Child Care and Mental Health Treatment in Europe-project



The RESME–project, (2012–2015) had its first meeting in October 2012 in Lithuania. Previous cooperation and preparatory work eased the beginning and the project group was able to get right into work.

Our project team is an excellent group of experts from Finland, Spain, Germany, Denmark, United Kingdom (Scotland) and Lithuania with lots of knowledge and experience of child welfare services from both sides of the borderline – residential child care and mental health treatment.

Research perspectives

Update on the RESME Research

The first year in the project has been a time for research. The main focus was to find out issues that are interesting in a European

context. Participating countries represent different welfare regimes. The hypothesis in research was that these regimes would have significant effect on the care and treatment for children and outcomes of residential child care work. The national research teams have collected data for further comparison and international overview of different welfare regimes and borderline work. The Spanish partner has compiled a summary of the national reports including the analyses of the 38 individual and 3 focus group interviews completed. We have also carried out a literature review in English. Following the research we are better aware of the challenges in multi-professional collaboration between child protection and mental health services. The next step is to create a manual for multi-professional

continuing education. This new, innovative education is the main objective of this European multi-professional collaboration. Exiting and interesting!

Communication

During the spring of 2013 the graphical layout for the RESME project was designed and communication materials, such as the brochure and poster were finalized. The website was made active in May. The finalized research and continuing education materials will be available on the website in order to disseminate outcomes of this innovative interdisciplinary work. The RESME project has been presented in different fairs and conferences that focus on health care and social work issues.

Towards continuing education pilot

We are heading towards the most interesting part of the project – the continuing education pilot. The education is aimed at professionals working on fields of residential child care and mental health services. This is the first pilot targeted at both sides of the border – the “grey terrain”, where the responsibilities concerning treatment and care of the child are unclear between professionals.

During 2014 we will implement the pilot course together with partners in six European countries.

RESME in brief

Time period: 2012–2015

Budget: 485 000 €

Funding: European Commission’s Lifelong Learning programme, ERASMUS Cooperation between higher education institutions and enterprises Sub-Programme

Coordinator: Turku University of Applied Sciences

Partners:

- University of Oviedo, Spain
- University of Applied Sciences Hamburg, Germany
- Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania
- VIA University College, Denmark
- University of Edinburgh, UK (Scotland)
- Kibble Education and Care Centre, UK (Scotland)

Impacts

Through increased formal and informal communication between professionals, the project will impact on the borderline services and the everyday life of the children and young people.



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