

GRUNDTVIG PARTNERSHIP 2013-2015 "ENGAGING DISADVANTAGED PARENTS TO ACQUIRE PARENTING SKILLS" EDPAPS

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At the beginning of 2014, within the project Grundtvig "Engaging Disadvantaged Parents to Acquire Parenting Skills" Save the Children, Timisoara Branch developed a theme of 4 workshops addressed to parents. These workshops were held both in rural and urban areas.

The themes were the following:

- 1. Children's emotions
- to recognize emotions and associate them to different contexts;
- to recognize emotions taking into consideration the non verbal (body) language: facial expressions and posture;
- to identify the reasons of emotions;
- to name the consequences of emotions in a certain situation;
- to learn efficient modalities in order to deal with different emotions;
- 2. Positive discipline- Generalities
- the needs that motivate children's behavior with respect to their age
- barriers that appear in the communication with the child
- how does the child know he is being listened to
- reflexive communication
- 3. Positive discipline Disciplining techniques I
- praise and encouragement as rewards
- the special language of encouragement
- the difference between praise and encouragement
- recommendations for using the reward

- 4. Positive discipline Disciplining techniques II
- the method of logical and natural consequences
- extinction and exclusion as methods of controlling the anger
- the steps to be followed in applying the discipline









At the end of these meetings, the following changes could be noticed in parents:

- An improvement of the ability in managing the usual behavioral problems of children;
- Decrease in using castigation and constraints as disciplining methods;
- Improvement in the communication between parents regarding disciplining methods;
- Decrease in parental stress regarding child nurture;
- Easiness in helping children to admit and manage their emotions correctly;
- Emotional rationale allows parents to remain calm when children express their emotions and to control the situations in which the child manifests unease.