

Linking Birth Defects Surveillance with Early Intervention (EI) Services in Rivne

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Goals

- Establish an EI (Early Intervention) Program
- Establish a model “home” for EI
- Develop Partnerships

Background

- 1999: OMNI-Net Center established
- 2000: Birth Defects Monitoring started
- 2000: Neonatal Registry established
- 2002: Parental Support Group established
- 2003: Legal Support of Disabled Children in Rivne Oblast Project using grant by the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine
- 2003: Legal documents for the Pahinets EI Center creation forged
- 2004: EI “Pahinets” Center opened
- 2004: City Coordination Council for Disabled Persons established
- 2005: International Pilot Fetal Alcohol (FAS) Program initiated with University of California
- 2007: “Pahinets” Center expanded
- 2008: International FAS and EI partners expanded

2003 - Planning Implementations

On behalf of the Rivne City Executive Council, Mrs. Svitlana Bohatyrchuk-Kryvko (right) consulting with representatives of Rivne Education Administration, Rivne Allied Health College and Rivne Diagnostic Center



Consultations with International Partners

Mrs Svitlana Bohatyrchuk-Kryvko and Mr. Vitaliy Novak, on behalf of the Rivne Executive Council exchange views with Ms. Karen Feathers, President of the Ukraine Special Needs Orphanages Found (Virginia, USA).



Opening of the Pahinets Center

2004



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The Pahinets Center cares of disabled and normal children, a strategy to enhance “normalization” efforts.





In 2007, Pahinets Center moved to a new facility. The staffing of the Pahinets Center increased from 4,5 in 2004 to 66 in 2008.



Many “small steps” by Ukrainians and their International partners led to the creation of Pahinets.

However, we also are aware that many more “small steps” are necessary for Rivne **orphans** to share in these advances



ORPHANS
Attachment Disorders
IATROGENIC MENTAL DISEASE



Early Intensive “Bonding” Interventions

Conclusions

- Pahinets Center has become a model to be emulated elsewhere.
- Orphans have not fully benefited from the advances represented by the EI Pahinetz center.
- Pahinetz provides a template for programs for orphans.
- Integration of Pahinetz with programs for orphans may be desirable.
- Input from international partners remains critical.

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