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 El
- 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 Excutive 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

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Opening of the Pahinets Center

2004





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Mr. Valentyn Kroka, Deputy Head of Rivne Oblast Council



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





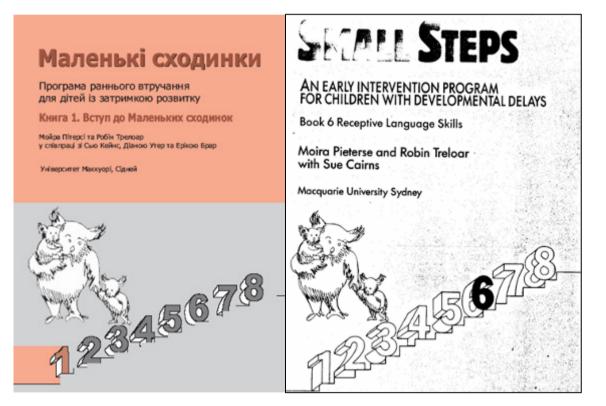
In 2007, Pahinets Center moved to a new facility. The staffing of the Pahinetz Center increased from 4,5 in 2004 to 66 in 2008.





Many "small steps" by Ukranians 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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