

RAPORT DE ACTIVITATE
1997 - 2001

Asociația Alternative Sociale
IAȘI

SOCIAL ALTERNATIVES ASSOCIATION

Social Alternatives Association is a non-governmental, non-political and non-profit organisation, initiated by a group of students from Social Work Faculty of Iași „Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University. The foundation date is 16th April 1997.

The mission: To promote non-custodial alternatives in justice administration, prevention, rehabilitation and reintegration activities, by respecting the international human rights in order to strengn the public security.

The organisation accomplishes its mission by:

1. Promoting of the professional statute and the psycho-social specialists deontological code who are working in justice area;
2. Facilitating the access of psycho-social specialists from justice area to any sociological, psychological and law information in order to assure a permanent training and a best act of justice;
3. Representing the interests of psychological specialists who are working in a justice area to another similar internal and international organisations;
4. Collaborating with the community members, the governmental and non-governmental organisations in order to achieve and effective rehabilitation and social reinsertation of offenders;
5. Protecting of human rights

The working principles of Social Alternatives Association:

1. Professionalism
2. Participation
3. Transparency
4. Non-discrimination
5. Partnership
6. Apolitical

Members:

Directorial board:

President - social worker Dumitru PUȘCAȘU

Executive Manager - psychologist Cătălin LUCA

Manager of Public Relations Department - psycho-pedagogue Ioana PUȘCAȘU

Manager of Human Resources Department - psycho-pedagogue Adela SEREA

Manager of Strategically and Development Planning - social worker Corina AURSEI

Economical Manager - economist Cristian ANGHEL

Manager Assistant - Manuela NIȚA

Volunteers: 30 students of Psychology, Psycho-pedagogy, Social working, Law, Sociology

Activity report 1997 - 2001

1997 - 1998

In 1997, eight members of the organisation had been developing, as volunteers, behavioural therapies and educational programmes for 32 juvenile offenders from Iași Penitentiary. As this occasion, the volunteers had identified the juvenile offenders' needs and structured them on such categories: *juridical, social, psychological, financial and educational support.*

1998 - 1999

01 July - 31 December 1998

Re-education and social reinsertion of Rroma juvenile offenders from Iași Temporary Shelter for Children with a pre-delinquent and delinquent behaviour

Purpose: Building a better social image for Rroma juvenile offenders in community

Objectives:

- To identify the discrimination factors of Rroma children;
- To develop educational and cultural activities for Rroma children;
- Family and school re-integration of 15 Rroma children;
- To aware the community about Rroma children problems

Beneficiaries: Rroma children from Temporary Shelter for Children with a pre-delinquent and delinquent behaviour - Iași

01 August 1998 - 31 Mars 1999

A new way for juvenile offenders from Iași Penitentiary

Purpose: To set up a service centre for incarcerated children from Iași Penitentiary.

Objectives:

- Psycho-social support, in order to develop those moral personality and to get a civic attitude, for a number of 31 minors who are in detention in Iași Penitentiary;
- Literacy for a number of 11 children;
- Moral personality development for the beneficiaries of the project and forming a civic attitude;
- Promotion for developing the responsibility for their health and for the others.
- Qualification of 15 children in house painting.

Beneficiaries: 31 minors who were in detention in Iași Penitentiary during the project was developing.

1 august 1998 - 15 march 1999

A chance for released young people from prison

Purpose: Social reinsertion, by working for the young offenders released from prison

Objectives:

- Family, school and professional reintegration counselling programs;
- To identify the economic agents who need employees;
- Counselling for young offenders from prison, in order to get the abilities to find a job;
- Providing a job for six months for young offenders released from prison.

Beneficiaries: 10 young offenders sentenced for the first time, released from Iași Penitentiary.

01 September 1998 - 30 January 2001

Probation Centre Iași

Purpose: Setting up and strengthening the probation system in Romania based on British experience.

Objectives:

- To involve the Courts, the local authorities, Penitentiary and Police in probation activities;
- To assist and oversee minors offenders who are entrusting in community by the Court and those who are sentenced to parole or released from the Penitentiary in due term;
- To prepare minor offenders for their release from Iași Penitentiary.

Beneficiaries: Minors and young offenders who are leaving in Iași.

08 - 11 December 1998

The Probation in Romania, from the experiment to the principles and working methodology - seminary

Purpose: Developing a common strategy to implement the probation in Romania, proposals for the modification of the Penal Code and the Penal Procedure Code as well as the Probation Law.

Accomplished activities:

It was the first Probation seminary from Romania with the participation of 4 Probation Services (Găești, Cluj, Arad, Pitești), the representatives of Probation Service from the Ministry of Justice, specialists in probation from United Kingdom and magistrates who are working with these probation services.

At this seminary they discussed and elaborated a unitary working methodology based on British experience, they made proposals for the modification of The Penal Code and The Penal Procedure Code and for the elaboration of Probation Law. At the same time it was a good occasion for a better collaboration.

17 December 1998 - present

A friend for children, young and ... not only

Purpose: The prevention of juvenile delinquency in the frame of „Gh. Ibrăileanu” high school through the promotion of conflict mediation and communication techniques

Objectives:

- Individual and groups counselling for pupils, teachers and parents;
- The developing of activities on various themes (communication, conflict mediation, reducing drugs and alcohol consumption, self-cognition/inter-cognition, sexual and family life education, self-control etc.);
- The carrying on two awareness actions for children with school failure risk through those implication in funds collecting for the children with poor families from Iași municipal;
- The development of two training for the students in II-IV degree from Psychology, Psycho-pedagogical and Pedagogical faculties about the counselling in schools.

Beneficiaries: „G. Ibrăileanu” High school

1999 - 2000

01 July - 31 December 1999

Juvenile and young offenders - on a new way of rehabilitation

Purpose: Rehabilitation and social reinsertion by working of juvenile and young offenders who are in detention, of those who are post-penal assisted and who are serving a sentence in community.

Objectives:

- Psycho-social assistance for the beneficiaries of the project;
- The organisation of a qualification course in Iași Penitentiary;
- Professional qualification for juvenile and young offenders released from prison or for those who are in supervision.

Beneficiaries: Juvenile and young offenders who are leaving in Iași.

25 August - 31 October 1999

Training for probation counsellors in the Probation Centre from Cambridge - U.K.

Purpose: An exchange of experience between probation counsellors from Romania and United Kingdom.

Objectives:

- Knowing how the Probation Centres from U.K. are working;
- Developing the necessary abilities in working with offenders, obtaining information regarding therapeutically programs and working instruments;

Beneficiaries: 10 probation counsellors from Iași Probation Centre.

1 July 1999 - 31 January 2001 (as part of three projects)

Public security or juvenile delinquency - Juvenile delinquency prevention programme to the Iași schools and high schools

Purpose: To accomplish organisational structures of collaboration. That should involve, at the same time, the civil society and governmental institutions in order to implement a common strategy of prevention from Iași to Iași county level, using the resources and the structures already existent, as well as the abilities in order to develop prevention activities.

Objectives:

- To aware the NGO-s (whose mission is to protect minors rights), local authorities and community members on juvenile delinquency;

- To achieve an organisational structure in Iași (The Municipal Committee of Prevention), formed by representatives of Police, The County Education Board, magistrates and NGO-s with prevention activities in schools and high-schools;
- Pupils information and education concerning the effects of breaking the law through the brochures which contain 10 of the most frequent offences committed by juveniles;
- To take over by the local partners some project activities.

Beneficiaries: 10 000 pupils from school and high schools from the districts with high risk of crime.

2000 - 2001

01 April 2000 - 31 January 2001

The convicted person's family - on a new integration horizon

Purpose: To motivate the community in giving social support for a long-term to the convicted person's family in order to diminish the negative consequences caused by the detention of a parent or a life-parent and also the strengthening of public security.

Objectives:

- Increasing of information for the community concerning the problems generated by the detention of one family member;
- Involving the community (local authorities, NGO-s, groups of support) to ensure social support for the convicted person's family;
- To stimulate the project beneficiaries in order to adopt a strategy to face out the situation;
- To maintain and strengthen the relationship between families and the convicted person;
- The offending prevention for the families involved in project;
- An attentive monitoring regarding the evolution of beneficiary families during the project.

Beneficiaries: The families of 30 convicted persons from Iași Penitentiary who are living in Iași city.

01 September 2000 - 01 September 2001

Juvenile Justice Iași

Purpose: The instrumentation of juveniles' causes, victims or offenders, who are involved in trials, as well as those families, conforming with the standards of internal and international rights rules

Objectives:

- To ensure an optimal climate for hearing and judgement of juveniles' causes;
- To form and train a team of specialists involved in instrumentation and judgement of juveniles' causes (10 police workers, 8 prosecutors, 7 magistrates, 2 lawyers, 4 social assistants and 2 psychologists), in order to get the abilities in protecting the rights of child;
- To diminish the consequences suffered by juvenile victims and those families.

Beneficiaries: Juvenile victims and offenders involved in trials and those families that are under the jurisdiction of Courts, Police and Prosecutors' Office Iași.

2001 - 2002

01 May - 31 July 2001

Audit concerning juvenile delinquency phenomenon from Iași City

Purpose: To make an investigation regarding the dynamic of juvenile delinquency phenomenon from Iași city in the last 5 years.

Objectives:

- To identify the causes and factors that determine the delinquency behaviour among the children;
- To estimate the delinquency phenomenon among the minors for the next three years;

- To identify solutions for decreasing the delinquency phenomenon among the minors from Iași City;
- To elaborate a delinquency prevention and fighting crime strategy in Iași City

Beneficiaries: Community Safety and Mediation Centre Iași and Iași community.

01 September 2001 - 28 February 2002

From the Rroma community to the community with Rroma

Purpose: To improve the situation of Rroma community from Păcureț, by offering a package of various services.

Objectives:

- To qualify the Rroma juveniles and young through the register for a number of 15 Rroma juveniles to follow a course of footwear repairing and another course of metal manufacturing for 10 Rroma juveniles;
- School reintegration for a number of 25 Rroma juveniles and young;
- To strength community through the assuring equal access at public services for Rroma ethnic from Păcureț.

Beneficiaries: A number of 85 Rroma juveniles and young

01 December 2001 - 31 December 2002

Project of organisational development

Purpose: The development of organisation and the instruction of 10 organisation's volunteers.

Objectives:

- The increasing with 50% of the organisation financial resources in 2002;
- The developing in 2002 of three projects according to our organisation's mission;
- The consolidation and promotion of the organisation's image.

Beneficiaries: Social Alternatives Association and its 10 volunteers

01 February 2001 - present

Repatriation and assistance programme for the girls and women who are victims of trafficking

This project is developing in partnership with International Organisation for Migration - Bucharest and it aims the psycho-social rehabilitation of girls and women who are victims of trafficking from Iași and Vaslui counties.

The assistance offered to these persons is a very specialized action, because this requires specified attention, concerning the victim's condition, the protection against re-trafficking and the cooperation with authorities within traffickers capture action.

The services offered are: juridical, psychological and social counseling and medical assistance.

Beneficiaries: 21 repatriated victims

*Social Alternatives Association
Funding 1-st January 2000 - 1-st January 2002*

No.	Duration of the contract	Amount managed	Funding Agency/Source
1.	6 months	2 040 USD	Open Society Foundation Iași
2.	8 months	11 528 USD	Open Society Foundation Iași
3.	7,5 months	13 569 USD	Open Society Foundation Iași
4.	2,6 years	97 726 USD	Open Society Foundation Iași Community Safety and Mediation Centre Iași
5.	5 days	14 426 USD	Open Society Foundation Iași
6.	6 months	6 755,5 USD	Open Society Foundation Iași
7.	2 months	18 096 USD	Open Society Foundation Iași Know How Fund - Marea Britanie
8.	10 months	20 687 EURO	European Union through Phare LIEN Program, București
9.	12 months	18 500 USD	Centre for Legal Resources, București
		8 500 lire sterline	Community Safety and Mediation Centre Iași
10.	3 months	4 700 USD	Community Safety and Mediation Centre Iași
11.	6 months	26 217 EURO	European Union through MEDE European Consultancy Program
12.	10 months	3 450 USD	International Organisation for Migration, București
TOTAL:		190 790,5 USD 46 904 EURO 8 500 LIRE STERLINE	

Cătălin LUCA
Executive Director

Cristian ANGHEL
Economic Director

THANKS

Founders:

- Delegation of European Commission through Phare Program and MEDE European Consultancy
- Open Society Foundation
- University of Wales Swansea - United Kingdom
- Centre of Law Resources Bucharest
- Community Safety and Meditation Centre

Sponsors:

- Open Society Foundation
- S.C. Cotnari S.A.
- PRO TV Iași
- TVR Iași
- Radio Iași
- TV Europa Nova
- „Ziua” newspaper
- S.C. Proexind S.R.L. Iași
- S.C. Computer House S.R.L. Iași
- S.C. Consizo S.R.L. Bacău

Partners/Collaborators:

- Municipal Town Hall Iași
- Prefect's Office Iași
- County Council Iași
- Ministry of Justice
- Moldova's and Bucovina's Metropolitan seat
- County Inspectorate of Police Iași
- Legal Medicine Institute Iași
- Court of Appeal Iași
- Court of Justice Iași
- Law Courts Iași
- Magistrates Association Iași
- General Direction of Penitentiary
- Penitentiary Iași
- General Direction of the Child Rights Protection

- Professional Forming Centre of the Adults Iași
- County School Inspectorate Iași
- County School Inspectorate Dolj
- „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University Iași
- „Garabet Ibrăileanu” High-school Iași
- „Elena Cuza” School Iași
- „Alexandru cel Bun” School Iași
- GRADO Bucharest
- Open Society Foundation
- Community Safety and Meditation Centre
- Prison Fellowship Cluj
- International Organisation for Migration
- „Save the Children” Organisation - Iași
- Foundation for Local Economical Development Iași
- Cultural Association „Barbu Lăutaru”

PROSPECTIVE 2002 - 2005

Activities direction:

1. Correction and prevention of the delinquency behavior;
2. Rehabilitation and social reinsertion of incarcerated persons or those who are liberated from Iași Penitentiary;
3. Reform in juvenile justice system;
4. Social reinsertion and rehabilitation of the girls and women who are victims of trafficking

Working principles:

Partnership and implication of the community agencies
 Involving of the community members
 Adhering to the international networking

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