

TRAINING IN ST PETERSBURG IN 2016

In St Petersburg, an ICDP workshop was conducted for a team of professionals from the Early Intervention Institute.

The workshop took place at the premises of the Early Intervention Institute from 21-23 November 2016. It was a certification workshop at which 9 professionals received their ICDP Facilitator level diplomas.



In order to earn the diploma the trainee facilitators had to roll out the ICDP programme to several groups of parents. This was accomplished very well.

They adapted the ICDP programme and managed to apply it in an effective way with parents of children with special needs; children with hearing loss and downs syndrome. The parent group included also several foster and adoptive parents.

At the certification workshop, the facilitators shared impressions from their practical work with ICDP.

They said they had noticed how small changes can make a big difference to the child; that the programme helped parents to express emotions to their children; that parents came to realize that the most important things in a child's life come from the small happenings in

their daily experiences; parents also said that they had learned to adjust to the child and realized just how important it is to do that.

The facilitators concluded that parents who attended the ICDP group face a lot of challenges in relation to their children on daily basis, but in spite of that they felt happy about the ICDP programme and considered it to be very useful.

Most of the facilitators will continue with the training in order to become ICDP trainers – this is planned to start in September 2017.

As trainers they will be able to spread ICDP as part of their work to new groups of facilitators – which is in fact the intention of the Institute they are working for.