

Disability NOW

Non profit Organisation



WWW.DISABLED.GR

Making Life a Safe Adventure

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Mission Objectives of Disability NOW

- **Empower people with disability to live independently**
- **Support Families of children with disabilities**
- **Advocate for a barrier-free and inclusive society**

Preventive Activities I

Peer Support

Sharing experience and first hand knowledge
of possible problems and solutions

- **Online Forum** with more than 5,000 members
(www.disabled.gr)
- Free **Magazine** posted to 14,000 subscribers
- **Information and Advice** through the website,
telephone, email, face to face

Preventive Activities II

Enabling Informed choices and self management of needs

- Legal Rights
- Discrimination and Violence
- Rehabilitation, Care and Independent Living
- Education
- Employment
- Accessibility
- Assistive technology

Objectives in Daphne III project- Local Dissemination Event

- Autonomia EXPO 2009 www.autonomiaexpo.org
- Raise **awareness** and **knowledge** of preventive and risk factors of domestic violence related to disability
- Disseminate **guiding principles** for professional practice (reprint of Daphne Booklets I and II)
- **Target Groups:** professionals, associations of disabled people and families, and NGOs working in the field of child protection and disability

Area of Need: Protective and Risk Factors

Reinforce Protective Factors:

- Empowered view of disability among professionals and families
- Increasing autonomy/ developing potential: knowledge about rehabilitation, assistance, technology, education, employment, law provisions/support

Prevent Risk Factors:

- Viewing disability as problematic in itself (e.g. at diagnosis/prognosis, overprotection/ isolation by family)
- Lack of information about available resources

Networking- Communication

- **Direct audience of www.disabled.gr and DISABILITY NOW magazine**
 - Individual professionals
 - Associations of Professionals
 - Special Education Schools
 - Associations of families of children with disability
 - Associations of Disabled people
 - NGOs in the field of disability, childhood, equality
 - Families with children with disability
- **Networking Tools:**
 - Website (150,000 visitors per month)
 - Forum (more than 5,000 members)
 - Newsletter (more than 8,500 subscribers)
 - Magazine (14,000 subscribers)
 - 1000 targeted Invitations to Daphne stand Autonomia EXPO

Results and Feedback

- 4,500 visitors to Autonomia EXPO (photos at www.autonomiaexpo.org)
- 1000 booklets of Daphne given out
- Professionals and NGOs: welcoming of concrete knowledge and new perspective, concerns about capacity to change practice
- Families and People with Disabilities: reluctance to reflect on issue of domestic violence, interest only as general issue (no direct effect on them).

Impact for Disability NOW of participation in Daphne I,II and III

- Increased knowledge and understanding of the issue of violence and preventive actions
- Added to informative and supportive value of www.disabled.gr for whole scope of target audiences- people with disabilities, parents of children with disabilities, health and social care professionals, professionals in special education, social services/ authorities, Associations/ NGOs for disability and/or child protection.
- Strengthened network with public and Non-profit bodies concerned with child protection or equality (not limited to disability)

Thank you!

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