

## SOCIAL COMMUNICATION IN SCHOOL: METHODOLOGIES, INSTRUMENTS AND TECHNIQUES TO WORK WITH PARENTS AND INVOLVE THEM IN SCHOOL AND EDUCATIONAL CONTESTS

### 1. Presentation

*“Nevertheless, no school can work well for children if parents and teachers do not act in partnership on behalf of the children's best interests. Parents have every right to understand what is happening to their children at school, and teachers have the responsibility to share that information without prejudicial judgment.... Such communication, which can only be in a child's interest, is not possible without mutual trust between parent and teacher” (Dorothy H. Cohen)*

Following these simple but important words, this course wants to introduce participants, in the relationship between the parents and the teachers in nowadays life: it offers some methods, techniques and strategies to get in touch and work with families.

This course is the result of previous projects (LLP) in Europe. In particular the project *NETWORK: New Educational Training to WORK with parents*

### 2. Programme

ARRIVAL: Sunday

DAY 1

Reception Opening

Participants presentations

Course presentation

The relationship between schools and family: Introduction (meanings, needs of parents, changes in society and consequences in parenthood)

DAY 2

Focus No. 1

How to motivate and involve parents into cooperation with teachers and pedagogues?

MAIN TOPICS:

- The participation of parents in schools
- The cooperation with parents: facilitations and difficulties
- The emotions of teachers in working with parents

- The point of view of teachers and parents in the relationship

#### GOOD PRACTICES AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW IDEAS

##### DAY 3

###### Focus No. 2

Subject: How to build up a good relationship with parents?

###### MAIN TOPICS:

- How to establish a good relationships with others
- Communication styles

#### DEVELOPMENT OF NEW IDEAS

##### DAY 4

###### Focus No. 3

How to talk on difficult issues regarding children?

###### MAIN TOPICS:

- The main difficult issues to talk about with parents
- Rules of an efficient communication
- How to deal with some difficult situations

#### DEVELOPMENT OF NEW IDEAS

##### DAY 5

Final evaluation of the course and dissemination plan

DEPARTURE: Saturday

### 3. Objectives

The training course is dedicated to educational figures that want to improve knowledge, abilities, strategies and methodologies in communication with parents thanks to an active learning and approach. The main objective of the training is to create a space where teachers can:

- Reflect on the parents participation in school benefits.
- Analyse the aspects that favor and complicate parents participation.

- Propose new ways to achieve parents participation and collaboration.
- Analyse the difficulties that appear in the parents-teachers communication.
- Improve teacher communication skills.
- Reflect on the different ways of communication with families and acquire strategies that let teachers deal with them in a positive way.

#### 4. Target

Teachers (pre-school, primary, secondary, vocational, adult, special needs), teacher trainers, careers officers, educational guides and counsellors, headteachers / principals / managers of schools / organisations offering adult education, HRM professionals, social workers, educators

#### 5. Methodology

The course is based on the active learning techniques, on learning by doing. The active way, laboratories and simulations used are an example of activities useful to work in the future with parents.

#### 6. Arrangement

##### **The course**

The course is organized in PROGETTO CRESCERE's meeting room (Via Kennedy, 17 – Reggio Emilia), easily reachable by feet or using public transports.

DISTANCE FROM PROGETTO CRESCERE TO THE CITY CENTRE: 1,1 km (13 minutes walking; 15 minutes by bus).

##### **Transports**

Public transport and taxi provide fast connection from and to the city centre.

##### **Hotel**

Reggio Emilia offers different possibilities. You can consult all opportunities here:

<http://turismo.comune.re.it/en/hotels-and-restaurants/where-to-stay>

We will be pleased to help you, in case of need.

#### 7. When to apply?

Organizations are invited to submit applications on-line to the National Agency following the **deadline of the year**.

For further information about it, please **check Erasmus+ Official Website**:

[http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm)

#### 8. Costs

**450,00 €** per participant for course fee and organizational costs.

#### **WHAT IS EXCLUDED FROM THE COURSE FEE**

- Accommodation and meals
- Travel costs from Your country to Italy
- Transports from and to the airport at home and in Italy
- Transports from the airport to the hotel and back
- Extras in general

#### **TYPE OF CERTIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE AWARDED**

Certificate of attendance. Europass Mobility Certificate on request.