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Equity and Social Inclusion through Positive Parenting

Parent education in autism in south east Europe
What is ESIPP?

• 3 year project running from September 2015-August 2018

• Funded by the European Commission Erasmus+ Programme – Key Action 2 Strategic Partnership: €432,210

• Partnership of academics, professionals and parents from 5 European countries

• Focus – parent education and training for parents of children on the autism spectrum where diagnosis and service provision in autism is emergent – Croatia, Cyprus, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
ESIPP – Objectives of the partnership

- Develop an evidence-based model for delivering parent education in autism
- Develop a core curriculum and ecologically valid parent education training materials
- Use these materials to provide parent education to families living with autism in Croatia, Cyprus and the FYR of Macedonia
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the materials and the impact of the training using quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis
- Share the model curriculum, tools and materials with stakeholders and make recommendations to policy- and decision-makers across Europe
Activity so far – survey of parents

• Parents in the 3 countries were surveyed to identify their training priorities
  • Strategies for enhancing my child’s communication
  • Strategies on facilitating my child’s interaction with other children
  • Sensory integration and development
  • General information on behavioural management strategies
  • Identifying and/or developing socialization opportunities

• These topics have formed the basis of the core curriculum and training materials
• Survey results now published online in European Journal of Special Needs Education
Initial training activity

- Work on content winter 2015-16
- First training sessions in Zagreb, Limassol and Skopje, spring 2016 (external trainers with translation) – 20+ parents per session
- Bespoke training in Rijeka and Skopje
• For more information, please come and visit our poster

• www.esipp.eu

• First peer reviewed publication: Preece et al, EJESNE (2016)