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ESIPP

EQUITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION THROUGH
POSITIVE PARENTING

Equity and Social Inclusion through Positive Parenting

Parent education in autism in south east Europe



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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)
<http://esipp.eu/resource/accessing-parental-perspectives-inform-development-parent-training-autism-south-eastern-europe/>