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Gorski Senovets

MANAGEMENT OF SERVICES FOR  
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN  
THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
STRAZHITSA - BULGARIA



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The caring and support to people during their whole life is one of the main goals of the social politics in Bulgaria. Influenced by the European social model, the Bulgarian social policy defines the most significant place to elderly lonely people, people with disabilities and children at risk.



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The management of social services aims to turn the municipality of Strazhitsa into a region with accessible, diverse and quality social services, which are improving the quality of life, increasing the level of independence, providing complete realisation and care for the individuals and groups at risk.



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The essential value in the social work is the Man and the right to develop its potential as much as possible, no matter of the ethnos, gender, disability, age, social status etc.

We follow the basic human rights, as stated in the international documents and conventions, and also the rights of the children.



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The population in Bulgaria according to the last census is almost 7,5 million people. They live in 28 regions with different number of municipalities.

My purpose of this presentation is to describe the Municipality of Strazhitsa, which is a part of the Veliko Turnovo region, situated in the central northern part of Bulgaria.

The analysis of the population in this municipality will give you the right “picture” of the people's needs.

The assessment of these needs is the base for the planning of the social services, which must be coordinated with the future development of the municipality.



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The information is relative to 31.12.2010:

- Population : ~ 15 000
- Active population : over 50 %
- Unemployment : 8,98 %





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(Information is relative to 31.12.2010)

- 8 schools, with 1648 students
- 10 kinder gardens, with 523 children

Level of education of the residents :

- University degree : 643
- Professional high school : 120
- High school : 7182
- Illiterated : 275.



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In Bulgaria there is no exact statistic for disabled people. Numbers here are from the Territorial expert medical commission and the sections for people with disabilities in the Agency for social support.

(Information relevant to 31.12.2010.)

In the Municipality of Strazhitsa, there are:

- children with disabilities : 55
- Adults and elderly people with disabilities : 676.

To support them, the following services are available in the community:



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- Center for family type accommodation – for children

Opened on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2009, financed by PHARE.

Since 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2010 it is a delegated state activity.  
(financed 100% by the state)

- Capacity : 9 children (from the Institution in Gorski Senovets)
- Personnel: director, social worker and assistant governesses



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- Center for social rehabilitation and integration

Started on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2011 as a delegate state activity

- Capacity : 30 children
- Personnel : social worker, psychologist, speech therapist, kinezitherapist, special pedagogue, support personnel.

Main goal – to prepare children for leading an independent living.



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- Center for public support

Opened on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2011 as a delegate state activity.

- Capacity : 30 children
- Different specialists are helping children and adults in need.



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- Daycare center for children and youngsters with mental disabilities from the Institution in Gorski Senovets.
- Capacity : 20 children
- Personnel : pedagogue, psychologist, nurse, kinezitherapist.

Main goal : to prepare the children for de-institutionalization.



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- Sheltered home for elderly people with disabilities
  - Capacity : 10 people
  - Social service delivered in an environment close to the family type one.
  - Support in self-service, hygiene, shopping, social contacts and psychological support, etc.



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Specialized institutions: two

- Home for children and youngsters with mental disabilities  
“Sunshine” in Gorski Senovets
  - Capacity : 45 children
  
- Home for children deprived from parental care in  
Strazhitsa
  - Capacity : 54 children





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In the municipality of Strazhitsa there are four social services provided for elderly people:

- Personal assistant, Social assistant, Home help (assistant), Food brought at home and public soup-kitchen

According to the Law for social support in Bulgaria, the municipalities are 100% financed by the state, so that they can manage these services. The mayor has the right to announce a competition for this management by NGOs. But the number of NGOs governing these services is not big, because of the unwillingness of the municipalities to transfer them the money.



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This analysis shows that the social services for elderly people are not enough. The capacity of the existing services is not sufficient. That is why in the strategy for development of the municipality of Strazhitsa there is a point about the making better the existing services and a plan for creating new ones.



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