Communities that Care: development, implementation and evaluation prevention in community

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Project “Communities That Care: development, implementation and evaluation of prevention in the local community” is a continuation of earlier research-action project “Communities That Care as a model of prevention of behavior disorders of children and youth” implemented from 2002 until 2006. The project is based on the American model of organizing effective prevention in the local community - Communities that Care which follows six stages of the model. Stages of the CTC model conducted during the project are: community readiness and mobilization for prevention (1), needs assessment (2), evaluation of resources (3), definition of priorities (4), implementation of programs (5) and program/model evaluation (6). At this phase of the project the main stress was on development, implementation and evaluation of programs and model of community based prevention in 12 local communities in the Region of Istria. For that purpose, many research measures have been constructed and adapted. Besides working on defined preventive priorities, in two elementary schools in Labin and Poreč PATHS program (originally American universal prevention program) was implemented with the students from the first until fourth grade. Results of this second part of the project are presented in several scientific articles, especially in the supplement of the journal of Criminology and Social Integration (2008) and in the book Communities That Care - model of prevention of behavioral disorders of children and youth: development, implementation and evaluation of community based prevention (Josipa Bašić and Sonja Grozić-Živolić, editors, 2010). The whole project was presented on many international congresses. Continuation of the project funding is planned within the European project – CTC European Network which is a project proposed to EU fund by the institutes, universities and ministries of European countries: Germany, the Netherlands, Great Britain, Cyprus, Croatia, Austria and Sweden.