

"Túvé Tett (köz)Terek" - With communal collaboration for the prevention on the coherent diseases of drug use in the XIII. district of Budapest

This project is the upgraded version of our previous project which was supported by the „KAB-KEF-10-KZ-0019” tender.

We minded the experiences and needs of the latest times when we renewed this complex, multi-level program.

The program partners of the Foundation on Drug prevention:

- Angyalföldi Szociális Egyesület
- Angyalföldi Polgárőr Egyesület
- Atalian Global Services Hungary Zrt. (Duna Pláza Security Service)
- Bp. XIII. kerületi Prevenációs Központ- Gyermejkölési Szolgálat
- XIII. ker. Egészségügyi Szolgálat Kht. Védőnői Szolgálat
- Duna Pláza bűnmegelőzési iroda
- Félúton Alapítvány
- XIII. kerületi Közművelődési Nkft. Iránytű Ifjúsági Információs és Tanácsadó Irodája
- Sima út Kft.

The goals of the program:

- the main goal of the collaboration: prevention on the diseases that coherent with drug use, harm reduction (individual and public harms), special collecting of the virulent injectors and waste in the district XIII of Budapest.
- to improve the efficiency and the ken of the program (we are trying to cover the whole district to prevent the spread of Hepatitis B,C and HIV)
- other goals: to keep contact with hidden drug users, to send them into the correct treatment
- social work with prostitutes on the streets (who are often drug users)
- to contact with endangered teenagers in the „Duna Pláza” shopping mall
- to inform the drug users, their family, and the inhabitants about the opportunities of the treatments on drug problems
- to establish and operate a low-treshold care network

The planned program suits to the harm reduction part of the Hungarian National Drug Strategy, it takes into consideration many national and international recommendation. The program aim the following topics below:

- to decrease the individual and public harms from drug
- to inform dependent drug users about the treatment options
- to reach the hidden drug users who are outside the treatment-system
- to prevent infectious diseases comes from drug use (harm reduction)
- to increase the accessability of rehabilitation and other treatments (in collaboration with other special organizations)
- to train (not only) specialist about harm reduction

Characteristics of the program:

- following the principle of severity and a vulnerability
- easy availability

Expected effects of the program (service):

- increasing efficiency in the number of the collected syringes and other dangerous „drug-trash” in the district
- the risk of infection decreasing
- growing contact numbers with the hidden, hard-to-reach drug user and prostitute population and with the endangered teenagers.
- more intensive collaboration between the project partners
- the low-treshold services will be able to reach more client and send them to diversion treatment in long term. (see the Foundation on drug prevention’s services below)

Objective indicators of the program’s result:

- participants’ number on the training
- attendance register
- quantity of the collected trash (for example.:syringe)
- contact number
- terrain log

Short summery of the conception

1.)The Angyalföldi Szociális Egyesület, the gardeners and sweepers of Simaút Kft. collect the used syringes and other virulent trash specially in cooperation with our team mates.

2.)The colleauges of Foundation on drug prevention will train the cooperative organization’s employee and will give them a basic knowledge about virulent diseases (Hepatitis B/C, HIV), harm reduction and locally available treatments. The destruction of dangerous materials is our foundaton’s task, just like to ensure the „trash-collector tools”.

The foundation’s colleauges keep the touch with the partners who collect the „drug trash”, these partners help to show the infected parts of the district, where the social work could start. The thrown syringes indicate drug users in that area.

The training was part of the previous phase of the program, but we keep repeating justified for several reasons:

- important to refresh the basic knowledge
- transfer of new information
- expanded range of participating organizations

- due to the fluctuation of human resources

3.)The street outreach work (social work) is basically the stuff of our foundation's task. Our foundation work together with the Félúton Foundation (contract agreement) which is specialized in prostitutes.

4.)Systematic consultation with the program partners and their employees during the program. (workshop)

About the Drogprevenációs Alapítvány (Foundation on drug prevention)

The Foundation has been brought into life by Dr. Nóra Csiszér in 1994, and was coordinated by Ilona Veres until 2007. We have first started with the primary prevention „Drug Bus” for pupils, based on a Dutch model. One year later with the assistance of the Swiss State, we could start the needle exchange program in Budapest, to protect the health of people who inject drugs. Our program has become the leading harm reduction contact point and needle exchange program in the country, with the highest needle exchange and contact rates.

Recently we have 13 trained co-workers who are working part time. They have various professions, such as psychologist, psychiatrist, social worker, sociologist, pedagogue, addictology consultant and university student.

Our services and programs:

- needle exchange program in the XIII. district of Budapest
- Drogoplex drugambulance in the XV. district of Budapest (metadon substitution program)
- „Tűvé tett (köz)terek” program
- Drug- ,sexprevention and health promotion at school
- preventive diversion

About the XIII. district

The XIII. district is a central part of Budapest. It used to be an industrial part of the town, but after the political changes (in 1989) started the time of progression and changes. The poor and handicapped inhabitants (roma people, unemployed, drug users) concentrated in even smaller, slummy resorts. These tendencies favored to come into being an open air drug scene. These parts are mainly: Szabolcs street, Dózsa György street, Ferdinand bridge.