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# SUCCESS STORY

## Early Intervention Technology Enrooted in Krasnoyarsk

**NFPCC implemented two USAID-supported projects in Krasnoyarsk intended to create a system of psychological support to children and reduce abandonment and disability level**



Photo: NFPCC

*A specialist conducts "inclusion" of a child with disability into the group of herd-mates without disabilities in Krasnoyarsk governmental orphanage No. 3 for children with disabilities.*

*"Early intervention technology suggests as early support to child and family as possible, and that is why it was vital to create a system of early detection of children from the target group in need of assistance. This demanded collaborative work on the part of doctors, using experience of early intervention services from other cities", - says Elena Basheva, Head of Department of education for children with special needs, Ministry of Education and Science of Krasnoyarsk kray.*

Based on innovative approach developed by the National Foundation for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NFPCC), early intervention technology was introduced in Krasnoyarsk in order to increase the life quality of children with special needs aged 0-4. Towards this end and as part of a partnership program between Krasnoyarsk Administration and USAID, the later supported two projects on 1) Reduction of abandonment and disability level of children in orphanages; and 2) Development of system of psychological and pedagogical support for children, living in families. Both projects were funded through the Siberian Center for Support of Public Initiatives and were implemented in 2007-2010.

The first project helped to create conditions for introduction of early intervention technology and trained specialists working in orphanages using training models developed by NFPCC. The second project focused on introduction of cross-cutting case management and development of individual support programs for children, as well as widened the range of services to children and families.

The projects in Krasnoyarsk were actively supported by local ministries of health and education, as well as by a number of other GOs and NGOs. In order to achieve the projects' objectives, a regional system of early assistance providers was created and united under one umbrella in Krasnoyarsk kray. Only a well-trained team of specialists was able to perform this hard, laborious and long-term work. That is why a considerable part of the project's efforts was directed at training of specialists on the full circle of early intervention program and forming the team of real professionals.

During the projects implementation 125 families with children with special needs received psychological, medical and pedagogical assistance. In particular, the projects resulted in 51 percent decrease in morbidity rate among children; positive dynamics in their physical development – average growth in weight is 828 gram and in height – 4.8 cm; increased socialization of children – they acquired new behavior skills and became more emotional and self-consistent; and three children with special needs were adopted during 2009.