

#### Daugavpils (Latvia) 3-6 June- 2013

#### **CASES**

Case 4 – Amelie (mental retardation).







Amelie, 26, diagnosed with mental retardation, and learning disabilities. Anna has graduated from the compulsary school for the intellectually challenged and is a skilled kitchener.

- •Is it possible for Anna to get employed?
- •What are the means for her to get support?





#### Is it possible for Anna to get employed?

An option from the educational system:

 Initial Vocational Training Program for Students with Special Needs (PCPI-IL)

(Our school has facilities and equipment adapted)







- Look after the training needs of these types of students, who have a lot of difficulties to access the work place.
- Increase the variety of courses offered by the center and the local area.
- To have more specialized teachers.
- Colaborate/Work with Regional Educational Administration.





### Background: Students

 In the last few years our school has enrolled, in different levels, students with special educational needs ("ACNEE"), which included physical and psychological handicaps.



## Background: Staff

- Guidance Department made up of a specialist teacher and other two teachers for language and science areas.
- A primary school teacher will facilitate the progression of students with difficulties
- An "EAT" helps theese students with their basic problems such us independent movement (Example: go to bathroom)





#### Teachers and curricula

- This year we are eight teachers in this group.
- The curricula is organized in "modules":
  - Basic knowledge about language y mathematics.
  - Basic knowledge about administration.
  - IT skills.





#### Facilities and equipment

- Our school's building has easy access:
- Wheelchair ramp
- Lift
- Inside and outside parking for the handicapped.
- Work has been done to improve the accessibility and adapted furniture has been installed.





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• I.T. equipment available (computer rooms, projectors, and laptops for students).





## Selection of the pupils

- The PCPI programme is open to families whose children have a school report in which their school background, difficulties and possibilities in their personal development are included.
- This year we have enrolled 8 students, with different handicaps:
- two of them with Dawn Syndrome,
- a student with movility problems
- and other five students with different special needs (psychological handicaps mainly).







- The PCPI students are doing real practices in companies and NGO, one day a week.
- These companies/organizations:
  - Have signed a colaboration contract.
  - Has a person who takes care about these students when they are at work.
  - Has an insurance.
- Other days these students go to ordinary classes







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