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Toy Library and Reading Club for Parents Program Summary of the program implementation report

The report covers the activities of the "Equal Opportunities Initiative Association" for the implementation of a program for the development of "Toy Library, Reading Club for Parents and facilitation of equal access to early education for Roma children in Sofia". The activities under the program for the period July 2019 - June 2020 are funded with the kind assistance of the Center for Educational Integration of Children and Students from Ethnic Minorities - MES.

The report presents two components of early education through play - the Toy Library and the Readers' Club for Parents.

The "Toy Library" works on the principle of book libraries: A collection of toys is created, which are grouped according to the age of the participating children, in this case toys for the target group of children from 0 to 3 years and toys for the target group of children from 3 up to 6 years. Toys should be educational in nature and develop children's cognitive abilities. The component encourages active parenting and the involvement of parents in play educational activities with children. The library works with a librarian who organizes its work, creates opportunities to promote the component and enroll children - participants, maintains children's ID cards, maintains open doors within pre-announced opening hours and is available to advise and support parents and children. in the choice of toys, and explain the mechanism of play with each of the toys.

Parents 'Readers' Club organizes groups of young parents who, with the help of facilitators at joint meetings, read and discuss a children's book together, then receive one copy of the book as a gift, with the idea of reading and discussing it with the children. you are. The working group usually includes between 12 and 15 parents. The participation cycle of each parent group includes between 12 and 15 meetings, which are held two to three times a month on pre-agreed days at a time convenient for the group. Like the Toy Library, the Readers' Club for Parents is a component that encourages active communication between parents and children.

Under the current program, the activities of the NGO "Equal Opportunities Initiative" focused on early childhood development, covering three groups of children and their families:

- children from 0 to 3 years;
- children from 3 to 6 years and
- children from 6 to 10 years.

With regard to the described target groups of children and their families, in the period covered by this report the program developed activities aimed at:

- motivating families and children to join the early education system;
- smooth transfer of children - beneficiaries in integrated general education schools (in relation to the third group of children).

The activities cover:

1. Facilitation and organization of access to nurseries and kindergartens for Roma children in Sofia - management of 754 electronic profiles of children created before the start of the program, registration and management of 151 new profiles.
2. Organizing a working Toy Library.
3. Organizing 3 groups of parents in reading sessions in the Readers' Club for parents.