

”Mano Guru” - program for integration of former drug addicts



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- Objectives – to motivate persons addicted to narcotic substances to take an active role in the labor market, to insure them legal income and to provide them training of professional skills in the field of public catering services (salad bar “Mano guru”).
- Programme duration – 6 months.
- The programme is carried out in a salad bar “Mano guru” run by the public enterprise “Socialiniai paramos projektai” (Social Support Projects).

Social partners:

- Vilnius city municipality
- Vilnius Center for addictive disorders
- “Viršupis”, Ltd



Stages for successful integration into society of individuals addicted to the narcotic substances :

- Detection (identification of intoxication by alcohol, drugs and other psychoactive substances);
- Treatment (counseling of out-patients and their family members, treatment prescription, substitutional therapy, detoxication, treatment of in-patients) ;
- Rehabilitation (medical, psychological and social);
- Integration (application of knowledge, obtained during rehabilitation, in the daily life) .

Steps during the programme

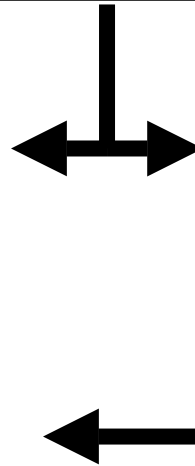
Motivation of the target group to take active part in the labor market

Primary selection of the programme participants

2 weeks trial period in the salad bar "Mano guru"

Reference letters and support in finding new employment place

Employment at the salad bar "Mano guru" in the position of a barman, waitress, chef – 6 months contract; psychological and social counseling during the whole programme; vocational training and certification of acknowledged competences



Responsibility

The municipality:

- responsible for collaboration of all social partners taking part in the programme;
- has provided premises and partial financial support to run the programme.

Innovation

This form of problem solution and activity organization is stimulating partners to solve problems not only basing on internal skills and resources but also to involve other concerned sectors as local authority, business, NGO.



Achieved results

- Since the salad bar “Mano guru“ has been open on August 18, 2004 in the programme participated 29 persons addicted to drugs from 6 rehabilitation communities:
- 11 participants have successfully completed the programme and got a new job;
- at the moment there are 13 participants in the programme;
- 5 participants have not completed the programme due to relapse.

Achieved results

- Innovative practice has been positively evaluated by the European Community initiative *EQUAL* programme financed by European Social Fund and got a grant to develop started activities:
 - as a result a project “Overcome addiction” was started that naturally supplements prior activities;
 - the project has joined Vilnius cooperative college which organizes theoretical training and acknowledgement of gain competences.



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Achieved results

- The programme has been awarded as the most original one on the Lithuanian championship final of social services organized by:
 - Lithuanian Association of Social Workers
 - Vilnius city municipality
 - Ministry of social affairs and labor



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- Alcohol is not served
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*Salad bar “Mano guru”
Vilniaus st. 22/1, Vilnius,
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