

Education law in the Republic of Croatia and the development of education of children in hospitals

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Psychosocial care for hospitalized children at the University Hospital Centre Zagreb. In 1923 it was called:
"daycare centre and school for older children".



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Educational system in Croatia

- **Nursery** (6 months to 2 years of age)
- **Kindergarten** (2-6 age group)
- **Primary School** (7-14 age group)
- **High School** (15-18 age group)
- **University**



The first verified curriculum for preschool children was created by the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports in 2005



Hospital schools and kindergartens in Croatia

★ schools

★ kindergartens



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Elementary schools in hospitals:

- University Hospital Centre, Zagreb
- Children's Hospital, Zagreb
- Sestre Milosrdnice Clinical Hospital Centre, Zagreb
- Psychiatric Hospital for Children and Adolescents, Zagreb
- Srebrnjak Children's Hospital, Zagreb (centre for allergology)
- The Clinical Hospital Centre, Rijeka
- The Clinical Hospital Center, Split
- Krapinske Toplice, Special Hospital for Rehabilitation
- Varaždinske Toplice, Special Hospital for Medical Rehabilitation
- Pula General Hospital
- Lopača Psychiatric Hospital
- Thalassotherapia Opatija



From The Law on Education in primary and secondary schools, article. 42nd:

For those students who, due to higher motor disabilities or chronic illnesses, can not attend school; with the approval from the Ministry, schools organize classes at home, or in health institutions if the student is on extended medical treatment, thus enabling them to pass their tests and final exams.





78 permanent employees in hospitals



140 teachers in Croatia

- Teachers are paid by the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports
- Hospital schools are a part from the nearest school and are not independent
- School at home



Education of teenagers in 14-18 age group

- In Croatia there is **no systematic education for long-term hospitalized students in high school education system**
- Primary school teachers in hospitals offer individual help in learning to high school students
- NGO projects provide high school students with individual help in learning



Communication with hospital staff

- Unbalanced level of exchange of information on hospitalized students/pupils
- Spontaneous conversations
- Formal meetings



Hospital teachers' out of hospital activities

- Hospital teachers work in a team with doctors and nurses
- Participation in camps for chronically sick children with diabetes, phenylketonuria, asthma, Crohn's disease and oncology patients.



LIFELONG PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

OF TEACHERS
IN MAINSTREAM
SCHOOLS

OF TEACHERS
WHO WORK IN
HOSPITALS



Every year Education and Teacher Training Agency and University Hospital Centre Zagreb organize professional training for teachers:

Why educate teachers and expert associates about diabetes and epilepsy?

- There is a need for comprehensive care of patients with chronic diseases – health, psychosocial and pedagogical assistance
- Due to lack of information and poor awareness, on one hand, educators deny a disease, and on the other hand, set unnecessary limitations to sick students



Education of county leaders 2014

Topics:

- Psychosocial functioning of children with malignant disease
- Challenges and difficulties they face upon returning to their original school
- Education of children with malignant disease
- Methods of informing peers about diseases
- Interactive material in communication with children



Professional training of self-organizing hospital teachers 2014

- Training with guest teachers
- Lectures by experienced hospital teachers





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Advocating needs for the education of hospitalized chronically sick children

- At conferences and expert meetings
- Through media



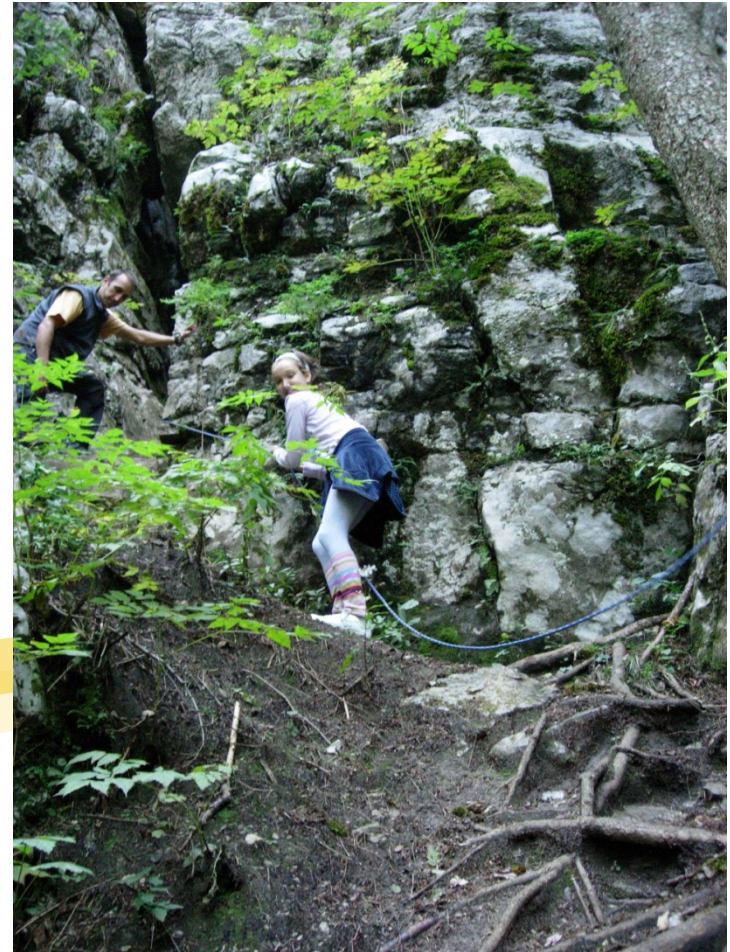
NGOs' role

- Recognize users' needs
- Projects serve to provide activities as an added value to formal curriculum



Our future goals...

- **Introduce the curriculum for hospitalized high school students !!!!**
- Using ICT in the education of sick children
- Create connections with the Faculty of Teacher Education at University in Zagreb



Our future goals...

- Provide professional training for hospital teachers
- Make the network for hospital schools in Croatia
- Provide information and increase the number of HOPE members in Croatia



Thank you for your attention!

Any questions?



At home...



In my office...

