



KARIN DOM

CENTER FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
TRAINING AND RESOURCE CENTER

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our children

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In 2012, Karin Dom accepted new **160 children** in its programs (116 from Varna, 42 from all over the country and 2 from abroad) and so during the past year, a total of **297 children and their families** were supported by the team of Karin Dom. **181 children** of them attended the center for therapy and counseling, and 116 were enrolled in the Early Intervention Programme.

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"In Karin Dom I found out that my child is able to perceive quickly the things she was taught and it made me very happy."

innovative practices in child care

New Montessori group offered an afternoon half-day program with a qualified Montessori teacher to 13 children aged 2 to 4 years.

In the program of the Center, Karin Dom included communication groups for the development of social skills and role plays, gymnastics groups for adaptation to sports activities and expanded art classes. Certified specialists from Karin Dom were applying the system of communication through pictures - **PECS** and the applied behavior analysis - **ABA**.

ABA approach helped the mastering of acceptable behavior and habits by the children, including also parent education.

Parent club was opened in 2012 located in the courtyard of Karin Dom and provided space for games, leisure, meetings and special events and trainings. The Club houses a summer kitchen, available for everyone to cook delicious meals, as well as the renewed **Toy library** where parents and children can have fun and learn through play with the assistance of an expert.



"Everything is in a play and my son loved it so much. I received information on how to be useful to my son."

acknowledgments

Karin Dom won an award in the contest **Project of the Year 2011**, organized by the Tulip Foundation. The award was presented for the project Early Intervention for Prevention of Abandonment of Children with Disabilities, funded by the Open Society Foundation.

Karin Dom was accepted as a **member of Eurochild** - European network for improving the quality of life of children and young people. This is a European recognition of the quality of social services and the development of Karin Dom as a center applying best innovative practices for children.



Member of
eurochild



"What most impressed me was the smile of the people working in Karin Dom. The parent training for proper handling of the child was extremely helpful to me."

trainings

In 2012, we shared the experience on working with children with special needs with **595 parents and professionals** from mainstream schools and kindergartens, special schools, social service institutions, non-governmental organizations across the country.

Our team conducted numerous trainings on some of the most popular topics at the moment. Trainings with foreign lecturers organized by Karin Dom aroused great interest.

Trainings of the team of Karin Dom on the Early Intervention Programme continued. Guest lecturers, experts in the field of early childhood intervention, shared knowledge and skills with the specialists from the Centre and gave us valuable guidance.

Two of our specialists underwent training seminar on the system of communication through pictures **PECS**, organized by **Pyramid** - in the UK and USA.



"I am impressed by the incredible positive attitude of the entire team. Great facilities, a unique approach by the trainers."

Holidays in Karin dom

On June 23, Karin Dom celebrated its **16th Birthday!** Children, parents, volunteers and friends of the Center enjoyed the celebration together and treated themselves at the Children cocktail in the garden.

Karin Dom is a certified **Eco School** and many of our holidays and events were again of eco subjects: Earth Day, Golden Fall Festival, Festival of Fruitfulness, Black Sea Day.

For a consecutive year, children celebrated Children's Day and Halloween with fun games in garden.

The holidays would not be as good without **our volunteers** - children and youth from schools, high schools and universities. They have become our true friends and were actively involved in organizing the entertainment for children and holiday bazaars.



"Thank you so much! Keep it up, so that our children would be equivalent to their peers."

The team of  **KARIN DOM** is grateful to all friends
and donators for the support!

Happy New Year!

