



”Children and Youth at Risk – CYAR” Status report

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Today's topics:

- Activity report 2016
- CYAR III - adoption

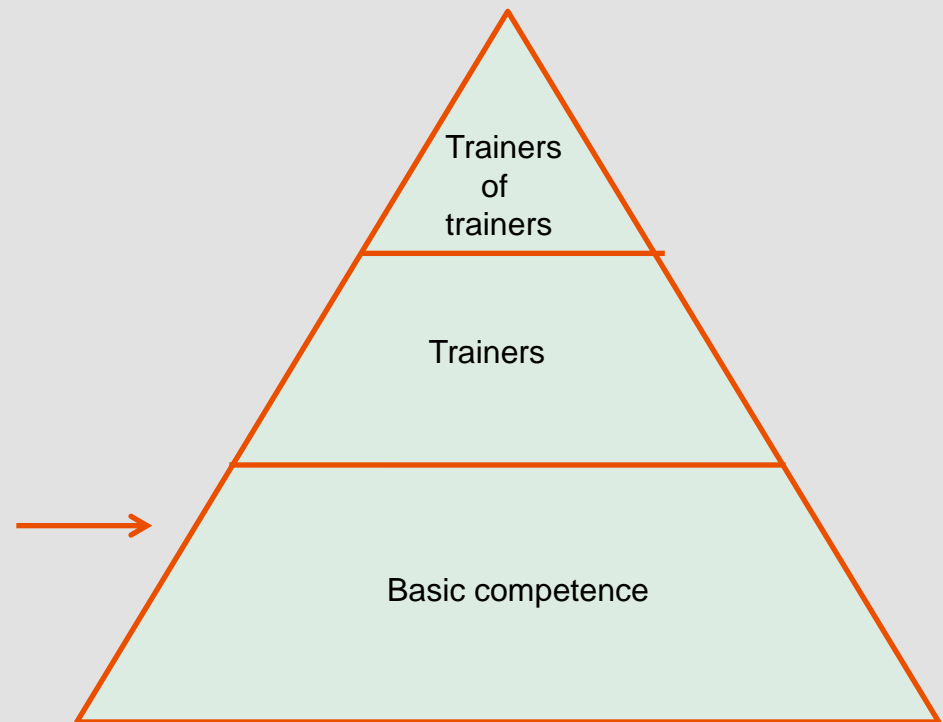
MAIN RESULTS from CYAR I and II

- Formal cooperation agreements/project partnerships on national and regional level, involving all Barents partners
- An average of 30 CYAR workshops and seminars per year conducted
- Over 1 200 professionals have participated in certificated training courses
- Quality assurance systems (guidance) established in all programs
- More than 5 000 children and families have received effective assistance
- Research results on effect on positive behavior change, reduction of aggression, improvement of social skills (Incredible Years, Aggression Replacement Training)
- Restorative justice: 990 mediation meetings, and 290 cases of rehabilitation through social measures as alternative to imprisonment
- 350 participants in e-learning on violence detection and interventions

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SUCCESS CRITERIA

- SC ownership and anchoring
- Continuity in management
- Long term projects
- Formal agreements
- Competence model, pyramid
- Public services and NGOs



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MAIN CHALLENGES

- Lack of predictable funding
- Integration in ordinary services, grant time and resources for utilizing new competence
- Turnover in the social and educational sectors

CYAR III – ACTIVITY PLAN for 2016

Tentative activity plan for 2016 – very limited financial resources:

- Adoption of the new CYAR programme for 2016 - 2019
- Strengthening of the programme visibility (upgrade of the web-page)
- Reporting to stakeholders and funding sources
- Application for funding of the CYAR III activities

In case external funding is available:

- 2 SC meetings
- Annual CYAR expert conference
- Collaboration with CBSS and others – meeting with the EG on CYAR CBSS (incl. CYAR SC) and the CYAR Secretariat to identify common questions for collaboration

REPORT on ACTIVITIES - 2016

- Reduced activity level due to lack of financing
 - collaboration meeting on interagency cooperation on rehabilitation and reintegration of children in conflict with law – Arkhangelsk, April 19 – 20, 2016
- **Reporting** to stakeholders and funding sources
 - ☑ Norwegian Ministry of Health and Care – May 2016
 - ☑ Kolarctic – January-February 2016
 - ☑ JWGHS – April 14-15, 2016;
- Strengthening of the programme **visibility**
 - ☑ Updating the web-page www.beac.st/cyar
- Finalizing of the new CYAR programme for 2016 - 2019
 - ☑ Anchored in all the partners in the Barents region - input and feedback from all the members of the Steering committee
 - ☑ Feedback from JWGHS

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CYAR III – in “the best interest of the child”

PRIORITIES:

- improving positive parenting skills;
- improving systems for protection of children`s rights in collaboration with children`s ombudsmen;
- prevention of violence against children;
- sustainability of best practice competence building results from CYAR I and II;
- utilizing web-based technology and e-learning in best practice dissemination;
- alternative reactions to traditional punishment for children in conflict with the law, and restorative justice;
- prevention of trafficking and sexual exploitation of children and young people.

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consistent with **the 5th Cooperation programme on Health and Related Social Issues for 2016-2019: Main priority area**

“Strengthening of health systems and social services with relevance for health”

CYAR III guiding principles are in agreement with the **Health programme`s main priorities:**

- ✓ Health equity and social cohesion in all actions, including gender equality
- ✓ A user oriented approach and active involvement when applicable
- ✓ Interdisciplinary methods and participatory approaches
- ✓ Promotion of innovative approaches and technologies
- ✓ Inclusion and involvement of vulnerable groups in all actions of relevance
- ✓ The programme is aimed at vulnerable groups in the population, such as children and youth

Relevance of CYAR III

- More research available about the damages done on children exposed to violence and abuse – increased possibility for targeted efforts
- The CYAR structure represents the largest cluster of child protection authorities in the Barents region, on strategic and operational level
- CYAR has potential access to the capacity and skills of hundreds of professionals, and aims at improving quality in practices working directly with children and families
- CYAR is in a position to contribute to improved standards for protection of children, and increased cross-cultural understanding and problem-solving

POTENTIAL OUTCOMES of CYAR III

- Increased involvement of users and target groups as well as cooperation with NGOs, youth organizations, educational institutions
- Increased use of information and innovative technologies in competence building and knowledge-sharing activities
- Improved sustainability of competence built in CYAR I and II
- More focus on violence and violence-preventing activities
- Increased cross-sectoral collaboration regarding CYAR target groups

Challenges

- A huge effort made on child welfare development in the Barents region 2008-2015
- Current risk of decreased activity of CYAR
 - No funding except Norwegian chairmanship (Regional Office for Children, Youth and Family Affairs (Bufetat) Northern Norway)
 - Downplaying of children and youth in co-operation programs – EU Kolarctic, NDPHS
 - Child protection cases – coverage in mass media; barriers for collaboration
 - Geopolitical situation

Thank you!

