

# Special education in Romania and in

School center for inclusive education Nr. 1

Sibiu

# Romanian educational system

- Nursery 0-3 years
- Kindergarten 3- 6/7 years
- Primary school 7- 11 years
- Gymnasium 11-14 years
- High school: 14-18 years
  1. Theoretical profile (real/ human)
  2. Technology profile (technic, services, natural resources, environmental protection)
  3. Vocational profile (pedagogic, arts, sports, military, theological)
- post high school
- University
- Post university

# Specificity of Special education

- There are special school for: children with hearing impaired, sight impaired, mental deficiency (mild mental deficiency, average mental deficiency, severe mental deficiency), associated deficiency- physical and mental
- There are special school with board house with intern students and there are schools with extenal students
- The teachers are specialist in the field of Psychology and Pedagogy. They teach main school subjects. Some subjects like sports, practical abilities or religion are taught by specialized teachers.
- There are special therapy.
- There is special curriculum: for mild deficiency, severe deficiency, children with autism
- We work with PIP (personalized intervention plan)
- We adapt mass curriculum for integrated CES children

# Specificity of Special education

- A special education teacher has 16 hours/ week on school. He is paid for 40 hours/ week. The rest of time is for preparing the school materials.
- A supportig teacher that works with children from mass schools has 8-12 students in 16 hours/ week
- A supporting teachers that works with children from home has 4 children in 16 hours/ week
- In a special school the numbers of students is according to the type of deficiency:
  - 8-12 students in classes with mild deficiency
  - 4-6 students in classes with severe deficiency
- By law, the students of special schools receive a warm meal
- The special school program: 45 minutes of activities, 15 minutes free time

# What is CSEI

1. MOTTO “A friendly school for everyone who gives a fair chance for everyone!”
2. It is the former Special School for children with mental disabilities
3. It is a school for children with moderate and severe mental deficiencies, associated deficiencies (both physical and mental)
4. It is resource center for teachers from regular schools from Sibiu
5. It offers educational services for special needs children integrated in regular schools through supporting teachers
6. CSEI Nr. 1 has also in his structure:
  - School 22- a preventoriaa school that offers services for school and kindergarten children hospitalize in neuropsychiatric hospital and emergency hospital care for children
  - Kindergarten nr. 31 who offers services for childrens hospitalize in pulmonary disease hospital

# Short history of the school

## **The name**

- In 1969 appeared the former so called “Helping school” with 5 classes and 5 teachers in another building
- In 1993 the name was changed in “Special school for mentally deficient ”
- In 1999 became “Special school Nr. 1”
- In 2006 became “CSEI Nr. 1”

## **The students**

- since 1969 the number of students was constantly growing
- In 1997 the school had 45 classes, 693 students, 74 staff. Since that peak, the number of students decreased based on the new government policy that sustain integration of pupils with special educational needs in regular schools
- Since 1999 we have home teachers for
- Since 2000 we provide services for day center “Casa Lumini”, a day center founded by a Dutch foundation for kids with severe and associated deficiencies
- Since 2003 we have teachers for hospitalized children (including children with HIV)
- Since 2003 we provide educational services for a foundation of orthodox church that offers supports for childrens from regular school that came from poor families
- Since 2004 we have supporting teachers from children with CES integrated in regular schools from Sibiu and villages near Sibiu
- Since 2005 we offer services for institutionalized children with severe disabilities – school and kindergarden
- Since 2007 we have preventoria school nr. 22 and kindergarden nr. 31
- Since 2008 we have 3 classes with children with autism
- Since 2008 we have a bus for children

# Short history of the building

- The building was built before 1900- we don't know exactly when
- It is a historical monument of Sibiu
  
- Around 1944 it was a boy school under the patronage of the Evangelical Church
- A short period here lived 2 families
- Since 1953 it was a school for children who spoke German
- Since 1971 the building shelters this school
- Since 2005 the building is claimed by Evangelical Church

# Who are the students?

- Children from special school with mental disabilities
- There are.. Classes with severe and... classes with mild deficiencies
- Students from home
- Students with CES from regular school
- Hospitalised children
- They are evaluated by a comision which sent them in one form another of special education, according to their IQ, state of health, possibilities of transportation
- Statistically speaking now we have:
  1. ....children in school,...
  2. .in kindergarden,...
  3. children with CES in regular schools,
  4. at home,
  5. variable in hospitals.



# Who are the teachers

- They are called psycho-pedagogue teacher or special education teacher
- What studies do they have: they are pedagogy and psychology graduates
- What trainings: they attended courses in special education field and in field of teaching
- What they do:
  - special education teachers from special school: teach all subjects- they prepare an annual planning for every school subject, according to the curriculum; together with therapist (speech therapist, psychologist) prepare IEP, advise the students and their parents
- Supporting teacher/ itinerant teacher- in regular schools, at home
- Statistica cu profesorii din scoala: cati terapeuti, itineranti,

# School subjects and school program

- Examples of special school subject:
- In regular school we adapt...ce predam
- In home....ce materii se predau
- 8 to 11.30 school 12 to 14 therapy like....
- Bus transportation
- Voluntary activities of.....
- In special schools childrens have 24 hours/week DMU
- They have 28 hours/ week DMS

# THERAPY

- Speech therapy
- Kinetotherapy
- Music therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Psychotherapy

# Parteners

- Who give financial support
- Social parteners
- Sponsors DEVENTER 1990-2006,
- Acord –cadouri de diferite evenimente, excursii,
- ONG UCOS,
- Prichindelul

# PROJECTS and extracurriculum activities

- Main projects who shows connection with social integration
- Colaborare cu Liceul de arta Sibiu- actiuni comune-2 ani
- Bibl Astra- proiect cu scoala de masa si deficientii de auz- 2 ani
- Parteneriate si actiuni sociale cu Crucea rosie, Politia
- Actiuni ecologice – firme locale de curatenie, de mediu curatenie in parcuri
- Proiect cu finantare

## Extra:

- Cercuri
- Excursii
- Muzee
- Expoziții cu vanzare cu obiecte confectionate de copii
- Concursuri de obiecte confectionate
- Vizionari de spectacole, teatre, filme, muzică
- Spectacole facute de ei

# •Graduated students

After they graduated 8 classes here they go to special classes in professional schools for:

- auto mechanics
- Masons, painters,
- Textile makers
- Food industry

Some of them stay at home, or go to occupational centers

We had a grant project for school development for those kids: we organised activities in workshops (handicraft, Household, theater, modeling clay, painting, music therapy, plant care)