

## Local workshops

### December 2011 / January 2012

- Partner: *Cooperativa sociale La Comunità*
- Target group: PARENTS

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| <b>Goal</b>                            | <b>Improve social and work inclusion of target group</b>  |
| <b>Objectives</b>                      | Parenting support, enable internal resources to families, highlight weaknesses and strengths within family systems, knowledge and use of land resources in relation to the specific nature of the incidents reported, identify individual training courses and projects in favor of teenage children.   |
| <b>Methodology</b>                     | Popular non-formal education, self-help groups, individual consultation with education professionals.   |
| <b>No. of beneficiaries involved</b>   | 8/12 parents of adolescent or preadolescent boys and girls  |
| <b>No. of staff operators involved</b> | 2   |
| <b>Activities</b>                      | Focus groups and discussion of issues related to changes in pubertal development. Integration of theoretical and practical knowledge of the professionals with the life stories of people in order to share resources, tools, practices and positive emotions of cohabitation. Foster knowledge of the activities in the area, encouraging the active participation of the citizenry.   |
| <b>Outputs and results</b>             | Increased knowledge and use of educational agencies in the area, development of training courses individuali (school or work) in favor of children of participants (in collaboration with the network of services). Increased awareness and sharing of common problems, greater familiarity among the people. Possible action to prevent the inconvenience of early school leaving," to use substances and / or transgressive behavior too.   |
| <b>Strengths identified</b>            | The teamwork was fundamental to resize within family systems, excessive stress, the subjects pooled normalize what parents perceive as an anomaly in their specific situation, increasing the sense of belonging to a social fabric. Knowledge of educational and social agencies in the area has enabled some people to move to new collaborations. Almost always (probably always) has created a great solidarity among the individuals involved, in some cases have created friendships. The presence of professionals has ensured the continuity of work, including providing ideas and cultural theorists (but not only), and each parent has opened, with increasing generosity, a window on your inner reality and the specific personal history with great richness and vitality. |
| <b>Weaknesses</b>                      | The resources available are very restricted. Until recently, families could join these groups at no charge. Today it is not possible. The economic crisis shrinks too much resources around the urgent tasks and situations of overt risk. We believe that the difficulty of investing in prevention comes from the fact that it is difficult to quantify the economic benefit that comes from work on preventing youth problems (and families). Yet we believe that teamwork, self help, non-formal education, supplemented by the presence of professionals, give good feedback about it. Many parents expected a continuation of this experience but this is not feasible at this time.  |
| <b>Other information</b>               | We are looking for adequate resources to continue this experience.  |