



SITUACIÓ I PERSPECTIVES AL TERCER SECTOR SOCIAL DE CATALUNYA

The role of service providers in DI processes

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What is EASPD?

- 1. European NGO in the disability sector
- 2. It represents 15,000 social service provider organizations across the EU
- 3. Based in Brussels, since 1996
- 4. EASPD plays a key role on the European level as the representative of disability service providers
- 5. EASPD is part of the European Expert Group (EEG) on transition from institutional to community-based services

Objective: Promote equal opportunities for persons with disabilities through effective and high quality support service systems in Europe





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10 key quality requirements for support service providers

- To facilitate full participation, inclusion and equal citizenship
- To be built around people with disabilities and their changing needs: tailor-made and personcentred
- 3. To be community-based and rooted in society
- 4. To be set up in, and in close cooperation with the mainstream
- 5. Holistic approach -> multi faceted approach





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10 key quality requirements for support service providers

- 6. Be provided by well trained and managed staff
- 7. Keep the family together
- 8. Be based on stakeholder cooperation
- 9. Ensure security to all users
- 10. Allow real and informed choices





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Key principles for support systems

- Availability: we need a services spectrum and free choice
- Affordability: services should be financially sustainable
- Accessibility: specialised support to be provided in the community and within mainstream contexts
- Adaptability: support tailored to individual needs





The end of "institutions" means more flexible solutions

EL MODEL D'ATENCIÓ COMUNITÀRIA CENTRADA EN LA PERSONA

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Services Spectrum

What is needed is:

- Available information services
- Aware and trained staff in maternity hospitals
- Early intervention and ambulant services
- Personal assistants in day care and schools
- Respite care services and temporary care
- Family support combined with support for persons with disabilities
- Focus on transition in life stages
- Available support in mainstream education and health care





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Cut the supply line

What is needed is:



- Flexible time frames for services (pre-school programs)
- Identify the number of persons living in the institutes
- Stop investment in the buildings
- Agreed plans for breakdown
- Legal 'stop'





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New types of services

- Early intervention
- Family support systems (e.g. respite care)
- Mediation and disability-case broker support
- Provision of accessible information & legal advice
- Services for ageing people and their disabled family members

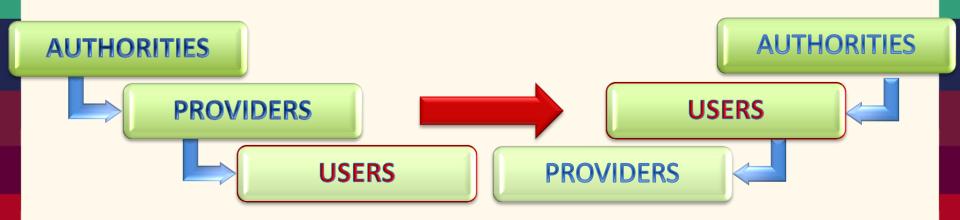




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Funding systems

- Overlap funding needed
- Reorganise the traditional triangle funding system







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The way forward

- ➤ Co-production
- Quality of life as key requirement in quality of support services
- ➤ Role of staff → training and retraining
- > Multi-level commitment





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Any questions?

Thank you for your attention!

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