



## Ways out of homelessness

### Maternity Center

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| <b>Name of the project</b> | Services provided by the Center for Mother and Child  |
| <b>Aims and Objectives</b> | The Mother and Child Center is a service to prevent the separation of children from their mothers. It offers a residential organized family model, with a mission to enable training , maintaining and strengthening family bonds and family support to assume parental responsibilities .  |
| <b>Description</b>         | <p>The services provided by the Center are directly targeted to mother with children who could be: homeless mothers, persons who stayed in hospital with the children and they didn't have a place where to go or any mother who is now in a period of financial instability. This means that the person is ensured primarily needed shelter</p> <p>Mothers can stay with their children between 3 and 6 months, with the possibility of extension, depending on each case.</p> <p>Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• temporary accommodation</li><li>• providing food/ meals</li><li>• health services</li><li>• an education and counseling services</li><li>• psychological counseling</li><li>• social integration services</li><li>• socio-professional integration services</li><li>• legal advice</li><li>• family and community reintegration</li><li>• 6 month follow-up: regular meeting with the ex-beneficiary</li></ul> |
| <b>Core elements</b>       | Mother and Child Center has a capacity of 4 families - four mothers with a child / children   |
| <b>Funding</b>             | The Maternity Center is funded from the local budget.   |



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| <b>Impact/<br/>results</b>    | In annual report 2014 they had: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 36 employees</li><li>• 4 persons integrated on labour market</li></ul>   |
| <b>Participants</b>           | The beneficiaries are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• persons with an identity document in District 4 (or their last residence in this area)</li><li>• mother with children (at least one child under 3 years)</li><li>• pregnant women in late pregnancy</li><li>• mothers with children at risk of abandoning (single mothers, minors, or marginalized families, poor, etc.)</li><li>• single homeless mothers</li></ul>  |
| <b>Staff</b>                  | Social department including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✚ social worker: social investigation done, have social meetings with father (to make him responsible) and family members so as to prepare family reintegration in the shortest time and in the best conditions,</li><li>✚ psychologist: provides specialized therapy for overcoming the crisis, strengthening mother - child relations, family reintegration</li><li>✚ educator: help mother acquire basic parental skills through training activities, individual and group</li><li>✚ 24-hour supervision</li></ul> |
| <b>Innovative<br/>aspects</b> |  |
| <b>Sustainability</b>         | Funded from the local budget, obligatory service of the municipality   |
| <b>Lessons<br/>learned</b>    | Any mother has the right to receive support and respect.   |
| <b>Obstacles</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✚ admission can't be done without blood tests</li><li>✚ and if mothers do not have medical insurance the tests have to be paid for</li><li>✚ the beneficiary can become dependent on the system (next year if the mother goes through the same situation can return to the center)</li><li>✚ does not house whole families, only mothers with children</li><li>✚ only accommodates women with at least one child under 3 years of age</li></ul>  |
| <b>Evaluation</b>             | The service is necessary in order to prevent the split of the child from his mother.   |