

REACHING THE MOST VULNERABLE FAMILIES AND IMPROVING EARLY CHILDHOOD WELL-BEING TOWARDS LOCAL “CARING COMMUNITIES”

*“If we change the beginning of the story
we change the whole story”*

Nurturing Care Framework

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Children in Italy

- **BIRTH RATE FALL TO ALL-TIME LOW:
458.151 BABIES WERE BORN IN 2017**
- **1,2 MILLION CHILDREN ARE LIVING IN EXTREME
POVERTY**
- **ONLY 22% OF CHILDREN BETWEEN 0 AND 3 YEARS
HAVE ACCESS TO CHILD CARE SERVICES (30% in the
North and 10% in South Italy)**
- **NATIONAL FUND FOR THE CONTRAST OF
EDUCATIONAL POVERTY (2016-2018): 360 MILLION
EUROS**

SC Italy Early Years Domestic Programmes

FROM THE BEGINNING

Fiocchi in Ospedale (Newborn Ribbons) since 2012

Psychosocial support for families; referral **service-oriented project**(in the hospital or on territory); Setting up a support path which can provide **material support**, home visiting and other forms of rapid response; **Cooperating with professionals** at all levels involved

DURING THE FIRST YEARS

Spazio Mamme (Mother's Centers) since 2014

Encourage solidarity between women through socializing among families and children and develop forms of mutual-help; Tailored support to **remodel the household expenditure**, access to microcredits, etc.; Training, **employment guidance and occupational laboratories** (ex: cookery); **Legal advice** (legal support and assistance in accomplishing administrative matters) and **professional advice** (pediatricians, nutritionists, psychologists) regarding children's care;

NEST (Nursery, Education, Services and Territory) since 2018

Temporary Child Care services; tailored support for vulnerable families (psychosocial and economic); district working group with thematic experts on children's care;

ENANCHING BEST PRACTICES AND CREATING NATIONAL NETWORKS

Rete Fiocchi (Ribbons' Network) since 2017

Our challenge: the Local Caring Communities

LOCAL «SOCIAL DEVICE» AIMED AT TAKING CARE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WHO LIVE IN POVERTY OR IN OTHER DISTRESS CONDITION (SUCH AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, EDUCATIONAL POVERTY, LACK OF CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC RESOURCES, PHYSICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL DISEASES, ETC.)

Both **public** and **private** services, **charities, no profit associations and networks, representatives of professional groups, social servants, local authorities** in charge of housing, welfare, education and early child care policies, etc.) could be part of communities

LCC WILL OVERCOME THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE SOCIAL, THE HEALTHCARE AND THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS, PROMOTING THE CHILDREN WELL-BEING THROUGH AN HOLISTIC APPROACH SINCE PREGNANCY

THANK YOU