




**RATOLEST BRNO citizens association**

- established in 1995 as LATA Brno
- by group of 3 devotees
- inspired by LATA Prague
- the mission:
  - ◆ to work with the youth
  - ◆ to offer alternate service for young people in Brno, Czech Republic
- renamed to RATOLEST BRNO in 1999



Změnit směr



## **RATOLEST BRNO citizens association**

- non-government non-profit organization
- from **Brno, Czech Republic**
- the mission:
  - ◆ to help socially disadvantaged children and young people resolve adverse life situations or prevent them so that they have equal opportunities to live high-quality lives and integrate into society.
  - ◆ the support and development of volunteering.

## **The Social Activation Program (SAP) for families with children**

- origins in **Five P and LATA programs** which ran from 1999 and 1995
- inspired by **Big Brothers Big Sisters project**
- the mission:
  - ◆ the professional help and long-term support for families with children
  - ◆ families in long-term life crisis
  - ◆ the family situation threatens the children
  - ◆ to prevent the child from having to leave the family into institution
  - ◆ to help the family to gain the child back from institution

## The Social Activation Program (SAP) for families with children

### Volunteers in SAP

- supplement the full social service in SAP
- **spend the leisure time with children**
- **tutorage after school**
- **1 volunteer with 1 child**
- 2 – 3 hours per week
- holiday and weekend outdoor trips organized by SAP
- **to become friends with children**
- **coeval relationship**

## The Social Activation Program (SAP) for families with children

### Volunteers in SAP

- **from 18 to 30 years old**
- **mostly students from MASARYK UNIVERSITY Brno**
  - ◆ Faculty of Social Studies
  - ◆ Faculty of Education
  - ◆ Psychologist
  - ◆ experience for future work credited by the university
- students from other Brno universities
- young working people

## The Social Activation Program (SAP) for families with children

### Volunteers in SAP

- emphasis on training, mentoring, and continuous education
- **Entry training - innovative**
  - ◆ professionally prepared training
  - ◆ 3 days of intensive program
  - ◆ outside the city in the countryside
  - ◆ to get known the personality, potential and limits of applicants
  - ◆ to share the expectation of volunteering with children

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### Volunteers in SAP

- **Supervision**
  - ◆ 2 hours per month
  - ◆ group of 10 – 15 volunteers
  - ◆ psychologist and social worker are presented
  - ◆ to share experience and issues about spending the time with children
- **Continuous education of volunteers**
  - ◆ workshops led by professionals
  - ◆ to understand better the role of volunteer in the social service

## The Social Activation Program (SAP) for families with children

### Innovations in SAP in the local context

- **Entry training**
  - ◆ intensive 3 days in the countryside
- **Cooperation with the universities and socially oriented schools**
  - ◆ experience for future work credited by the university
- **Sophisticated continuous education**
  - ◆ to make the social service better
- **Volunteers are part of the real life case**
  - ◆ they are led by professionals
  - ◆ but they can experience the real help by their own

## The Social Activation Program (SAP) for families with children

### Challenges for SAP in the local context

- **Propagation of volunteering in Brno**
  - ◆ there is lack of this propagation in Brno
  - ◆ **information campaign BUTTERFLY EFFECT**
    - by the **European Year of Volunteering 2011**
    - for last 3 months in 2010
    - „ *Does the flap of a butterfly's wings in Brazil set off a tornado in Texas?*“ Philip Merillees, in 1972 (Wikipedia)
    - parallel with the volunteering