



PROJECT KA2

THE CHANGE STARTS WITH US

HISTORY OF DISSABILITY





THE STORY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IS A LIVING STORY ON THE EDGES. THE HISTORY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IS LARGELY A HISTORY OF SILENCE, BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN MARGINALIZED EVEN BY THOSE WHO WERE MARGINALIZED. THE LACK OF INFORMATION LIES IN THE SENSE THAT OVER THE YEARS THE SUBJECT OF DISABILITY HAS BECOME TABOO, ALONG WITH IGNORANCE THAT OVER THE YEARS TURNED OUT TO BE A RELIGIOUS CULTURE. THE HANDICAP WAS PERCEIVED AS A RESULT OF UNCLEAN SPIRITS, THE DEVIL, WITCHCRAFT, OR GOD'S DISSATISFACTION. THE HANDICAP WAS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS, THOSE WITH A DISABILITY WERE CONSIDERED LESS VALUABLE AS A HUMAN BEING BECAUSE OF LIMITATIONS. THEY WERE OFTEN KILLED OR FORCED TO LIVE IN THE DARK, MANY OF THEM ABANDONED IN HOSPICES, HOSPITALS OR MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS BECAUSE FAMILIES COULD NOT CARE FOR THEM OR WERE A PROBLEM IN THEIR LIVES.





THAN BEING CONSIDERED HUMAN BEINGS WITHOUT DEFENSE WITH EMOTIONS AND FEELINGS ARE SEEN AS STRANGE OR AT LEAST AS ANIMALS, WHICH STILL PERSISTS IN OUR DAY. LET'S RECALL THE CASE OF JOSEPH MERRICK - THE ELEPHANT MAN (WHO SUFFERED FROM PROTEUS SYNDROME). MYRTLE CORBIN, ALSO CALLED THE "FOUR-LEGGED WOMAN", WAS BORN IN TENNESSEE IN 1868. HER CURIOSITY WAS THAT SHE HAD TWO PELVIS PLACED NEXT TO EACH OTHER, STARTING BELOW THE WAIST. THE PAIR OF LEGS HE HELD IN ADDITION CAME FROM A TWIN BROTHER WHO DID NOT DEVELOP PROPERLY. MADEMOISELLE GABRIELLE, BORN IN SWITZERLAND IN 1884, FIRST APPEARED AT THE CIRCUS IN PARIS IN 1900. ALSO KNOWN AS "HALF WOMAN," GABRIELLE HAD THE UPPER BODY OF THE PERFECTLY DEVELOPED BODY THAT ENDED IMMEDIATELY BELOW THE WAIST. LIONEL, THE POLISH-BORN LION'S BOY, SUFFERED FROM HYPERTRICHOSIS, A DISEASE THAT IS MANIFESTED BY COVERING THE ENTIRE BODY WITH A FUR COAT. HE BECAME FAMOUS IN EUROPE AND WAS A NICE AND JOYFUL PERSON WHO SPOKE 5 FOREIGN LANGUAGES. HE WAS NEVER CONSIDERED A BEAST.



- **IN SCHOOLS, HIGH SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES, WE STUDY THE GENERAL HISTORY OF DISCOVERING SO MANY PERSONALITIES FROM DIFFERENT FIELDS, BUT VERY FEW PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ARE MENTIONED, FOR EXAMPLE: THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS BEING AN ADAPTED SPORT AND MANY OTHERS WHO TOUCHED THE WORLD WITH TALENT, CREATION AND WORK .**
- **HOMER-VIII CENTURY B. C.- GREEK EPIC POET AND AUTHOR OF ILIAD AND ODYSSEY. BLIND**
- **CLAUDIUS I - THE XTH CENTURY - ROMAN EMPEROR. PHYSICAL DISABILITIES INCLUDING PARTIAL PARALYSIS. HE WROTE THE STORIES. IT WAS THE SUBJECT OF THE BOOK AND TV SERIES: I, CLAUDIUS.**
- **LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN - 1770-1827 GERMAN COMPOSER. DEAF.**
- **VINCENT VAN GOGH-1853-1890 IMPRESSIONIST POST-PAINTER. BIPOLAR DYSFUNCTION.**
- **LEONARDO DA VINCI. 1452-1519 - RENAISSANCE GENIUS, A PAINTER, SCULPTOR, WRITER, ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER.**
- **INA DERSTAND VERBAL SYMBOLS - ASIMBOLIE.**
- **FRANCISCO GOYA-. 1746-1828 SPANISH PAINTER. DEAF.**





- **ALBERT EINSTEIN - 1879-1955 - GERMAN THEORETICAL PHYSICIST WITH LEARNING DISABILITY.**
- **HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN - 1805-1875 DANISH FAIRY TALE TEACHER WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES.**
- **AUGUSTE RENOIR - 1841-1919. FRENCH PAINTER AND SCULPTOR. DISABILITY THROUGH RHEUMATIC ARTHRITIS.**
- **STEVIE WONDER -1950 SOLO AMERICAN BLIND.**
- **STEPHEN HAWKING - 1942 BRITISH PHYSICIST AUTHOR OF THE BOOK "A BRIEF HISTORY OF TIME". AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS.**
- **CHRISTY BROWN-. 1932-1981 - NOVELIST AND POET. COMPLETELY PARALYZED. SHE WROTE AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY THAT WAS ALSO MATERIALIZED IN A MOVIE CALLED MY LEFT FOOT - MY LEFT FOOT.**
- **MILTON. THE ENGLISH POET (1608-1674) BLINDED AT THE AGE OF 43. DURING THIS PERIOD SHE CREATED THE MOST BEAUTIFUL EPIC OPERA IN LYRICS: PARADISE LOST.**





- **UNTIL 1990, THE CHILD PROTECTION POLICY IN ROMANIA WAS OVERLY CENTRALIZED, FRAGMENTED AMONG DIFFERENT MINISTRIES, FAVORING THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF CHILDREN AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY, A SYSTEM SPECIFIC TO THE COMMUNIST IDEOLOGY.**
- **FOLLOWING THE RATIFICATION IN 1990 OF THE UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, ROMANIA HAS COMMITTED ITSELF TO PROMOTING THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND NORMS SET FORTH IN THE CONVENTION. THUS, DURING THE PERIOD 1990-1996, A NUMBER OF NORMATIVE ACTS (ON ADOPTION, THE DECLARATION OF ABANDONMENT OF CHILDREN, THE SPECIAL PROTECTION OF DISABLED PEOPLE, ETC.) WERE DEVELOPED, AIMING TO IMPROVE THE CHILD PROTECTION FRAMEWORK, BUT WITHOUT RECONSIDERED AS A WHOLE, WHICH LED TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE FRAGMENTARY AND EXCESSIVELY STAGED CHARACTER BY ESTABLISHING NEW ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES IN THE FIELD.**



- **IN JUNE 1997, THE GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA ADOPTED THE EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO.26 / 1997 ON THE PROTECTION OF THE CHILD IN DIFFICULTY, SETTING THE BASIS FOR A NEW SYSTEM OF PROTECTION, BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF DECENTRALIZATION OF DECISION-MAKING POWER AND RESPONSIBILITIES, BY SETTING UP, UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF COUNTY COUNCILS AND THE LOCAL COUNCILS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUCHAREST, THE BODIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, APPLICATION AND FOLLOW-UP OF MEASURES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CHILD IN DIFFICULTY:- CHILD PROTECTION COMMISSIONS, DESIGNED AS SPECIALIZED BODIES OF THE LOCAL PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION;- PUBLIC SERVICES SPECIALIZED IN CHILD PROTECTION, PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS DESIGNED AS THE "EXECUTIVE" OF THE COMMISSIONS, WHOSE MISSION IS TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN DIFFICULTY, TO ASSIST IN THE REALIZATION AND EXERCISE OF THEIR RIGHTS AND TO SUPPORT THE FAMILY, TO PREVENT SITUATIONS IN JEOPARDY SECURITY AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT.**



- **IN SEPTEMBER 1997, THE LOCAL COUNCIL OF BRĂILA COUNTY ESTABLISHED THE PUBLIC SERVICE FOR CHILD PROTECTION AS A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF LOCAL INTEREST, WITH LEGAL PERSONALITY, IN ORDER TO ANALYZE THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN IN DIFFICULTY, TO PREPARE AND PROPOSE MEASURES FOR THEIR PROTECTION AND TO ENSURE THE PROPER APPLICATION OF THESE MEASURES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF COMPETENCE. BETWEEN 1998-2004, THE CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM IN ROMANIA WENT THROUGH SEVERAL STAGES, UNDERGOING A CONTINUOUS PROCESS OF REFORM, BEING ADJUSTED, MODIFIED, RESTORED AND IMPROVED. IN 2005, THIS PROCESS CULMINATED IN THE REDEFINITION OF THE ENTIRE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE SYSTEM BY SETTING UP THE GENERAL DIRECTORATES FOR SOCIAL ASSISTANCE AND CHILD PROTECTION AT THE LEVEL OF THE COUNTIES AND SECTORS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUCHAREST, COMPRISING ALL THE SUPPORT SERVICES ADDRESSED TO ALL SOCIAL CATEGORIES IN NEED UNDER THE AUSPICES TO A SINGLE INSTITUTION.**



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- **THE CHILD PROTECTION DIRECTORATE HAS ATTRIBUTIONS CENTERED ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOCAL CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM STRATEGY, IN LINE WITH THE APPLICABLE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PURSUING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTAL STRATEGY IN THE FIELD.**
- **THE PURPOSE OF THE CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION FOCUSES ON SPECIALIZED INTERVENTION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF APPROPRIATE SERVICES TO ASSIST AND PROTECT THE CHILD IN DIFFICULTY AND ITS FAMILY THROUGH ALL FORMS AND MEANS PROVIDED FOR BY LAW IN THIS RESPECT.**

