

Grant Management Seminar and Monitoring in St. Petersburg

On February 27-28, ARO Chief Financial Officer Alexander Blinkov and ARO Grant Coordinator Olga Loburets visited three grant recipient organizations (Bethany, Stellit, and Doctors to Children) implementing projects in the framework of the “Child Abandonment Prevention for Children Born to HIV-Positive Mothers” program component in St. Petersburg.

On February 27, the ARO representatives conducted a grant management seminar for administrators and key staff at Bethany, a first-time ARO grant recipient. The ARO team reviewed Bethany's office systems and procedures before introducing the financial and reporting procedures and regulations of ARO. The staff at Bethany also received detailed information regarding ARO grant agreements. On February 28, the ARO representatives met with administrators and key staff at both Stellit and Doctors to Children to monitor their financial activities. During their visit, the ARO team informed the grant recipients of recent changes in ARO reporting and financial procedures.

Upcoming Activities:

March 12-14 (Tambov):

Seminar on family forms of care for orphaned and abandoned children.

March 13-17 (Krasnoyarsk):

Training for staff at baby homes on early intervention for children between the ages of 0-4.

March 15-19 (Komsomol'sk-na-Amure):

Seminar on case management and work with at-risk families at the earliest stages of crisis.

March 17-27 (Khabarovsk):

Series of seminars on organizing after-school activities for at-risk children at schools, organizing after-school activities for at-risk children at libraries, and providing support services to families at risk of abandoning their children.

March 29-31 (Tomsk):

Study tour for Krasnoyarsk specialists to the Tomsk Hobby Center.

