

HIV Prevention Conference in St. Petersburg

Two projects supported by the ARO Program were highlighted at a conference entitled “Realization of the national priority project 'Health' in the field of HIV prevention: Leadership and innovations, the investment of international projects” on November 30 in St. Petersburg. The conference, organized with support from the city administration, presented the results of the ARO-financed programs “Creation of Health Councils at

vocational schools to prevent HIV among students” and “Improving the quality of life of children living with HIV+ parents.”

The HIV prevention project at vocational schools in St. Petersburg utilizes training-of-trainers and peer counseling techniques to prevent high-risk behavior among students, while the project for children living with HIV+ parents provides multifaceted support to improve parents' adherence to their HIV treatment and ensure that children affected by HIV can realize their right to an education and a safe home environment.

Upcoming Activities:

December 6-8 (Tver, Konakovo):

Study tour for specialists from baby homes in Tambov, Tver, Kashin, and V. Volochek on early family intervention services for families in crisis, conducted by Oksana Kalupaeva and Valery Yarygin.

December 10-11 (Novosibirsk):

Project seminar on developing management projects on early intervention and case management conducted by Dmitry Grigor'ev.

December 11-14 (St. Petersburg):

Study tour for specialists from baby homes in Krasnoyarsk on early family intervention services for families in crisis, conducted by Oleg Pal'mov and Rivkat Mukhamedrakhimov.

December 17-18 (Tambov):

Educational seminar on family forms of care for orphaned and abandoned children conducted by Irina Bobyleva.

December 17-19 (Novosibirsk):

Educational seminar on creating family form of care for orphaned and abandoned children conducted by Antonina Shepina.

December 17-21 (Novosibirsk):

Educational seminar for specialists from on early intervention and case management conducted by Sergey Borzov.

December 18-20 (Irkutsk):

Seminar at the “AntiAIDS Priangare” Center for medical workers on how to counsel patients with HIV and organize work to prevent abandonment of children born to HIV-positive mothers.

December 20 (Novosibirsk):

All-Russian conference “Prevention of child abandonment: problems and paths to solving them, held in cooperation with the Novosibirsk Department of Education.

December 24 (St. Petersburg):

Training at the AIDS Center for specialists from regional departments of health and social welfare.

December 25-26 (Irkutsk):

Seminar at the “AntiAIDS Priangare” Center for medical workers on how to counsel patients with HIV and organize work to prevent abandonment of children born to HIV-positive mothers.

