



# **ALBANIAN CENTER FOR INTEGRATION OF PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**



# ACIPSN

- ACIPSN is located in Elbasan, Albania and offers community-based services.
- ACIPSN is established mainly by a group of parents of people with disability (special needs).
- CIPSN is established in 2015.





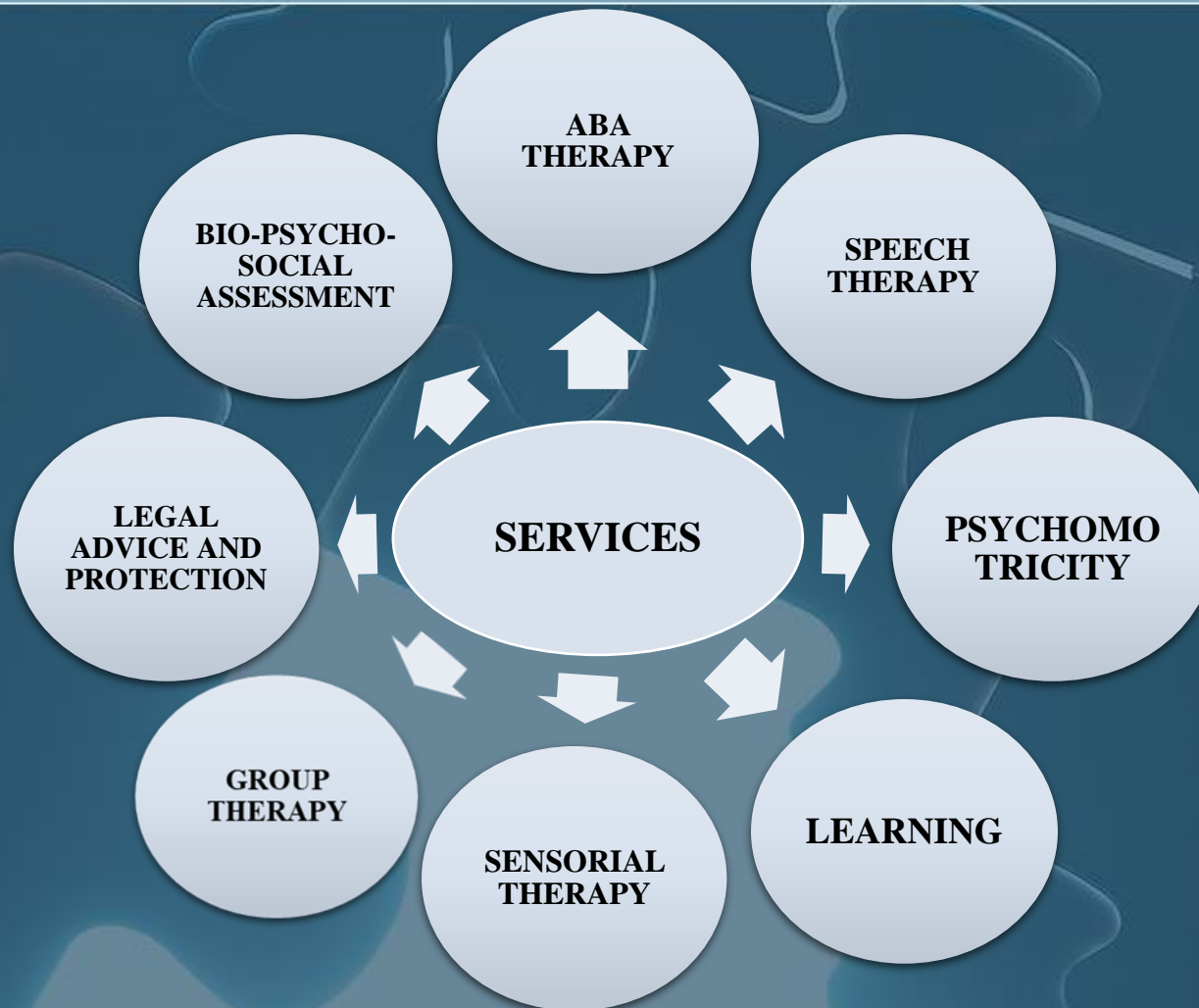
# Goals of ACIPSN

- Psychosocial and educational services for children and youth with disability;
- Psychosocial support for families, children and youth with disability;
- Advocacy and capacity building of local stakeholders to support children and youth with disability.

**Target Group:** children with behavioral, psychosocial and emotional difficulties; children with learning difficulties; children with disabilities.



# The services that we offer



# Services





# Agreement to use a public building

**The center is located and offers its services in a building which is borrowed through an agreement with the municipality of Elbasan;**

-The municipality has the authority to provide and administer social care services within its territory.

-In some social care services the municipality cannot act.

-The application from the Center.

-Lobbying to seek the vote from some members of the municipal council.

-Voting in favor from the municipal council.

-Concluding the agreement of taking in possession the building owned by the municipality.

# Exemption from the local tariffs

Through an agreement with the municipality of Elbasan, the Center is exempted from some local tariffs;

- Forum between the local NGOs, promoted from a specific project.
- The necessity of NGOs to be exempted from taxes to alleviate their economic situation
- NGO-s operate based on projects funds which do not include taxes and tariffs.
- Drafting the agreement.
- Meeting with the mayor.
- Voting from the Municipality council.
- Agreement between NGOs operating in the municipality of Elbasan with the municipality of Elbasan.



# Participation in the Municipality Projects Calls

**Participation in meetings organized by the municipality in the framework of calls for project proposals;**

- Through open public calls, the municipality invites all NGOs in the process of consulting the priorities for the concrete call.
- Open days are organized at the municipality with representatives of interested organizations.
- Mentoring sessions are organized at the Municipality of Elbasan, in order to facilitate application procedures for project proposals.
- Training on project management, which aim to enable representatives of organizations write, implement and monitor projects according to European Union standards.







# Attracting opinions and proposal from NGOs

Participation in meetings and workshops organized by the municipality to gather proposals on helping people with special needs.

- The municipality invites NGOs to join the meetings planned during the participatory budgeting process.
- Representatives of NGOs express problems and propose alternatives to their solutions, which can be reflected in the budget approved by the municipality.
- Organizing round tables with the relevant directorate that covers social care services, to identify needs and proposals for drafting or improving the local social plan.
- Participation in the local workshops.



# Cooperation on projects implementation

Successful collaborations in the implementation of projects funded by GIZ-Albania, on addressing the findings of young people with disability, promotion of their talents and their employment.

- Assistance in identifying persons with disabilities by the relevant directorate
- Assistance in organizing cultural activities, with young participants with special needs
- Efforts for employment of persons with disabilities.





Thank you for your attention!