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ONGOING REFORM OF MENTAL HEALTH FROM INSTITUTIONS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES

Meet the speakers of the webinar

26 April 2023

19:00 - 20:30 CET

MENTAL HEALTH FOR UKRAINE

The project & it's route to
supported living services

MH4U: SHORT HISTORY

- 2017 – Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine passes “Concept note on the development of mental health system”
 - Psychiatric services to be complimented by accessible, evidence-based & affordable mental health services in communities
- Swiss government pledges support for this initiative through SDC
- 2019 – consortium of organizations led by GFA Consulting group (Germany) start MH4U project to work on:
 - National policies, legal framework & occupational standards for professionals in mental health
 - Developing services in pilot regions (Lviv, Donetsk & Luhansk)
 - National awareness-raising & anti-stigma campaigns



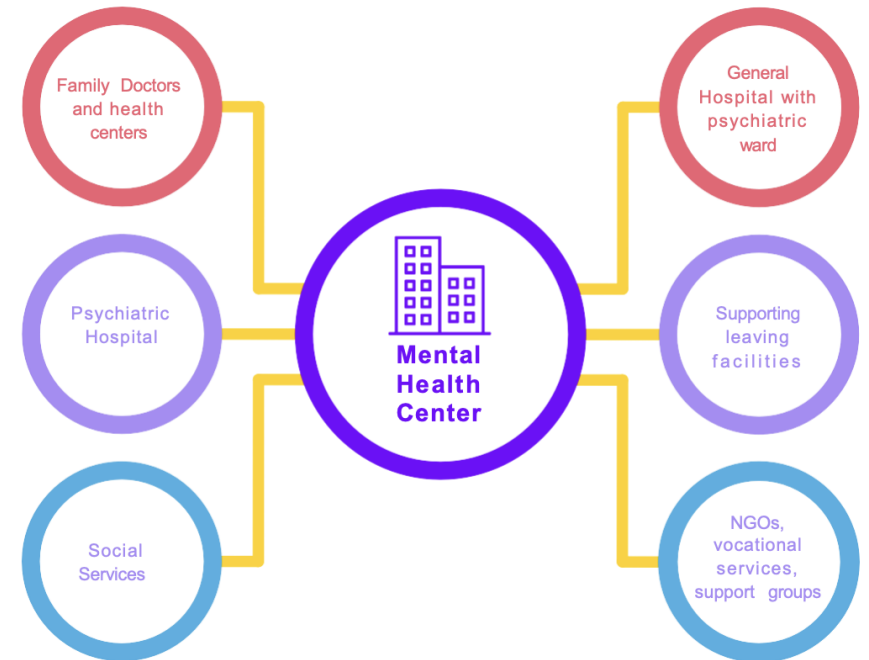
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INSTITUTIONALIZING PEOPLE WITH MH DISORDERS & LEARNING DISABILITIES – THE NORM THAT MH4U WANTS TO CHANGE

“Psychoneurological internats and psychiatric hospitals remain the only available place to provide daily medical and social services to persons with intellectual and psychosocial forms of disability, without taking into account individual needs. Violation of the right to freedom, to control one's own life and to choose one's place of residence is a common phenomenon for the institutionalization system, which does not meet the requirements of Article 19 of the CRPD.”

-Informational note “Situation on the human rights of people with intellectual and psychosocial forms of disability in Ukraine” 1 February 2022

UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine



24 FEBRUARY 2022, 5:30 AM

New reality for Ukraine & the world

MH4U staff & all Ukrainians mobilized for rapid response

Priority No.1 – safety for people, especially for vulnerable groups

The Office of the President formed a Humanitarian Headquarters tasked with, among other, evacuating people with disabilities

Evacuating internats where majority of residents are deprived of legal capacity – heartbreakingly difficult task

Countless meetings with national stakeholders & international partners, discussion of the matter helped form the consensus that these institutions must cease to exist

Head of the Humanitarian Headquarters - now Minister of Social Policy

Much work ahead but after our victory we hope Ukraine will start investing in services & people instead of walls & isolating measures

- 2023 – MH4U added a Supported Living Component
 - Supporting NGOs & state institutions in Lviv & Kyiv region to create housing for 40 people
 - Creating transitional housing in psychiatric hospital & institutions
 - Supporting national & local policy
 - Advocacy

**IT IS DURING OUR DARKEST MOMENTS
THAT WE MUST FOCUS TO SEE THE LIGHT**

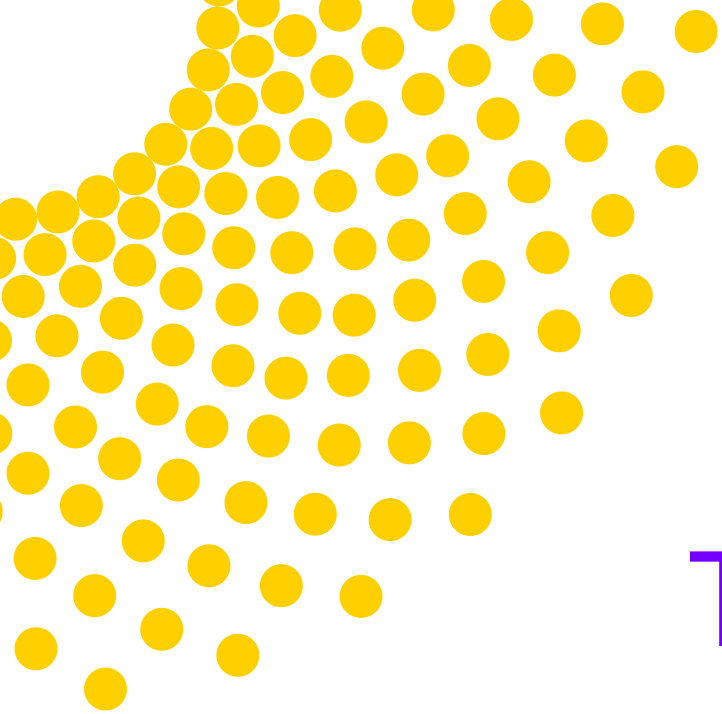
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THANK YOU!

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