



## CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES , SHKODRA

Center for Development of Equal Opportunities in Shkodra, will be operational in the city of Shkodra, as the most recent programs of ADRF.

Albanian Disability Rights Foundation (ADRF) is established in 1996, as a cross disability organization, successor of the OXFAM disability program in Albania.

### MISSION STATEMENT:

Promote equal opportunities and constant protection of human rights with a special focus on the rights of people with intellectual disability, leading to improvement of quality of life for them and their family members.

Main office of ADRF is in Tirana, from January 2006 ADRF has extended its activity in Shkodra and established an office there.

### ACTIVITY OF ADRF CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN SHKODRA

Activity of Center for Development of Equal Opportunities in Shkodra, is focused in supporting people with intellectual disability and their families.

This center consists a model that promotes the rights, equal opportunities and full participation of people with intellectual disability in Albania through enabling education, vocational training, employment, and active life in the community.

### THE CENTER WILL OFFER FOR ALL INTERESTED PEOPLE

1- Information on disability, mainly on issues related to people with mental handicap (intellectual disability) in areas like disability rights and legislation, social services, education, employment etc;

2- Training for parents, family members, service providers, specialists and professionals on areas of education, employment, officials of local government and other public and private institutions, on different disability related topics;

3- Free legal aid and advocacy for people with disability especially for people with intellectual disability and their family members. Legal protection will be offered to disabled people when they face with violation of the right to education, employment, violation of rights in public or private institutions.

4- Information, lobbying and advocacy to ensure education in public schools for children with intellectual disability.

5- Information, lobbying and advocacy, orientation and negotiation, to ensure employment of people with intellectual disability. Negotiation with the Labour offices in municipality and commune level as well as with private and public entities, to realize vocational training and employment for PWD.

6- Information, orientation and organizing participation of individuals with disability in different social, cultural activities organized in the community.

7- Support for setting up of a parents network in local/ district level as peer support groups, support to the network in lobbying and advocacy campaigns for the rights of their children.

### WHO ARE THE BENEFICIARIES OF THE SERVICES OFFERED BY THE CENTER

- Individuals with intellectual disability and their family members
- Parents' organizations and parents' networks
- Governmental structures responsible for the area of intellectual disability in local level (prefecture, municipal and commune level) responsible departments of education, social services, employment etc.
- Service providers for people with intellectual disability at public and private institutions.
- Other civil society actors, like media, local, national and international organizations operational in Shkodra, focused in area of human rights, children women etc.
- Business community

### STAFF OF THE CENTER

There are four employed staff in the center, professionals, parent and a lawyer.

A team of experts and a pool of trainers specialized in disability, will enable the successful development of the program

### CONTACT DETAILS

The Center for Development of Equal Opportunities, offers its services everyday from Monday to Friday, 9.00 – 17.00 in its offices located in the address: Shkodër, Lagjja "Vasil Shanto", Rr. "Ndre Mjeda", nr. 11  
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