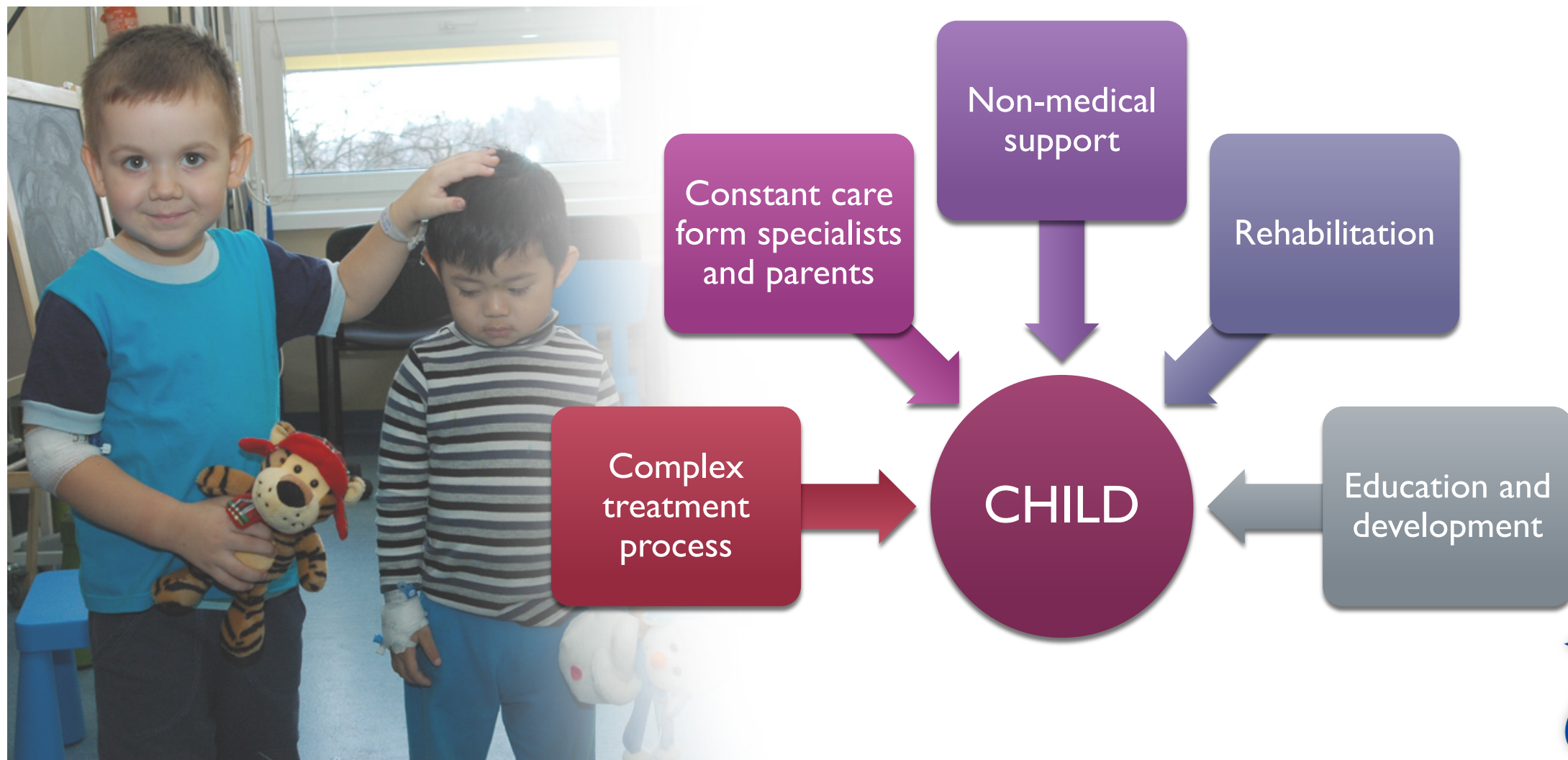

WORKING WITH YOUNG CANCER PATIENTS

FROM EXPERIENCE TO ACTIVITY



EUROPEAN
CANCER
PATIENT
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WHAT DOES A CHILD WITH CANCER NEED (I)



MAIN ACTIVITIES OF CHILDHOOD CANCER ORGANIZATIONS



Comprehensive help to children with cancer diseases and their families



Support to childhood cancer clinics and hospitals



Primary prevention implemented as programs directed to eg. teenagers (do not smoke!)



Education on childhood cancers directed to parents, professionals and general public



Health and healthy lifestyle promotion through sport activities

WHAT DOES A CHILD WITH CANCER NEED (II) – RE-EVALUATION



SOME DATA

- 80% of childhood cancers are curable;
- Number of childhood cancer cases constantly increases;
- Number of childhood cancer survivors constantly increases;
- Number of childhood cancer patients' and survivors' problems (follow-up treatment, behaviour, education, insurance, job opportunities etc.) constantly increases;

CHILDREN? NOT AT ALL



1

Young people (above 5-6 years old) with cancer are more aware about their disease than it's commonly supposed

2

Usually, they are able to give a strong psychological support to each other

3

Despite common beliefs, they talk to each other forming their own support groups

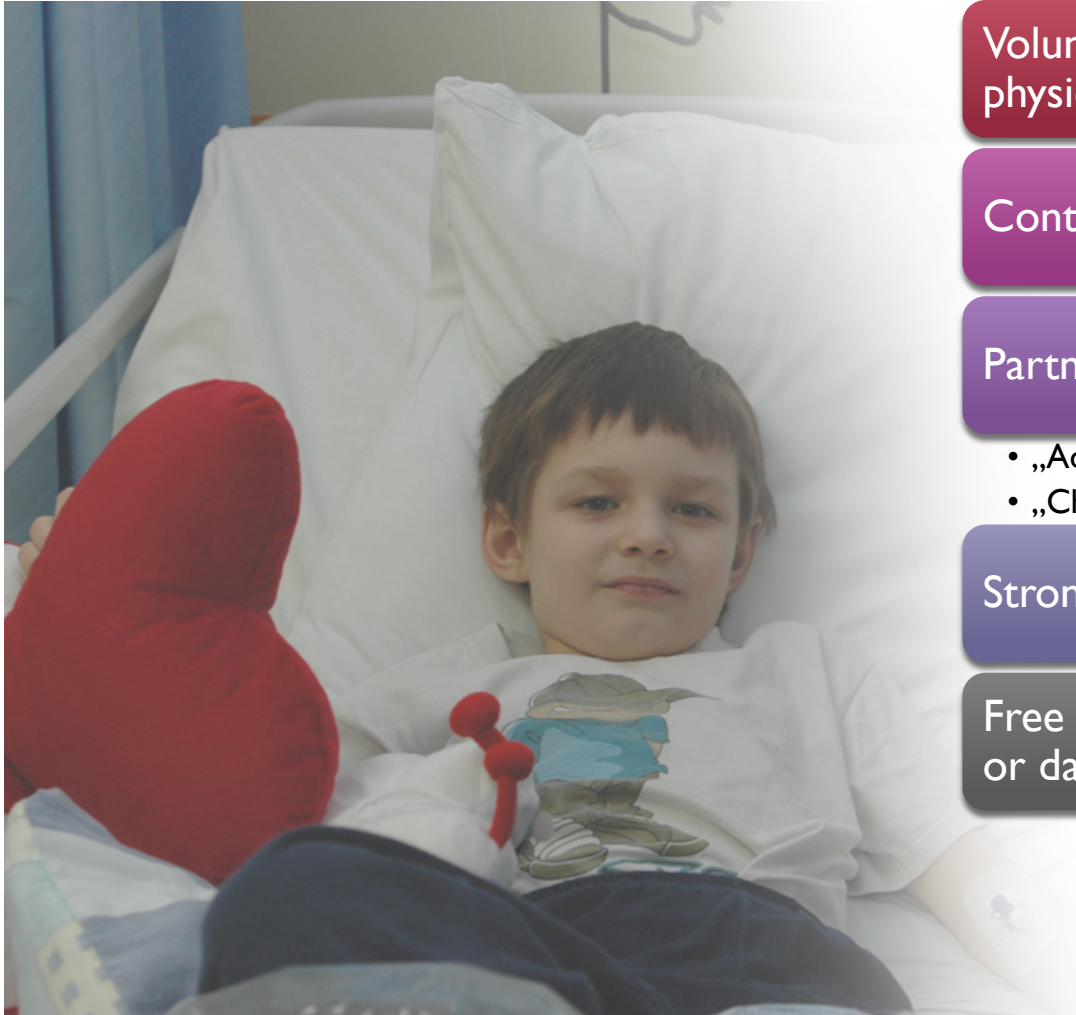
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After one year of treatment they become experts regarding their health, treatment, hospital management

5

Their knowledge and unique experience remain still underestimated

SMALL STEPS ON THE WAY TO DISCOVER OWN POTENTIAL



Voluntary activities in the organization, dependent on the age, psycho-physical possibilities

Continuous education: in schools and organizations

Partnership in action

- „Adults” are advisors,
- „Children” are coordinators and the source of ideas, programs, executive actions

Strong feeling and understanding of responsibility

Free will to be creative. There are no stupid ideas; there are controversial or dangerous concepts, which can be easily excluded.

„LEADERS FOUNDATION” – AN EXAMPLE OF WELL DONE JOB

We had a cancer...

Cancer is not a conviction, it's a challenge...

We took this challenge, we were fighting and we won.

We are able to debunk myths.

After this disease, one sees more.

Life has no price.

We have to care of life and ask, how it is.

Control tests are extremely important.

One can catch only optimism from us.

We had a cancer.

Such experience must be used.

Noblesse oblige.



LEADERS FOUNDATION – MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Direct psychological support to children and their families at paediatric oncology clinics
- Organization of events at wards (Christmas, Easter, birthdays, theatre)
- Organization of summer camps for children during and after treatment
- Providing educational programs to students, teachers and health professionals



GATHERING OF POTENTIAL FOR EMA'S ACTIVITIES



**INVOLVMENT
OF YOUNG PEOPLE**

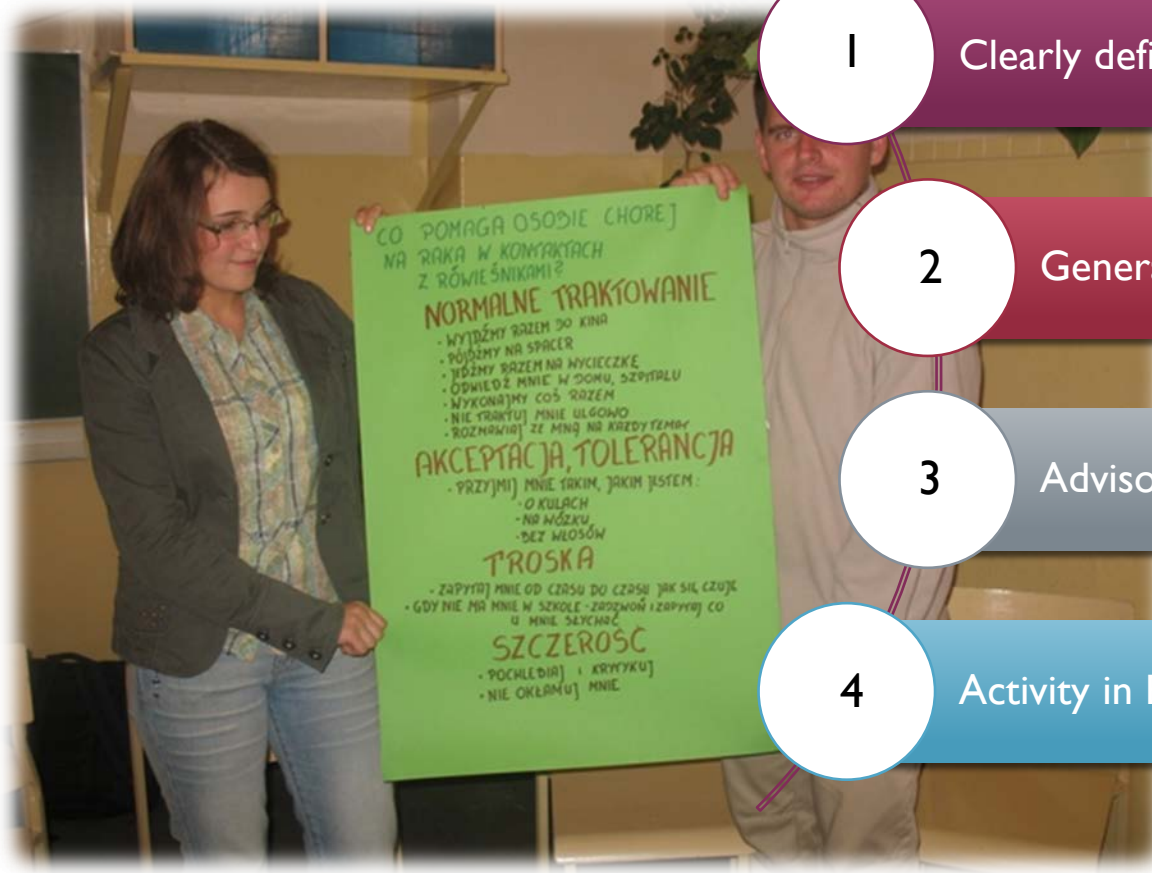
**CLEARLY DEFINED GOALS
AND RULES ELABORATED
WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

**INTEGRATION OF THE
GROUP**

**SUSTAINABLE
METHODOLOGY OF WORK**

GATHERING OF POTENTIAL

GOALS AND RULES



1

Clearly defined, easy to understand, but never given in a childish way

2

Generally defined for further development within the group

3

Advisory role of EMA's experts as well as external experts

4

Activity in EMA must not interfere with normal school activities

GATHERING OF POTENTIAL INTEGRATION

1

Internal integration of the group (meetings, TCs, SKYPE, VIBER, FB)

2

External integration (common procedures as for adults here)

3

Multi-stage communication: EMA-participants-TEACHERS-PARENTS

4

Unconditional, continuous implementation of the fundamental principle: work across boundaries

5

Internet portal (information education, communication)



GATHERING OF POTENTIAL

SUSTAINABLE METHODOLOGY OF WORK



1

Fun is FUN-damental

2

Workshops based on interactivity

3

Development of curiosity

4

Responsible actions and tasks

5

Characteristic timing



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