

RESILIENCE OF ECI: LESSONS OF WAR

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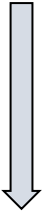


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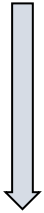
TRANSFORMATION of the ECI in UKRAINE



2000 year



2013 year



2017 year

Family-oriented \ Center-based

**Family-centered \ Center-based work + home
visits**

interdisciplinary team

**Family-centered \ Routine -based
transdisciplinary team**



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Poland

Belarus

Russia

Luts'k

Chernihiv

Sumy

Rivne

Zhytomyr

Kyiv

Poltava

Kharkiv

L'viv

Ternopil

Khmel'nitskyi

Cherkasy

Luhans'k

Cz.

Uzhhorod

Ivano-Frankivs'k

Chernivtsi

Vinnytsya

Kirovohrad

Dnipropetrovs'k

Donets'k

Hungary

Moldova

Romania

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Sea of Azov

Odesa

Crimea

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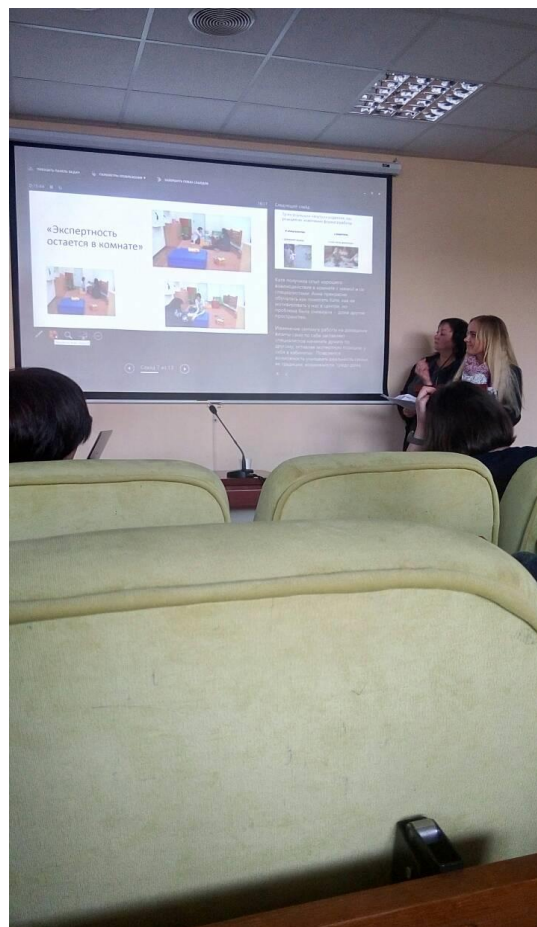
Black sea

All-Ukrainian parents Forum for Early intervention (2016)



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ECI Conference of the European Association for Early Intervention (EURLY AID), October 2018, Kharkiv



Professional development: Ukrainian team of ECI trainers (2019)



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Training and supervision for ECI teams and specialists



43 ECI teams



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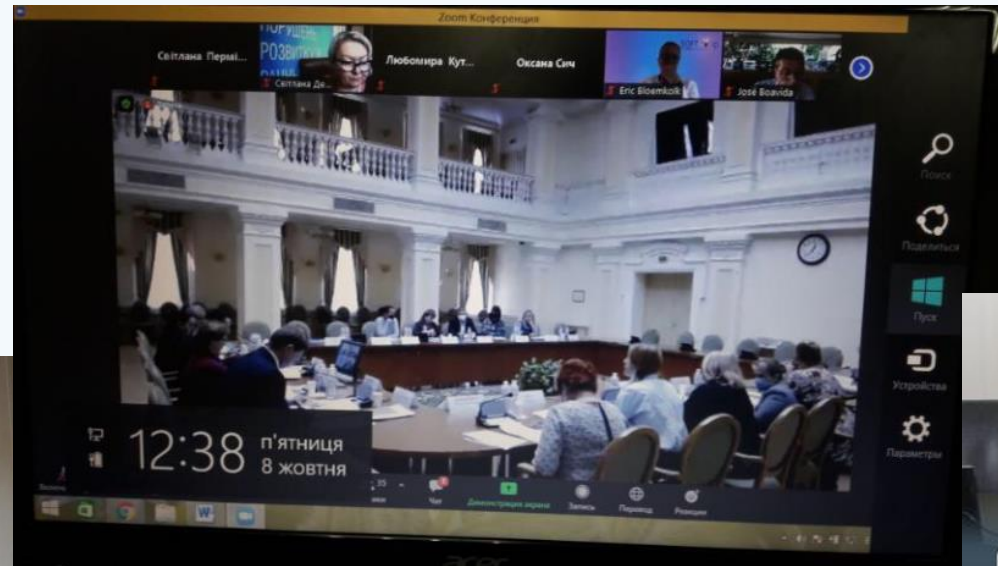


Lobbying policy makers



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Meetings of the National Council on ECI (2019, 2021, 2022)



Achievements before 24 Feb.2022

- ECI is in the National agenda as a one of the priority (ECI LAW in the work, Cabinet of Ministry, Office of President}
- 43 ECI service providers and a “line” from the team who wants to be trained
- Deep cooperation between professionals and Ministry of Social Policy
- Team of trainers
- Parents’ movement





Did new reality disrupt development of ECI in Ukraine?



Kharkiv team, CF Early Intervention Institute (after 24 Feb.2022)



“Operation of the ECI network in Ukraine during the war” (May 2022)

The **purpose of the study** was to examine the context of early childhood intervention (ECI) service during the third month after the outbreak of large-scale hostilities in Ukraine.

The objectives:

- Provide a detailed description of the situation of families and professionals three months into the war;
- Describe specific aspects of ECI service delivery at the time of the study;
- Identify the key characteristics of the ECI service that were relevant for parents at the start of the war.

Participants:

- 80 parents from different regions of Ukraine

The study was carried out by: Charity Foundation ‘Early Intervention Institute’, Kharkiv, Ukraine and Institute of Child and Adolescent Health, National Academy of Medical Sciences, Kyiv, Ukraine

In partnership with: Dzherelo Education and Rehabilitation Centre, Lviv, Ukraine, Healthy Society NGO, Odesa, Ukraine, Zakarpattia Regional Comprehensive Rehabilitation Centre ‘Path of Life’, Uzhgorod, Ukraine

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“Operation of the ECI network in Ukraine during the war” (May 2022)

I. The ECI service

- 1) ensured continuity and offered a broad range of support (emotional, informational and material)
- 2) helped to maintain social contacts and fostered a sense of stability in a situation of dramatic changes;
- 3) responded to parents' expectations regarding the development of their children and helped to avoid regresses in children's development;
- 4) helped to maintain and increase the levels of parents' competence and self-efficacy

II. Parents highlighted

The most valuable aspects of ECI service

- the continuity of the ECI service,
- relationships with professionals
- professionals' qualities

III. The experience of the war brought together parents and professionals and created a new context for partnerships and for mutual support.

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ECI service in new circumstances

- Use of the experience accumulated during the COVID time (online work)
- New knowledge about trauma Trainings from Amna (**Web amna.org**), from ARQ foundation (<https://international.arq.org/>)
- Supervision from international colleagues
- Weekly meetings of the ECI Ukrainian network
- Service provision for families (about 700 families)
- 2022-2023 Trainings of the new ECI teams with support of UNICEF (Ukraine) - 16 new ECI teams





Mark, his mother - Nastya, his father - Eugene

Before the war



**After 24.02.2022:
In the shelter**



**Now: in the
kindergarten**



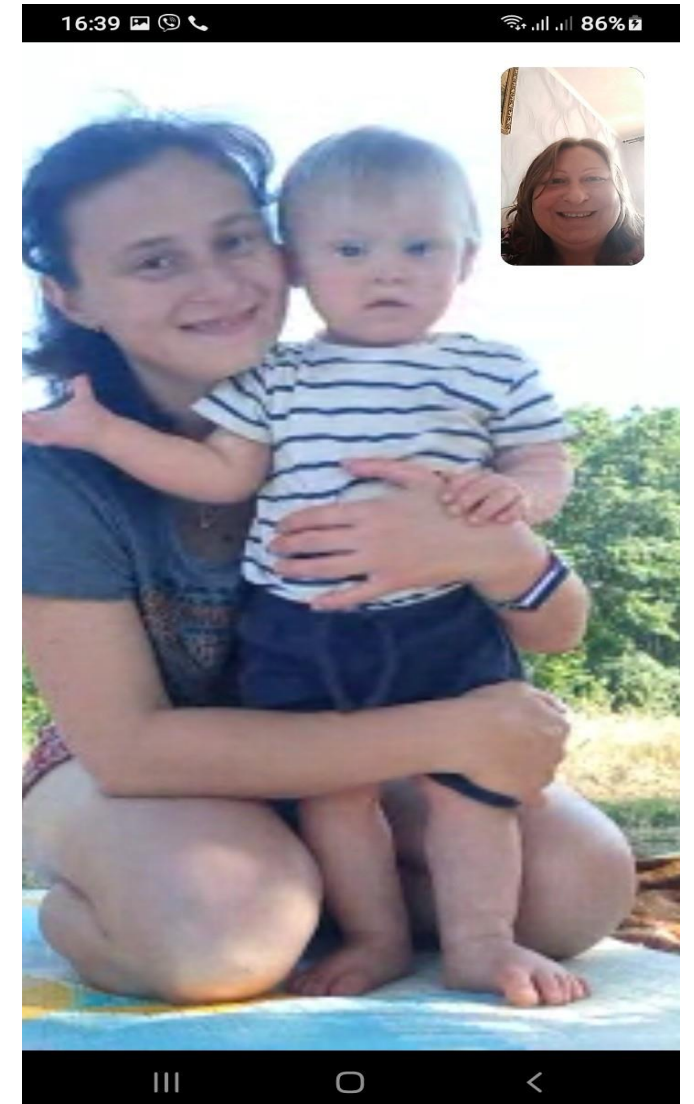
Ilya, his mother Vlada, his father Vitaly,

2022

The first
birthday
in the bomb
shelter



2023



Kateryna, mother of Henrikh, 5 years old



At the beginning of the war, we were forced to go abroad.

I used and still use what I understood during communication with ECI specialists. The main thing I use is building a relationship with my child. This is the main thing that is needed for the development and adaptation of my child.

And I am very grateful for that!

At the moment of war, the "simple" things that are the essence and heart of early intervention have become more apparent: the importance of relationships, the power of routines, the ability to control one's life

We are realizing the power of ECI

We are realizing our own strength

We are realizing the strength of the ECI team(s) and network

We are realizing how is important **for us** the relationships with the families

We see the future of ECI in Ukraine and a lot of work

We continue to build a National ECI system



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