

## **Acute Team in Youth Psychiatric Services Targeted to the Residential Child Care (ACUCARE)**

Programme Priority: P4 Skilled and socially inclusive region

Programme Specific Objective: 4.2. More aligned vocational education and training (VET) programmes in the Central Baltic region

Sub-programme: Central Baltic

Duration: 01.03.2016 - 28.02.2018

Total funding: 187.901 EUR

ERDF funding: 148.139 EUR ERDF

### Project Summary:

Many children living in vulnerable living environments in families and/or in residential child care settings are often in need of psychiatric treatment as well as child protection services. The demand for a closer collaboration between child protection services and mental health services is high, but the frameworks available at the moment are not sufficient to guarantee suitable outcomes for vulnerable children.

The problem is that professionals act in separate sectors and thus effective inter-professional networking is difficult to establish. Moreover, each care profession has a different working culture, values and behaviors.

A promising method to help children and adolescents is the acute team work model. The approach is fairly new in youth psychiatric services in Finland and not existing in Estonia.

ACUCARE´s objective is to develop vocational e-course trainings for nursing-, social work and social educator students to create more aligned joint VET programs among partner countries.

The e-course is meant for inter-professional psychiatric acute team work and is divided into two parts: family work in open care (5 ECTS) and residential child care in foster care (5 ECTS).

The project aims at developing new professional skills and innovative ways of working. The e-course increases collaboration between students and practitioners working on different systems and in different countries.

## **Map of Partners**



## Partners

Lead Partner

### **Turun ammattikorkeakoulu Oy**

**Country:** FI

[www.turkuamk.fi](http://www.turkuamk.fi)

**Partner budget:** 115.765 EUR

**Amount of ERDF funding:** 86.824 EUR ERDF

Project Partners

### **Tartu Ülikool**

**Country:** EE

[www.ut.ee](http://www.ut.ee)

**Partner budget:** 50.494 EUR

**Amount of ERDF funding:** 42.920 EUR ERDF

### **Tervishoiu Kõrgkool**

**Country:** EE

<http://www.nooruse.ee/est/esileht/>

**Partner budget:** 21.642 EUR

**Amount of ERDF funding:** 18.396 EUR ERDF

Associated Partners

## **Merikratos Oy**

**Country:** FI

## **Tartu Linnavalitsuse sotsiaalabi osakond**

**Country:** EE

## **Tartu Ülikooli Kliinikum**

**Country:** EE

## **Varsinais-Suomen sairaanhoitopiiri**

**Country:** FI

## **Results**

### **Expected results**

The project's main result is a new 10 (5+5) ECTS interprofessional vocational training e-course, including e-learning materials and an e-curriculum manual for the use of different VET organisations. The e-course consists of two themes: 1) family work in 'open care' (5 ECTS) 2) residential child care in foster care (5 ECTS). In Family work part the main focus is in working within families to promote educational partnership between parents and professionals; to bring together regional family services, such as maternity and child health clinics, early childhood education and care services, school and local family and early support services to help families. The main focus in residential child care in foster care is to enhance the skills for an integrated care approach; to incorporate the interprofessional expertise and advance the existing child protection and mental health services better. E-course will be used for basic preparation of social worker students in University of Tartu, for basic preparation of nursing students (family work in open care) and nurse education (residential child care in foster care) in THCC and for nursing and social educator students as a part of already existing 15 ECTS optional studies in TUAS. The e-course is especially designed based on the needs raised from the child protection field. During these two courses, the professional competencies and skills will be increased and interprofessional acute team work will be created for the benefit of students and target groups. Students will also learn to be aware of the other profession's competencies. As a result both social educators and nurses can respect and value each other's work more. The e-course is especially designed based on the needs from the child welfare and child protection field. This main result of the project contributes directly to the programme result indicator by increasing the share of aligned VET programmes in the Central Baltic region.

## **Achieved results**

## **Project Visibility**

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