# Parents Support & EMPOWERMENT 2016

A training course aimed to provide operators the tools for the support of families with disabled children

***FACTS :***

*When a family faces the impact of a disability diagnosis the complications and stress outputs of such situation represent a difficult and emotional time for most parents. The psychological effects of such event is enormous and many times families are left alone facing the new and mostly unexpected reality.*

*Moreover diagnosis phase, support to parents is lifelong needed. A child facing mental disability diagnosis will, for obvious reasons, need special assistance during all his life; thus the family will constantly be involved in his formation process of inclusion towards society.*

***WHAT IS NEEDED*** *:*

*As a Foundation for Autism, many times we have found ourselves face to face with families in need of support. Families seeking for guidance and assistance during diagnosis and lifelong phases.*

*Our Foundation already provides parent training courses and has set up a help desk in order to provide information and material to families but this is not enough.*

*We need to train and provide technical formation to the people who work for us. We need to give them the tools and knowledge to give constant support to all families involved within our organisation; a support based on the correct approach to traumatic events, to decision making and emotional control.*

***AN INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE :***

*We are aiming to provide training to an international team of Youthworkers and Supporters who work with organisations active in the disability field. A training which will provide tools and know – how related to the psychological support of families in need. A training which will guarantee common guidelines between different organisations, in order to cooperate and create a network of trained supporters. Fondazione Oltre il Labirinto will provide a team of Parent Support Experts and Senior Psychologists during the 3 day training course who will share their knowledge and develop with all participants an innovative assistance method. The course will take place here in Treviso in the North of Italy.*

***WHO WE ARE :***

*Fondazione Oltre il Labirinto is a non-profit organisation established in 2009. Our mission is to provide assistance, education, service and support to people with autism. Our vision implicates a society in which ASD subjects can live their lives with dignity, in a safe and preserved environment. We are situated in Treviso in the north of Italy but our networks extend throughout the whole nation; in fact we have affiliated branches in Friuli, Piedmont, Campania, Sicily and Lombardy. We are also official partners with Autism Europe and support many of their projects****.***

***WE WANT YOU :***

*If you are willing to provide your team of operators (max 4) a full training programme on family psychological support techniques and are willing to become part of our network please contact us before deadline 20/ 12 /2015 at :*

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