

Rehabilitation Center for Children With Autism



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Founded in 1991, Our Sunny World is one of the first organizations in Russia that helps children and young adults with Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD) rehabilitate and adapt to become healthy members of the society.



Our Mission

We strive to give professional help to each child with ASD and their families. Our mission is to aid such children in development, rehabilitation and social adaptation.

The process of development, rehabilitation and social adaptation of children and young adults with autistic spectrum disorders and other developmental challenges is active throughout the year and includes:

- individual work with specialists in ABA, TEACCH, Floortime, somatosensory therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, productive activity, art therapy, music therapy, alternative communication methods (computer, iPad, PECS) and others;

- game therapy (individual sessions and folk game groups);
- various theater forms (puppetry, role, shadow);
- traditional craft workshops (ceramics, weaving, timber, fulling) and artistic studios (painting and music);
- riding therapy and riding for the handicapped;
- therapeutic massage, adaptive physical therapy and athletics, dance therapy;
- a social project, 'scouting' project and interacting club for young adults with ASD and other developmental challenges;
- mini-projects: preparation to integrate into day care, grade-school preparation; projects that help form social skills in children with ASD during group work and others;
- cartoon and film studios;
- special programs that work with parents of children with ASD;
- tutoring programs;
- 'Village' project which teaches independent living skills for adults with ASD and other developmental challenges;
- intensive rehabilitation course at a country integration summer camp.

Igor Shpitsberg – Director of Our Sunny World and parent of 26 year old a child with autism

- Member of an interdepartamental group on questions of integrated socio-medical and psycho-educational help for people with autistic spectrum disorders, organized by the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation;
- Expert of the Council to the Government of the Russian Federation on questions of guardianship in the social sphere;
- Assistant to the Rector of the Moscow Psychology-Educational University on questions of professional help to the children with autistic spectrum disorders;
- Senior scientific member of the Inclusive (Integrating) Education Problems Institute of the Moscow Psychology-Educational University;
- Member of the Coordinating Council on questions of handicapped children and other people with limited vital functions at the Public Chamber Committee on Social Politics, Working Relations and Quality of Life of the Citizens of the Russian Federation;

- Member of the Young Invalids Public Council at the Department of Social Protection of Moscow;
- Editing Council member of the Autism and Development Peculiarities magazine;
- Author of methodology on correcting peculiarities in sensor-based system development in children with ASD (patent number 2412727);
- Author of the Eco-system Rehabilitation Concept. Was first introduced as author on the International Rehabilitation Conference in Denver in 1997.
 - Author of the first in Russia special communicative-developing application for children with autism for iPad (2012).

April 2013

**Our Sunny World – Primary Partner of Autism Speaks
in Russia in the international campaign “Light It Up Blue”**



The action was supported by the Government of Russia and on the April 2, 2013 Moscow, the capital of Russia had many buildings highlighted including the building of the Moscow City Hall!



May 2013

The UN Secretary-General – Ban Ki-moon – personally thanked the Igor Shpitsberg for his effective help to children with ASD in Russia.



1-st Russian Forum for parents of children with Autism (2 April 2014, Moscow)



More than 250 parents from 35 cities of Russia.

Dr. Stephen Shore was a participant at Forum



“Beyond the wall”
in Russian





Our Sunny World is one of the leading ‘guardians’ of the best international experience in helping children with ASD and their families in Russia. The experience gathered in over thirty years by **Autism Europe** is extremely important to us, our specialists and Russian parents of children with ASD. Russia is just starting to build institutions to help children and adults with autism and Our Sunny World takes the leading role in this process. We are in great need of support of parents and specialists from Europe and we have utmost respect to their experience.



I ask you to appoint me as the member of **Autism Europe** Council of Administration, which will greatly help us organize an exchange of experience with parents and specialists from other European countries and to provide support for families in RUSSIA