



REGION OF VENETO Local Health Unit Nr. 16

The Local Health Unit is a public firm that deals with the sanitary and socio-health services (hospitals, ambulatory, territorial assistance, etc.): they include the areas in which it is necessary to tightly integrate health and social performances, particularly disability, mental health, drug addiction, maternal-childish area and others.

In the disability area the following activities are present:

- **Scholastic and Social Integration Service**: it guarantees the assistance to children that attend the schools of every order and degree (open, in Italy, to every type of handicap); furthermore, it offers services finalized to guarantee the share of disable children and adults to the social life (summer activities, climatic stays)
- **Working Integration Service**: in collaboration with the Employment Centers of the Province, that has the competence for the placement of the disabled persons, it offers support and accompaniment (job coaching) to the disabled people with working ability and that need support (particularly disabled intellectual and psychiatric). It also deals with the same formalities, with the working placement of disadvantaged people, particularly drug addicts, alcohol addicts and people with psychiatric troubles that don't have the recognition of disability.
- **Daily Centres**: protected structures in which the disabled people can develop activity finalized to the socialization, to the development of the autonomy and, when possible, to the development of working ability
- **Lodges Community**: residential structures for people that don't have the support of the family anymore
- Support interventions to the serious disabled persons and their families: economic contributions in order to favour the home permanence and the independent life.

As regards the working insertion, the Italian normative (Law 68/99) foresees the right to the job for the disabled people: those people that have a physical and/or psychic handicap, recognized by a special Medical Committee as superior to a certain percentage (46%), they have the right to the targeted placement, that considers their abilities and their limits and, at the same time, the need of the firms. The firms that have more than 15 employees have the obligation to assume 1 or more disabled workers (15-35 employees = 1, 35-50=2, over 50=7%); supports (apprenticeships, longer periods of test, etc.) and fiscal facilitations are given to the firms that hire psychic or particularly serious disable persons.

The Province is competent for the placement of the disabled persons; in the Veneto Region and in some other regions special services exist (SIL), that develop a function of accompaniment for the psychic or particularly serious disabled persons; the more used tool is the formative training, that aims to know and to develop the abilities of the person and to favour its gradual insertion in the context of job.