

ASSOCIATION OF MELISSA – HISTORY AND ACTIVITIES

The Association of Parents Guardians and Friends of Disabled Persons in Corfu was founded in 1993 by a group of parents and friends whose children, because of their severe disability, did not accept the Special Primary School, educational, economic and social problems huge, state information and support unknown and the term Disabled people in Corfu was totally unknown.

Today, the purpose of the Association, in accordance with its Statute, is to defend the moral, social and educational problems of Corfu Disabled Persons, to support their families, the operation of the "MELISSA" center for day care and to establish and operate shelters for the supportive living of people with disabilities .

The Association is a member of the National Confederation of People with Disabilities and the Pan-Hellenic Federation of Parents and Guardians of Disabled Persons and today Spyros Zouboulidis, President, has been a member of the General Council of the Confederation, Vice-President of the Federation and member of the Monitoring Committee of financial programs of European Union of the Region of the Ionian Islands.

Actions:

- Operation of the "Melissa" Funeral Home
- Organization of Disabled Camps.
- Organizing informative workshops on disability issues.
- Informing people with disabilities through the media
- Organizing cultural and sporting events.
- Collaboration - Support for Special Schools.
- Cooperation with Ionian Islands Region, Corfu Municipality, social organizations and associations of persons with disabilities from all over Greece.
- Organizing excursions for parents and people with disabilities.

Services:

1. Disability Information Center
2. Center for Psychiatric, Psychological and Social Support for Persons with Disabilities

Program:

The educational program of MELISSA is multifaceted and pluralistic, designed, monitored and modified according to the needs of the beneficiaries of the Scientific Committee of the Association and the Interdisciplinary Committee of "MELISSA" and is:

- Therapeutic training
- Development of skills - competences
- Independent living skills
- Socialization
- Pre-vocational training
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Sports
- Music - music therapy - music kinetics
- Artistic
- Computers.
- Tourism - Travel.