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Following is our response to your request for suggestion on the 'Green Book' 'Promotion of Mental Health of the Population. Towards a Strategy with regard to Mental Health in the European Union', COM(2005) 484, 14.10.2005

Suggestions for the promotion of mental health among infants and school age children. Evidence based

<u>Primary prevention</u>: Information projects for physicians and community health practitioners. Availability of service psychiatric departments of Paediatric Hospitals, Community Health Centres

- Mothers with postpartum depression: infants at risk for disorders of attachment
- Parents separated or divorced: children at risk for a variety of disorders

<u>Secondary prevention</u>: Prevention of psychosocial handicap and social rejection and marginalization. Information projects for paediatricians, community health practitioners and kindergarten teachers. Availability of services at special community based programs covering population 200.000 to 250.000 people. These programs should offer diagnosis and treatment for children of preschool age with:

- Pervasive developmental disorders
- Severe language and speech disorders

Comment: With regard to this proposal our Centre which is pioneer in the field in a Greek province is prepared to formulate a comprehensive proposal if a request is made by the EU bureau that will consider the present proposals for the Green Book.

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