



ANPEDA Federation charter of parents of hearing impaired and deaf children organisations network

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Introduction

The National Federation of parents of hearing impaired and deaf children organisations (ANPEDA), parents organisation, open to their families and friends, has, as main target, to help parents to lead deaf and hearing impaired children and young adults, with or without additional disabilities, to the most complete independence to take their place in the society.

0. Independence

ANPEDA Federation is independent of any political party, any religion and any philosophy.

1. Principles

- 1.1 **Parents** have the responsibility of education and rehabilitation of their children, at every milestone of the route of these children
- 1.2 The role of **education and training** is essential in the objective of social and professional insertion of deaf and hearing impaired children.
- 1.3 Network members **demand**, for everybody, the **right** to information, training and expression for everybody
- 1.4 **Written and oral** learning of the French language is essential for integration into the society
- 1.5 Network members **respect the freedom of the families to choose** communication tools and education methods
 - use and teaching of signs language (LSF) are recognised in the objective of bilingual education
 - use of completed spoken language (LPC) is recognised in the objective of oral education
- 1-6 Integration in ordinary spheres, either school or professional, **close to the place** of living of deaf and hearing impaired children and young people must remain a target, when possible, using any specific and necessary tool
- 1.7 **Independence and full citizenship** of deaf and hearing impaired person means an access to a good quality level training, to employment and all other rights: culture, justice, health, leisure activities

2. Missions

- 2.1. **To guide parents in the process of independence** of their children
- 2.2. **To develop training and information of parents** on deafness and on the various communications tools
- 2.3 **To ensure a specific guidance** of deaf and hearing impaired children, teenagers and adults in the various steps of their schooling, in their training and in their access to employment.
- 2.4. **To promote a specific guidance** to deaf and hearing impaired and multi disabled children, teenagers and adults, with or without additional disabilities
- 2.5. **To encourage any action targeting** school and extra school **integration**, socio professional insertion of deaf and hearing impaired people and access to culture
- 2.6 **To promote the rights of deaf and hearing impaired people** and their families with the administration and authorities
- 2.7 **To develop associative** life favouring recruitment and assiduity of volunteers and relying on employees
- 2.8 **To bring deaf and hearing impaired adults** to management of structures or services, for which they are users and actors

3. Tasks sharing

The good legibility of the network by the families and the actors of civil society and administration means a sharing of tasks and responsibilities, in the frame of the national network. The chosen sharing out favours synergy between the various territorial levels, upgrades complementarities. This sharing out needs solidarity and fairness of all the members and organisations.

3.1 Tasks relevant to local level (departments and inter departments)

The main missions are: reception and guidance of parents, training and local information, development of associative life and of local representation.

3.2. Tasks relevant to regional level

The main missions are: management of regional associative network, regional representation, regional coordination of parents training, regional dialogue with health services of parents management in the departments, direct or indirect management of Employment – Training and students services.

3.3. Tasks relevant to national level

The main missions are: management of national associative network, national representation, national coordination of parents and volunteers training, national dialogue with regional and national services, direct or indirect management of G.VACOLA by day hospital, management of relationships with other national organisations in the sphere of disability (especially with deaf and hearing impaired or having lost hearing capacity people organisations), medical and social research, promotion of tools and methods able to help development and access of deaf people to independence..

4. Engagements

4.1. Volunteer engagement

- The volunteer commits himself to respect this charter in the frame of his activity in the network
- He participates to the life of Federation organisation
- His engagements are freely accepted by himself
- He accepts to work inside a team, composed of volunteers and employees, according to the agreed task sharing
- He must respect the rules relevant to confidential items

4.2. Employees engagement

- He respects this charter in the frame of his job contract
- He must respect the rules relevant to confidential items

4.3. Member organisation engagement

- Its activities have to follow the principles of this charter
- It must permanently be ready to listen parents expectations
- It accepts ANPEDA Federation carrying on national representation mission and gives to ANPEDA any useful information to fulfil this mission

4.4. Federation engagement

- Its activities have to follow the principles of this charter
- It must permanently be ready to listen expectations and concerns of member organisations
- It commits itself to represent with fairness all member organisations
- It commits itself to distribute to member organisations any useful information to fulfil their missions
- It assesses actions and reports to member organisations
- It must ensure the transparency of its accounts and public subsidies management (according to the charter of mutual engagements between Government and organisations governed by the law of July, 1st, 2001).