



The Probation Foundation



PROJECT AND INVESTMENT FUNDING FROM RAY

RAY (Finland's Slot Machine Association) was established in 1938 to raise funds through gaming operations (slot machines and casinos) to support Finnish health and welfare organizations (non-profit organizations).

The funding assistance year 2005 was 305 million € .

Yearly more than 1 000 organizations receive funding.

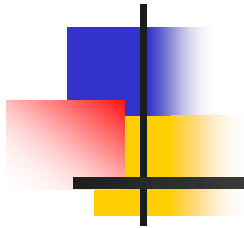
KRITS 2005

- **537 000 € for projects**
- **335 000 € for investments (flats for housing)**
- **RAY funding assistance is about 50 % of KRITS budget**

Kriminaalihuollon tukisäätiö
KRITS

Probation Foundation

Aftercare Programme





History

The roots of the Probation Foundation and Probation Service are in the work of the Prisoner's Association, which focused exclusively on a helping mission. After the reorganization in August 2001, after-work originally included in the Probation Association's duties, will be continued by the Probation Foundation.

1870 The Finnish Prisoner's Association

1966 The Probation, registered association

1975 The public Probation Association

2001 The Probation Service



Probation and Aftercare Association 1975-2001

- a public corporation funded by the government
- the enforcement of community sanctions
- housing support
- employment guidance
- general guidance and financial support



Probation and Aftercare Association 1975-2001

- during 1980's the social and legislative development lead to the view that inmates' aftercare is an obligation of municipalities
- the aftercare system of Probation Association was gradually dissolved
- increased emphasis on enforcement of community sanctions



Probation Service and Probation Foundation KRITS 2001-

- the Probation and Aftercare Association was nationalized
 - almost whole emphasis on community sanctions
 - the municipalities are not capable of responding to the needs of released inmates
 - need for NGO aftercare organisation
- Probation Foundation



Members of the Council

- A-Clinic Foundation
- The Finnish Blue Ribbon
- Finnish Federation for Social Welfare and Health
- The Finnish Association for Mental Health
- The Guarantee Foundation
- Y Foundation (housing)
- The Church Council
- The Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities
- The Ministry of Justice
 - The Criminal Sanctions Agency
 - Prison Service
 - Probation Service



Probation Foundation KRITS

- The purpose of the Probation Foundation is to support probation service and its development, to foster measures that reduce recidivism and its side-effects and to organise and make available services which reinforce the aims of the foundation.
- The foundation aims to help people who have been convicted of a crime, are in a crisis situation because of a crime or are facing social ostracism.



Probation Foundation KRITS

- The foundation realises its aims through various activities:
 - in the field of research, development and education of probation and after-care
 - in bringing its influence to bear in the field of criminal policy
 - by promoting the interests of its target group, voluntary work and by securing the services necessary for its target group.
- The operation of the Probation Foundation is financed by the income from real estate and stocks owned by the foundation as well as financial aid from the Finland's Slot Machines Association (RAY).



Organization and Activities

DEVELOPMENT OF ACTIVITIES

- Research and development
- Project funding

PROJECTS

AFTERCARE PROGRAMME

- Peer support contact point REDIS
- Rehabilitation for work
- Case management
- Housing programme
- Family work

PANU-PROJECT

Case management (under 26 years)

COMMUNICATIONS KIT

HEALTH COUNCELLING AMONG PEERS IN PRISON

JYVÄLLÄ-PROJECT

Housing, rehabilitation for work, substance abuse treatment and support for relatives and friends

MANAGEMENT, FINANCE, PROPERTIES

- Council
- Supervising board
- Managing director
- Financial services
- Real estate and stocks

Personnel: 22

INFORMATION AND TRAINING

OMBUDSMAN FOR PROBATION AND AFTERCARE

HOUSING SERVICES

- Supported housing (16 flats)
- Half-way homes (2)

Aftercare programme 2003- 2006



- The purpose of this project is to develop both the scope and quality of the support services including
 - rehabilitation for independent living
 - rehabilitation for working life
 - to further psycho-social rehabilitation after release from prison
 - support for the family of the ex-prisoner and for the clients of the probation service (2005-2006)

Aftercare programme 2003-2006



- The project is to be a co-operative project between various NGO's, municipalities and sanctions system. The aim of the program is to create a nationally significant and influential network of organisations in the field of probation and after-care, co-ordinated by the Probation Foundation.
- The project financed by the aid from the Finland's Slot Machines Association (RAY).



Aftercare programme 2003-2006, Supported housing

- 16 (25) flats in Helsinki and Vantaa
- Two half-way houses (4+3 places)
- 3 workers
- A continuum from prison to independent living
- Year 2005, 87 applications, 22 occupants
- Comprehensive support: staying sober, meaningful activities during the day, discussion help, taking care of one's matters in different agencies
- Difficulties: quick relapses after release, keeping up the criminal lifestyle



Aftercare programme 2003-2006, Family support

- Building a continuum from prison to community so that emphasis is on the whole family's welfare. Co-operation with municipalities, church and NGOs.
- Developing the contents and programme of family recreational "camps".
- Building an information folder for workers outside prison how to encounter a family in which one member is or has been in prison.



Aftercare programme 2003-2006, Peer support Redis

- Support groups for inmates inside and outside prison.
- Voluntary support persons, their training and guidance.
- Contact place Redis
 - Open c. 15 hours per week
 - “low threshold”
 - Discussion and guidance from peer point of view.