

Closing remarks: The Child Rights Based Approach

“The dignity of man is inviolable. To respect and protect it shall be the duty of all public authority”

Children have:

- developmental needs to receive support to communicate and make oneself understood
- specific needs to enable participation and growing autonomy
- dependent and trusting relations with family members, esp. parents and siblings
- needs to receive special protection when unable to give informed consent (i.e. sexual exploitation, participation in war)



Families' expressed needs are CRC rooted

Top priorities of parents of children with special health care needs

- Information and health education
- Participation in decision making
- Counselling about resources and social assistance for the family
- High quality and adequate medical services to treat or improve the condition
- Emotional wellbeing and appropriate school education for the children
- Mobility (entire family)
- Independence in activities of daily living in children with special needs
- Financial support and access to services



Advocacy

Pediatricians on the move...

- Just distribution of services and resources
- Children's Rights Approach
- Protection of vulnerable groups
- Solidarity of civil society
- Children's health as a contribution to well-being of all

