



***Bridging the
Gaps in
Palliative
Services in
Latvia***

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St. Louis - Riga partnership program

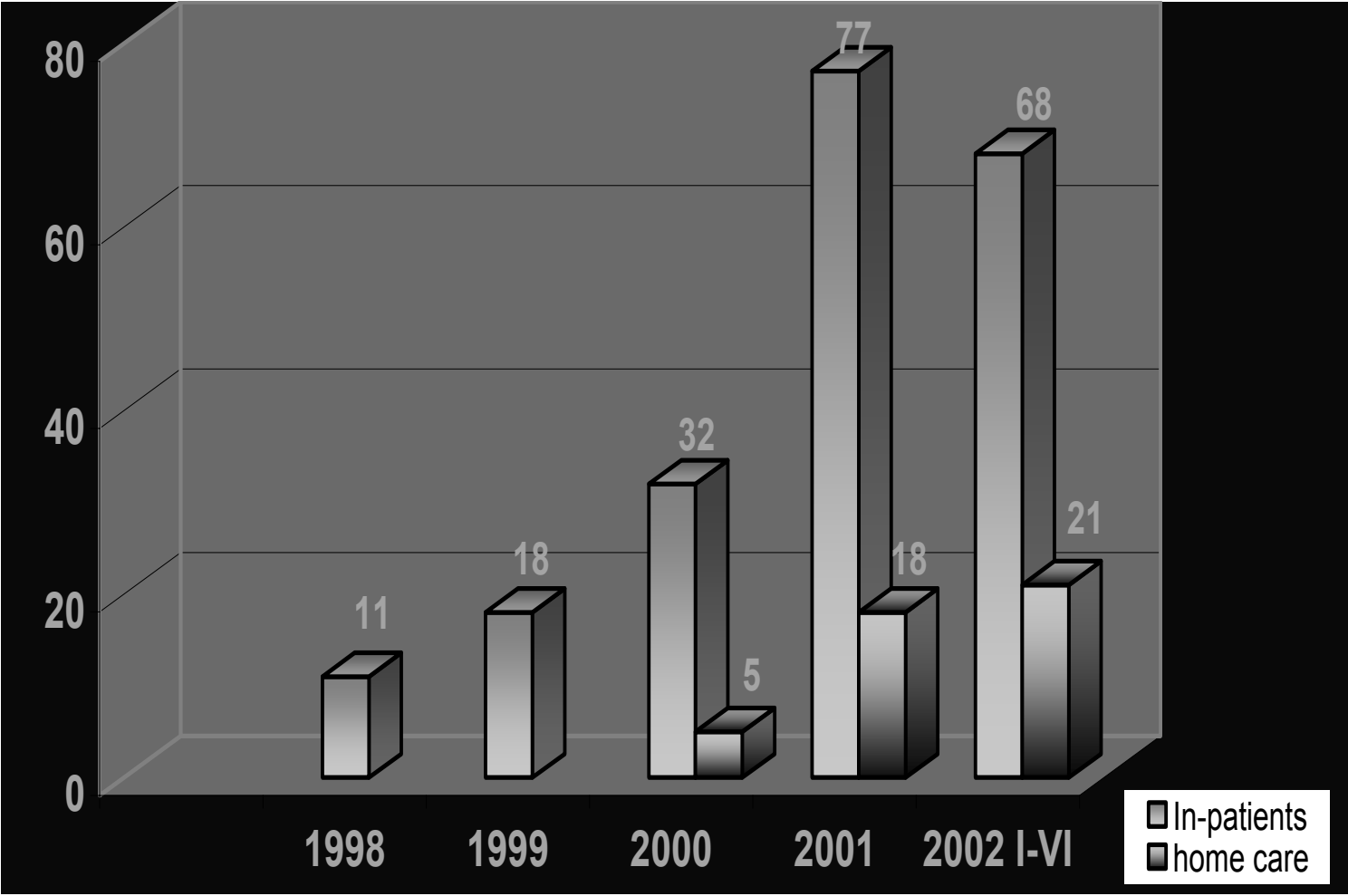
- 1997. exchange of experience in St. Louis /
doctor A.Jansone, social worker R.Burova
- 1998. 01 foundation of Children's Palliative Care Society
- 1998. 06 establishment of a Hospice Team
in Children's Clinical University Hospital
- 2000. 10 opening of the Palliative Care Department
- 2001. 06 launching of cooperation between Sickness Found
and Children's Hospital

Children's Palliative Care Society

long - term goals:

- **selection, training and work of palliative care team with incurably ill children and their parents within various departments of the children's hospital,**
- **establishment of a palliative care department,**
- **specialized home care for children with incurable illnesses in final stages,**
- **raising awareness of medical workers and general public on issues of Children's Palliative Care,**
- **development of legislation acts which would allow to establish palliative care as an independent branch of health care.**

- **1998 - 1999** educational project “Organization of public support for families with children having incurable diseases at their final stages”.
(European Union PHARE LIEN micro-project)
- **1999 - 2000** “Establishment of the Children’s Palliative Care Information Center” (Soros Foundation)
- **2000 - 2001** educational program "Palliative Care Scholarships “ (Open Society Institute)
- **2000 - 2001** NGO Center subsidy program
- **2001- 2002** project “Development of the Strategy of Riga Regional Sickness Found on Purchase of Services in the Realm of Palliative Care”.
- **2002 – 2003** St.Louis – Latvia Sustainable Social Services Project



Children's Palliative Care Society

- **Belarussian Children's Hospice**
- **Warsaw Hospice for Children (Poland)**
- **BJC Home Care Service in St. Louis**
- **Member of the Hospice Information Service at St. Christopher's Hospice in London**

Activities:

- **1998- charity action “Painted Rocking Horses”**
- **2001- charity action “Only Stars Are Higher “**
- **1999, 2000, 2001 - Memory Day**
- **1999, 2000, 2001 - Easter and Christmas concerts for palliative care patients and their family members**



