

Child Protection Day at the SCCH

The Scientific Center of Children's Health was visited by the Chairman of the Russian Federation Council Valentina Matvienko on the International Child Protection Day (1 June 2012)

The staff of the Scientific Center of Children's Health have been considering the **Child Protection Day** as one of their professional holidays for a long time. Upon an initiative of the director of SCCH, RAS and RAMS academician A.A. Baranov, since 2001 the center holds an open day when any child may receive all diagnostic and medical care necessary without medical referrals.

Every year the SCCH staff try not only to provide medical assistance to all admitted patients, but also to attract attention of the society and the state to the most vulnerable and unprotected categories of patients and also to the long-standing problems of the children's health care. Later on this tradition was carried on by the doctors of other Russian clinics.

This year the Scientific Center of Children's Health admitted children with rare diseases and small patients with auditory analyzer impairment. The catch phrase of the day was **“TO LISTEN, TO HEAR AND TO BE HEARD – TOGETHER WITH THE SCCH!”** (pic. 1).

Pic.1. The catch phrase of the 1 June.



According to the statistics, 1 out 1000 easily delivered children is born deaf, 2 more lose hearing in the first 2 years of life. Even a slight hearing impairment in a child is a serious impediment to normal development, ability to speak and understand other people. Hearing impairment in children causes a grave emotional reaction of their parents which declares itself by a long-term psychological stress, forming of a special social situation of the child's development, their personality changes; it also influences family relations.

The state spends colossal sums in order to preserve human, labor and personality potential of children with hearing impairment, however, the effective algorithm of diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitation measures of this category of children has not been developed yet; it unfavorably affects the disease treatment result, social adaptation and, therefore, children's quality of life. This situation may be characterized as the most urgent problem of the national health care.

Scientific Center of Children's Health could not stand aside and not use its unique technological capabilities to solve this problem. Department of medical rehabilitation of children with diseases of ENT-organs and maxillofacial area with a unique surdochamber has been functioning since January 2012, where not only the treatment of children with acute and chronic pathology is conducted, but also auditory analyzer diagnostics of children from birth to 18 years of age, hearing aid, surdopedagogical treatment (pic. 2).

Pic. 2. Surdopedagogical treatment in surdochamber.



The Chairman of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the RF V.I. Matvienko visited the Scientific Center of Children's Health on the traditional Child Protection Dayfestival. The visit of such a distinguished guest was not a casual one – as a vice-premier, Ms. Matvienko signed the order of building the rehabilitation center in the SCCH.

The way this order was realized favorably impressed her: “A unique center. What I have seen makes me very happy. Children have the opportunity to receive

the most modern treatment: the newest products, the most complex diagnostic and medical equipment are used there. Even children with severe diagnoses are brought to life and put on their feet owing to the professionalism of the specialists. It is priceless”, - said V.I. Matvienko (pic. 3).

Pic.3. Address of Valentina Matvienko.



Discussing the problems of the children’s health care with the Center’s director, RAS and RAMS academician A.A. Baranov, V.I. Matvienko supported the development of a separate law on children’s health protection.

Special attention that day was given to hearing-impaired babies and children with rare diseases. Small patients were fully examined, took part in creativity competitions and received numerous presents: from the speaker of the Federation Council V.I. Matvienko – toys and game room sets; from the Center of People’s Aid “Blagovest” – T-shirts, baseball caps, sports shoes and mother-and-child kits; from numerous sponsors – drawing accessories and development games (pic. 4).

Pic.4. Handing of presents.



All children who came to the SCCH that day watched the theatrical performance, and some of them took part in it. (pic. 5-7)

Pic. 5-7. Common caption for pictures 5-7; it is better to put them together – if possible at the theatrical performance





The children also prepared presents – colorful cards – for the people who make every effort for their fastest recovery: the Chairman of the Federation Council Valentina Matvienko, the Center’s director Alexander Baranov and the director of the SCCH research institute for preventive pediatrics and medical rehabilitation Leyla Namazova-Baranova. (pic. 8, 9)

Pic. 8, 9. Photo as a memento.



Pic.9. May your wish to hear come true!



V.I. Matvienko congratulated the medical staff, children and their parents on the holiday. Hundreds of balloons flew up in the sky carrying wishes made by the children... May they become true!