



Children First and Foremost:  
Realising the Rights of Children and Families in an Irregular Migration Situation

# **Gruppo di Lavoro Nazionale per il Bambino Immigrato's (GLNBI) research activities**

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**New York 1989** UN Convention of the Rights of the Child (CRC)

**1991** Italy ratified the CRC  
"Legge 174/1991"

**1992**

**Setting the scene for public health of immigrant children:**

social determinants, risk factors, health and social vulnerability, health care



**Children from international adoptions**  
Children born in Italy to immigrant parents  
**Unaccompanied minors**

Children born in non-EU countries immigrating with their parents

**Nomads**  
Children of refugee people



# GLNBI-SIP Network

Genova - Gaslini  
Torino - OIRM  
Novara  
Verbania  
Milano - S. Carlo  
Negrar (VR)  
S. Vito al Tagliamento  
Parma  
Firenze - Meyer  
Ancona  
Roma - Gemelli  
Lanciano  
Pescara  
Napoli  
Bari  
Lecce  
Messina  
Palermo  
Bologna  
Venezia  
Terni  
Roma B.G.



**Education, Language and Culture, Social and Economic Conditions, Guidance Needs Problems**

**“STUDIO MULTICENTRICO ITALIANO SUI PROBLEMI SCOLASTICI DEL BAMBINO IMMIGRATO”**

Italian Journal Paediatrics-2004

**Access to Emergency Department**

**“DIZIONARIO MULTILINGUE PEDIATRICO PER IL PRONTO SOCCORSO”**

Editeam Gruppo Editore-2008

**Precocious Puberty and Diabetes**

**“LO STATO DI SALUTE DEI BAMBINI IMMIGRATI.ASPETTI DI PEDIATRIA PREVENTIVA E SOCIALE”**

Editeam Gruppo Editore-2008

**YOUNGER AGE OF DIAGNOSIS OF TYPE 1 DIABETES MELLITUS IN CHILDREN OF IMMIGRATED FAMILIES IN ITALY**

F. Cadario, G. Bona. Endocrinol Invest. 2004

**Perinatal Outcomes among immigrant mothers**

**“NEONATI E GENITORI STRANIERI: Comunicazione ed accoglienza per l'integrazione”**

M.Zaffaroni-2009

**INFANTS OF IMMIGRANT PARENTS IN ITALY: A NATIONAL MULTI-CENTER CASE CONTROL STUDY.**

G. Bona, M. Zaffaroni. Panminerva Med. 2001

**“ARE FOOD INTOLERANCES AND ALLERGIES INCREASING IN IMMIGRANT CHILDREN?”**

F.Cataldo; Pediatric Allergy and Immunology-2006

**“HEALTH STATUS OF INTERNATIONALLY ADOPTED CHILDREN”**

P.Valentini et al. IJPH- 2012

**Unaccompanied Minors**

**“ADOLESCENTI STRANIERI NON ACCOMPAGNATI E DEVIANZA MINORILE”**

Pediatria Preventiva e sociale-2006

**Nutritional Habits and Deficiencies**

**“L'ALIMENTAZIONE DEL BAMBINO IMMIGRATO”**

F. Cataldo- Il Pediatra-2007

**Infectious Diseases**

**“LE VACCINAZIONI NEL CONTESTO MIGRATORIO”**

Conoscere per Crescere-2009

**“FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION OF MINORS IN ITALY”**

M.L. Di Pietro et al; IJPH-2012

**Multi-center Trials, Project Works and National Conferences**

# **Italian paradox!**

**The Italian Republic Constitution** acknowledge human rights independently of citizenship (art.2), overall the right to health (art. 32)

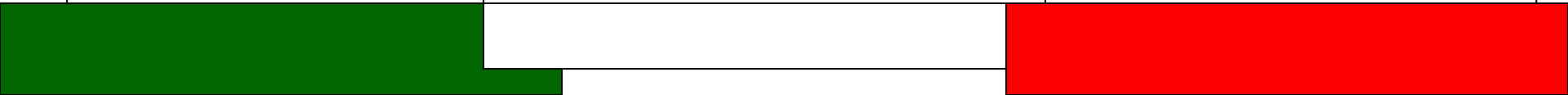
**The Consolidation Act (Testo Unico) 286/98 [art. 28 para. 3]** recognizes that the involvement of minors in every administrative and jurisdictional procedures is a major priority, recalling art. 3 para. 1 of the 1989 New York United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child;

**Convention on the Rights of the Child states** that any amendment shall be binding on those States Parties which have accepted it; **the Italian Republic ratified it both** with Law 179/98, along with all European countries. This right is not generalized, but its specific target is “the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health” (art. 24).

**The European Parliament has emanated in 2011** a resolution that aim to reduce in all the States Parties health inequalities in the European Union (EU), with particular concern to health rights of immigrants, even if irregular. ....

**health rights**

**regularly immigrated minors** // **irregular minors**



# Who decides about right of health in Italy?

➤ Ministry of health

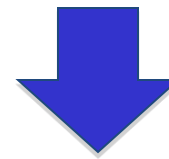
➤ Regions



italians

➤ Ministry of the Interior

➤ (Ministry of health, Regions)



immigrants

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- **confused national regulation (Jungle: a lot of Ministeries and Ministerial offices)**
  - **europaean directives**
  - **different regional sanitary systems**
  - **administrative racism and prejudice**

## *IRREGULAR MINORS*

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- **Universal right to health**
  - **Equity**
  - **Essential levels of sanitary assistance ...**
- Note: The text in this list is crossed out with a large red 'X'.*

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*Mandatory registration with NSS*

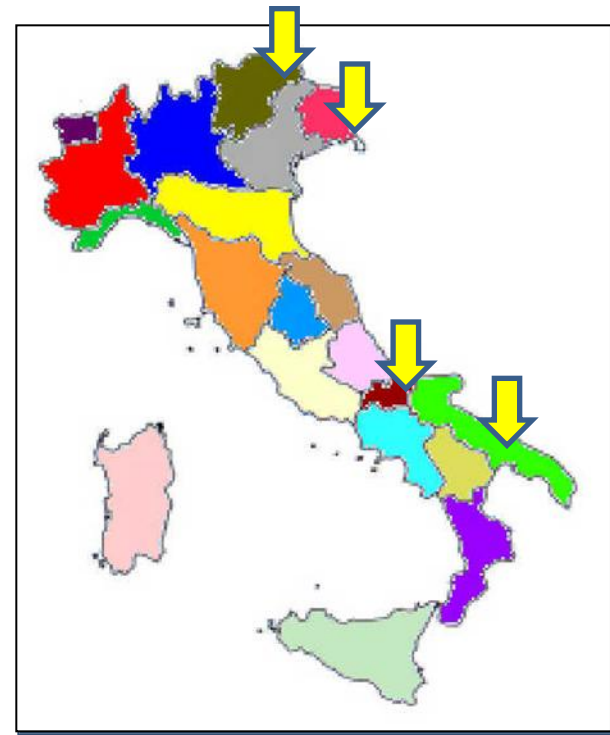


*A FAMILY PEDIATRICIAN FOR EACH CHILD*



*Puglia, Umbria, Trentino, FVG*

***FAMILY PEDIATRICIAN'S KEY ROLE***





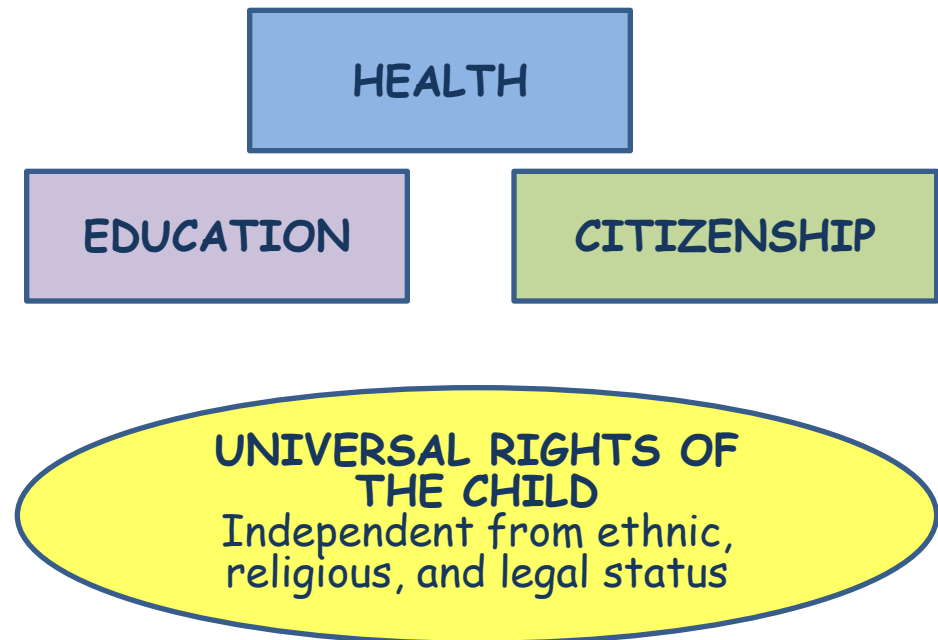
# Chieti, 2010 November GLNBISIP-SIMM Joint Document in 2010



## "What Laws ... We need?!?"

- *universal access to family paediatricians*
- *access to all health care services for all children including those of parents with irregular status*
- *extended residence permits for migrant women who are pregnant, including those with irregular status*
- *support for language learning and educational activities, specific training for teachers and health professionals on migration issues*
- *facilitation of familiar reunification*
- *withdrawal of the law that has introduced the crime of clandestinity*

## LEGAL STATUS, SOCIAL AND HEALTH POLICIES FOR MIGRANT CHILDREN SPECIAL ISSUES



# Interregional technical commission “Immigrati e Servizi Sanitari”

(established in 2008, Health commission - Umbria )



- Regions
- Ministry of Health
- SIMM
- GLNBI
- INMP

Accepted by Health Commission of  
Regions conference  
21st september 2011

National Government and Regions  
Agreement  
20th December 2012

Official Journal  
20th February 2013



## Document:

# “Directions for the correct application, on the part of the Regions, of regulations on health care to the immigrant population”

## Objectives

- territorial equity,
- reduction of bureaucratic barriers and of subjectivity of sanitary system carers,
- simplification of their work,
- reproduction of some regional «good administrative solutions» in other Italian regions.



## First result:

Document “Indicazioni ...”

Mandatory registration with NSS of undocumented minor



Access to family pediatrician!!!



**Next step:** monitoring the execution of this document.

Monthly report from each regions

Data collection and analysis

REGIONE LAZIO		Rosso non allineata	Verde allineata	Verde chiaro da perfezionare
	Al 31 dicembre 2012	Al 31 gennaio 2013	Al 28 febbraio 2013	Al 31 marzo 2013
iscrizione obbligatoria al SSN dei minori stranieri anche in assenza del permesso di soggiorno	<b>no</b>	<b>no</b>		
iscrizione obbligatoria al SSN dei regolarizzandi	<b>si</b>	<b>no</b>		
iscrizione obbligatoria al SSN anche in fase di rilascio (attesa) del primo pds per uno dei motivi che danno diritto all'iscrizione obbligatoria al SSN	<b>si</b>			
iscrizione volontaria al SSR per gli over 65enni con tariffe attuali <sup>3</sup>	<b>si</b>			
garanzia agli STP delle cure essenziali atte ad assicurare il ciclo terapeutico e riabilitativo completo alla possibile risoluzione dell'evento morboso, compresi anche eventuali trapianti	<b>si</b>			
rilascio preventivo del codice STP per facilitare l'accesso alle cure	<b>si</b>			
definizione del codice di esenzione X01 per gli STP	<b>si</b>			
iscrizione obbligatoria di genitore comunitario di minori italiani	<b>si</b>			
iscrizione volontaria per i comunitari residenti	<b>si</b>			
equiparazione dei livelli assistenziali ed organizzativi del codice STP al codice ENI	<b>si</b>			





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# Thank you!