

**INTELLIGENT LOVE
PARENTS' ACTION FOR CONDUCTIVE EDUCATION¹²**

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The title of the book was selected carefully and it is thought-provoking. Comes from Mária Hari who said the following when Standing up for Joe was broadcasted: "Love is not enough here. It must be an intelligent love." In my opinion and experience intelligent love is a very active and often demanding because it gives you a positive belief in yourself from the parents' side but also gives a security that if you need help the parents are ready to give you the necessary support at any moment. Let me give you an example of intelligent love from my life. Every time I go to Eger for PhD consultation my mother worries but she hides and keep these to herself. Rather she trusts in me that I will arrive there and back home in safe. This positive trust is the intelligent love.

The book begins with three very expressive citations. One by Christopher Reeve reads as follows: „Once you choose hope, anything's possible” The other citation by Hannibal” We will either find a way or make one” The third one written by Károly Ákos and Magda Ákos” It is especially important in the case of a motor-disordered child that the parents are able to develop an idea of their own abilities, which surpass those of all the specialists so

¹² The editorial board does not take any responsibility for the English of the papers. Indeed, we made some slight changes but wanted to keep the style of the authors.

far...Parents should not be hindered from understanding their child's situation correctly, neither through illusions nor through force" The book is a collection of stories by 13 presents. The quotations perfectly symbolize their journey for their disabled child and their individual fight for Conductive Education. The reader gets a global picture through their narration because they come from Brazil, Belgium, Germany, New Zealand, United Kingdom, and United States.

The book also gives you an interesting picture of Hungary in 1980s through the parents 'eyes. One of the positive things they mentioned: "The Hungarians did things very differently. They met the problem face on, the individual children themselves. It seemed to us to be the logical, intelligent bringing together all the specialist skills available (even in the UK) needed best to help children with motor disorders." (Graham, McGuigan and Maguire, 2010, p.59)

I chose Patti Herbs's story to share with you because not only she could help to his son Justin but also too many others with the same diagnose. After she recognised the positive changes in Justin motor development she decided to establish her own Conductive Centre in 1998. Today the centre employs 4 occupational therapists and 4 full-time conductors they are working in a transdisciplinary team where all the professionals are responsible for evaluating the children, planning the programme in a conductive way. The Centre for Independence helped to de-mystify Conductive Education in the United States. This transdisciplinary model made the services available for low-income families in the Chicagoland area. Today, the Centre provides Conductive Education programming for over 125 children a year. Petti was one of the devoted parents who made her way to teach intelligent love to other parents through Conductive Education. Justin learnt sitting independently on a toilet in private. This was a remarkable achievement for having an aide with him for the entire process according his mother's opinion. The level of success differs from each other as well as their syndrome. All the children who are now young adults like me could make a progress towards independence.

I recommend this book for parents who want to learn how to love intelligently.

