

DREAM TO GROW



UNIVERSITY



HIGH SCHOOL



PRIMARY AND
SECONDARY
SCHOOL



PRESCHOOL/
KINDERGARTEN

BIRTH



ENZO'S
STORY



When I was 29, I received a bachelor's degree in languages and educational sciences. After graduation, I decided to go ahead with my studies and enrolled in a master's course for pedagogical sciences.

I am Enzo from Italy. Starting with where I am now, and going back to my early years, I will walk you through my journey to become the person I am today. I will share notable moments in my life – exploring the events that made me strong and introducing you to the individuals who supported me throughout the many challenges I faced on my journey. **I am proud to be Roma, of who I am now, and of my dream to grow.**

I work for a project called “Young Roma, Builders of Hope.” I provide school support to Roma children and organize trainings and events to raise awareness about Roma issues.

But, that's not it. I wear many hats! I also tutor and accompany young people through the judicial system and on pathways to employment and social integration.

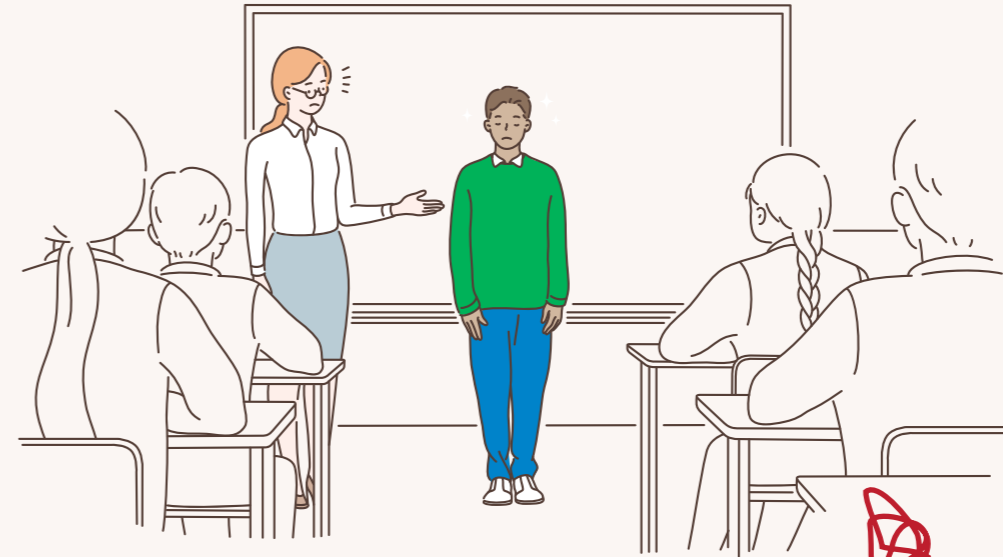
**11% OF
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At the age of 15, I left my high school. I started a two-year training program at a professional school. In addition to this, I began volunteering for the same association that supported me when I was young.

ONLY 1% OF YOUNG ROMA LIVING IN SEGREGATED SLUMS GO TO HIGH SCHOOL.



86% OF ITALIANS HOLD UNFAVORABLE VIEWS ABOUT ROMA.



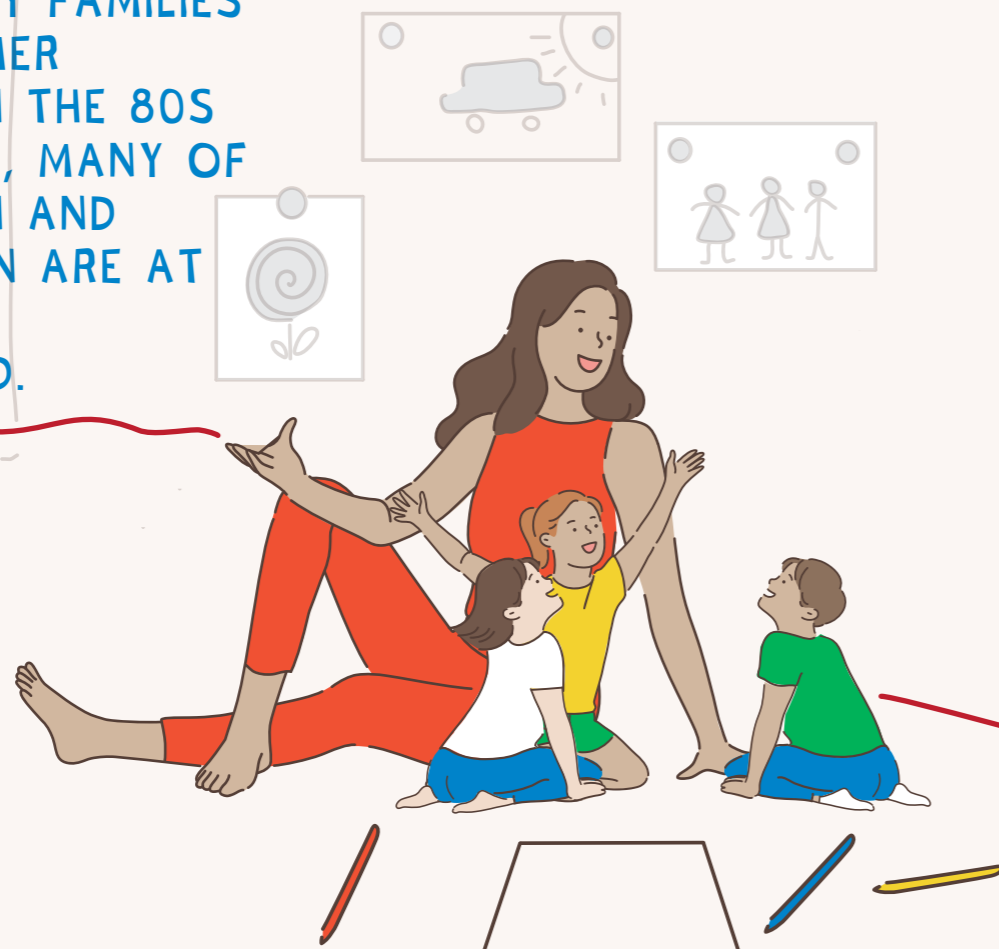
During primary school, a local NGO supported me. I was a talented student. Still, I faced many difficulties due to my Roma origins.

At the beginning of secondary school, I was placed in a same group as all the other Roma pupils. Nevertheless, I succeeded in establishing positive relationships with some of the non-Roma pupils.



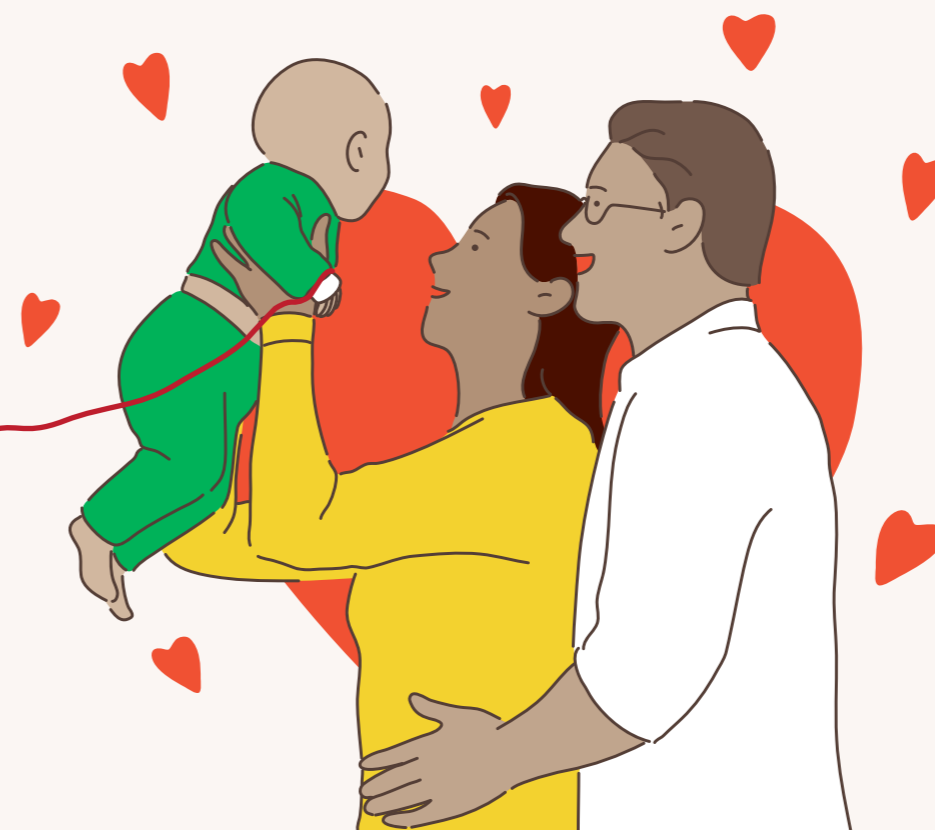
1 OUT OF 5 ROMA CHILDREN LIVING IN SEGREGATED SLUMS WILL NEVER START SCHOOL.

ALMOST **55%**
OF ROMA LIVING IN
SEGREGATED SLUMS ARE
UNDER 18. MANY FAMILIES
FLED THE FORMER
YUGOSLAVIA IN THE 80S
AND 90S. STILL, MANY OF
THEIR CHILDREN AND
GRANDCHILDREN ARE AT
RISK OF BEING
UNDOCUMENTED.



From ages three to six, I regularly attended an informal home-based early childhood center. I enjoyed the company of the other children.

Even if many Italians believe that all Roma are not Italian, I am. I was born in Italy to Italian parents. Thanks to my citizenship, I was able to access basic services for early childhood and live in a council house with my big family.



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REYN ITALY IS A NATIONAL NETWORK COMPRISED OF INSTITUTIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, ROMA AND NON-ROMA PRACTITIONERS, PROFESSIONALS, AND PARAPROFESSIONALS WORKING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT WITH ROMA COMMUNITIES LIVING AT THE MARGINS IN THE COUNTRY. THE CORE MEMBERS OF THE NETWORK COLLABORATE TO ORGANIZE ACTIVITIES IN THEIR LOCAL CONTEXT, SHARE JOINT ADVOCACY ACTIONS, AND EXPAND THE NETWORK.

REYN ITALY STARTED IN 2016 TO CREATE A SPACE OF DEBATE, REFLECTION, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS, INSTITUTIONS, AND ORGANIZATIONS WORKING WITH VULNERABLE ROMA COMMUNITIES, FAMILIES, AND MINORS.



Associazione 21 luglio is a non-profit organization supporting groups and individuals in conditions of extreme segregation and discrimination safeguarding rights and promoting the well-being of children.

Associazione 21 luglio carries out research activities and pressures institutions to safeguard and promote the rights of

children. When necessary, they intervene in situations of human rights violations, violations of the rights of children or hate speech, and racial discrimination using legal action. Additionally, they organize public campaigns and events to raise awareness, promote educational activities on human rights, and realize experimental pedagogic projects addressed to children and other projects to pursue their objectives.

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