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„Odyssey of the Mind” – international program for using parents in teaching creative problem solving

The presentation will start with the brief story of how the programme started at a technical university in the US and developed into presence in over 14 countries. The analyses of 5 intelligences utilized in the programme will be given followed by examples of convergent and divergent problems. The types of “Odyssey of the Mind” problems will be presented with the emphasis on opportunities for technical innovation, teamwork and other social skills. Parents’ role as coaches will be explored in opposition to traditional contribution considered in the programme as “outside assistance” and penalized . The presentation will be interactive (the participants will be given some creative task) and will use multimedia for film and product presentation.