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worked on the group (N=11) are included in the data. The data gathered is supplemented by the documents from the operation of the group.

Research findings indicate that the operation of the group has turned more professional and functionally more various in the course of time. The operation consists of many elements, reaches dozens of mothers annually and requires contribution of several agents. Participating in the operation gets it's meaning as encounters, breaks and bonds. The group gives an opportunity for encounters forming both peer support and professional aid. At the same time, it constructs a chance of withdrawing from everyday life by producing breaks to mother's routines. In addition, participating in the operation of the Supermammatt group gives space for constructing an affinity, various relationships and connections fastened on the group. "
