

# Center for the Child: Network for Children's Rights

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The Network for Children's Rights is a non-profit organization that aims to raise awareness, promote and defend the rights of the child, as set out in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989). Since 2004, it organizes educational programs and socio-cultural activities that concern and promote the rights of the child.

The Network for the Rights of the Child is a partner of the FEAD- Social Partnership "Athens - Capital of Solidarity", which is coordinated by the Municipality of Athens

# Center for the Child

- The approach for the provision of services was based on the model of *One Stop Shop*, with emphasis on children and their families
- The aim was, in addition to providing well-designed activities for children, to carry out *intervention* at the family level
- The idea behind this project is that *children's health and future* is directly linked to the family environment

# Our Innovations

- Provision of services according to the standard of "One Stop Shop"
- Holistic approach of each case from many different specialties
- Responding to problematic situations with multiple dimensions
- Empowerment of child and family / individuals
- Raise awareness and Defending the Children's Rights
- Collaboration with the Community (cooperation with School Units, Associations, NGOs, etc.) and specialized staff
- Point of Reference for the Municipality of Athens and its population

## 2 Categories of Beneficiaries

Children & Adolescents

Adult family members

# Children & Adolescents

## ➤ Services

- ✓ Thematic creative and educational workshops, film screenings, outdoor activities - lending children's library with books and toys
- ✓ Services from a child psychologist & speech therapist
- ✓ Support in Greek and English courses and special educational individual program for children with learning difficulties
- ✓ Creative activities by a teacher and a special educator
- ✓ Children Group
- ✓ Adolescent Groups (enhancement of emotional intelligence, cultivation of individual skills, improvement of the quality of adolescents' relationships, preparation for early adulthood).
- ✓ Child Psychosocial Development Groups

# Adult family members

## ➤ Services

- ✓ First reception services, psychosocial counseling and referral to Services, inside or outside Single-Entry Point(SEP)
- ✓ Individual psychological support
- ✓ Job counseling and assistance in the process of seeking help
- ✓ Family budget management consulting and assistance
- ✓ Parental groups
- ✓ Experiential Learning Seminars

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# Our work

The **Educational programs** included 4 topics and more specifically: special learning support, group learning support, school readiness and foreign language (English).

The thematic **workshops** had duration of 1 to 2 weeks. The topics and activities were designed according to the time period and the interests of the children.

# Our work

## **Individual Psychosocial Counseling for Children & Family**

The service was provided by the child psychologist and the speech therapist.

## **Child & Adolescents groups.**

Group meetings aimed at enhancing emotional intelligence, developing and evolving psychosocial and communication skills.

# Our work

## **Individual Psychosocial Counseling**

The service was provided by the case handlers and the psychologist.

## **Parent Groups.**

Group meetings on parenting education, parental self-awareness and self-care and the dimensions of school bullying.

# Our work

## **Job Counseling**

The service was provided by a job counselor. The sessions provided advice and practical assistance aimed at empowering the beneficiaries in the job search process.

## **Family Budget Management**

The service was provided by an accountant providing advice on managing the family budget as well as practical assistance where necessary (debt settlements, applications for benefits etc.)

# Our work

## **Educational experiential seminars for adults:**

- ✓ Work Counseling and Entrepreneurship Development Cycle.
- ✓ Psychology Cycle
- ✓ Health Cycle

# Our work in numbers

Individual Psychosocial Counseling Sessions	1.531
Children's workshops	50
Hours of educational programs	463
Individual Children Psychosocial Counseling Sessions	1.020
Family Budget Management Sessions	227
Individual Psychosocial Counseling & Job Counseling Sessions	225
Psychosocial Counseling Group Sessions	33
Seminars	18
Events	3
Theatrical Plays	5

# Achievement

- ✓ Added value to the lives of beneficiaries
- ✓ All the above contributed to the selection of the Center of the Child as a good practice of FEAD by the European Commission included in the relevant publication along with 27 other good practices from across the European Union.



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# THANK YOU

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