

1. Project title

“Program aimed at overcoming the stress of minors affected by domestic violence and breaking down barriers in the environment associated with the phenomenon, it aims to extend and broaden the desire to talk about violence”

2. Main theme

Overcoming the stress of minors affected by domestic violence

3. Project purpose and outcome (in two sentences)

Aim: Overcoming stress to a minor during an intervention concerning domestic violence in the family and restore his sense of security.

Outcome: Reducing the distance of minors towards Police officers during subsequent visits checking the security situation of the household members and the behaviour of the perpetrators, and also enhancing the knowledge of officers about violence against children and its forms, the basis for crisis intervention and the ways of communicating with a person after suffering trauma.

4. Project submitter (Member State), project leader(s) and project partner(s)

- Poland
- Prevention Department of Regional Police Headquarters in Radom
- MCPS – Mazovian Center of Social Policy, Warsaw
Empowering Children Foundation, Warsaw
28 City/District Police Headquarters within Mazovia Garrison.

5. Links to the project’s website or online reports/publications (preferably in English)

<http://www.mazowiecka.policja.gov.pl/wos/aktualnosci/24388,Przemoc-w-rodzynie-tematem-szkolenia-ostroleckich-policjantow.html>

<http://www.mazowiecka.policja.gov.pl/wse/informacje/aktualnosci/24222,quotMiskiquot-przeciwko-przemocy.html>

6. Short summary of the project (**max. 100 words**)

The agreement between three parties is to: promote the behaviors and actions that impact on alleviating the stress to a minor during an intervention concerning domestic violence in the family/interventions and activities in a family in which the perpetrator of violence, abuse alcohol and to restore his sense of security and overcoming barriers in environments associated with the phenomenon of domestic violence, in order to extend and broaden the desire to talk about violence because of common interest of Mazovian Center of Social Policy, Empowering Children Foundation and Regional Police Headquarters in Radom.

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1. Mazovian Center of Social Policy provided financial resources and purchased the mascots, which have been forwarded to the Regional Police Headquarters in Radom.
2. Empowering Children Foundation agreed on the prevalence and placement on the garment label mascot logo with the number of free Helpline for Children and Adolescents 116111 and website address www.116111.pl, and also forwarded leaflets and information materials about – Telephone Helpline 116111 and website www.116111.pl.

7. Project description

3. Regional Police Headquarters based in Radom:

- organized training for officers in scope of interventions against child abuse, domestic violence and ways to communicate with someone who's suffered the trauma, the functioning of the helpline and website www.116111.pl and objectives of the project aimed at overcoming the stress of minors affected by violence (...).
- transmitted the BEARS received from MCPS to Police officers of City/District Police Headquarters within Mazovia Garrison.
- transmitted obtained from the Empowering Children Foundation leaflets and information materials – learning about Hotline for Children and Youth 116 111 and website www.116111.pl, in order to disseminate the information at schools during meetings with children and youth, conducted by Police officers.

8. Project objectives

- Overcoming stress to a minor during an intervention concerning domestic violence in the family and restore his sense of security.
- Overcoming barriers in environments associated with the phenomenon of domestic violence, in order to extend and broaden the desire to talk about violence.
- Granting psychological support to the child victim of domestic violence.
- Establishing a gentle contact with the child during the intervention. Keeping intervention and the necessary actions seeking to restore security to people whose health or life is at stake is easier.
- Shaping the positive image of the Police Services as being child-friendly, open to their problems and cares directly for their safety.
- Increase public trust and improving the image of the Police Services as an institution to meet local problems.

9. Project outcome

- Improving the sense of security of minors victims of domestic violence.
- Raising awareness of minor victims of domestic violence in terms of the impact on their own safety as a result of normal behaviour in an emergency situation.
- The receipt of information by minors victims of domestic violence by Confidential Hotline for Children and Youth 116 111 and website www.116111.pl, the principles of their functioning and purpose.
- Reducing the distance of minors against Police officers during subsequent visits to check the security status and household behaviour of the perpetrators.
- Expanding the knowledge of Police officers on violence against children and its forms, the underlying crisis intervention and how to communicate with someone who's suffered trauma.

10. Start and end project, timescales and key milestone dates

From 2013 – ongoing.

Handover of mascots to children affected by domestic violence from the Mazovia garrison. A pilot training was held in 2014:

- District Police HQ in Węgrów (120 mascots were handed over to 62 families).
- District Police HQ in Szydłowiec (70 mascots were handed over to 25 families).

Bears were passed on children mainly as part of family visits to check safety, which are suspected to be affected by violence.

Next edition was held in 2015 (total 200 mascots):

- District Police HQ in Radom
- District Police HQ in Siedlce
- District Police HQ in Garwolin
- District Police HQ in Mława
- District Police HQ in Pułtusk
- District Police HQ in Sochaczew.

From October 2018-December 2018 training were organised (total 700 mascots):

- District Police HQ in Przysucha
- District Police HQ in Sierpc
- District Police HQ in Ostrołęka
- District Police HQ in Ciechanów
- District Police HQ in Ostrów Mazowiecka
- District Police HQ in Płońsk
- District Police HQ in Płock
- District Police HQ in Koźienice

11. Funding (total budget and type of funding (e.g. ISEC, EUCPN Fund,...))

Funding from MCPS for production and purchase of mascots (BEARS)

12. Evaluation

Program evaluation is not carried out. Police officers send information about handing a mascot to a family with domestic violence.

13. Contact details project

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