



MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING on the establishment of a Ukrainian Child Rights Network

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In recognition of the importance of ensuring the rights of every child in Ukraine, and in particular the right for education in the family or the family environment,

Considering that the rights and best interests of the child are the primary objectives of public policy,

Recognizing the need for greater coordination of efforts and influence of civil society on the formation, implementation and monitoring of public policies in the field of children's rights, child protection and development of social services for families and children in Ukraine

The undersigned Ukrainian Social and International Organizations, have signed this Memorandum for the Creation of Ukrainian Child Rights Network (hereinafter - the National Network).

The purpose of the National Network is to ensure the realization of children's rights under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the implementation of international and European standards for ensuring children's rights by strengthening the influence of civil society institutions in the development, implementation and monitoring of public policies in the field of children's rights and social services for families with children in Ukraine.

The principles of activity of the National Network are the children's best interests, equality of members, self-governing, openness, volunteerism and accountability.

In the process of realizing its goal, the national network stands for:

- the development of a child-friendly society;
- the promotion of the spiritual, mental, social and physical development of children;
- the protection of Children against exclusion, discrimination and violence of any kind;
- social justice for all children.

The primary objectives are:

1. Pressing the recognition of important children's rights, and introducing a mechanism of decision making based on the best interests of the child.
2. Pressing and promoting the reform of social services for the implementation of a basic community-based, guaranteed package of social services for families and children in the context of local government reform and decentralization.
3. Introducing an effective system of alternative care for children under the guidelines of the UN.
4. Developing and pressing implementation of a complex strategy (National Plan) of deinstitutionalisation of services for children

5. Reducing state involvement into social services for families and children, and establishing efficient social order.
6. Developing of national monitoring and evaluation of government programs in the field of children's rights.
7. Fixating on the legal level the best principles and practices of children and recipients participation in the formulation, implementation and monitoring of public policy.
8. Monitoring the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in Ukraine and preparing of an Alternative Report for the period of 2008-2016.

During its activity, the National Network is:

- promoting responsible actions of businesses and media concerning children
- cooperating on national and international levels with similar organizations and networks who profess similar goals
- preparing, publishing and distributing informational materials and publications
- advising all levels of government and pressing solutions that take into account the best interests of the child.

In its activity, the National Network is guided by UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the laws of Ukraine. The National Network for Children's Rights is party independent and non-confessional organization.

The organizations who have signed the Memorandum:

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