Child Protection Hub for South East Europe

a Creative Hub for Interactive Learning and Development

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The Child Protection Hub. An interactive space for professionals

Thanks to the generous support of the Oak Foundation, EU, ADC and Terre des hommes, the Child Hub is able to unlock potential of thousands of child protection professionals by delivering innovative services, content and tools that can help them achieve positive change for children.
What is ChildHub?
A vibrant community of child protection specialists, committed to transform lives of
the most vulnerable children in the SEE region. ChildHub empowers and connects
professionals to learn, advocate and collaborate together - and achieve more than
they could ever accomplish alone.
Concept of the ChildHub: problems at the start


- About 1 in 3 adolescents aged 11 to 15 in Europe and North America admit to having bullied others at school at least once in the past couple of months.

- The lifetime prevalence of childhood sexual abuse is 18% for girls, and 8% for boys (Inspire: Seven Strategies for Ending Violence Against Children, 2016).
Concept of the ChildHub: problems at the start

- Some evidence and knowledge on child protection across the region but fragmented, not shared, not processed, not available in languages and format easily accessible;
- Professionals feeling isolated with no support, undervalued;
- Limited opportunities for personal and professional development in the field;
- Practices and policies not based on modern knowledge and evidence;
- Poor quality of services;
- Lack of synergies and sharing.
Concept of the ChildHub: opportunities

• Good basis of existing knowledge;
• Various interesting and promising practices
• Comparable contexts in the region;
• Increasing momentum with the adoption of Sustainable Development Goals and the Global Partnership to End Violence against Children;
• New technologies revolutionizing the way we work now and in the future.
AMPLIFY assets
MULTIPLY efforts
CATALYSE resources

Linkages with DU campaign, Our Voices, Men Care, Linea, Eurochild, Childpact, The Global Partnership to end VAC, etc
ChildHub as part of the solution

• Systematically collects knowledge, evidence and resources to prevent VAC and to protect children;

• Brings knowledge closer to the ones who need it to act by summarising and translating it;

• Creates dynamic channels of communication around important issues, eg webinars, forums, thematic pages with experts groups, etc.;

• Provides space for exchange and networking;

• Creates a community for mutual support and inspiration.
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<td>468 people trained in the context of refugee crisis</td>
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<td>825 people attended 33 webinars</td>
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<td>3000 attended ChildHub offline events</td>
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<td>400 people attended 43 case discussions</td>
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SPECIAL SECTION: ROLE OF MEN IN CHILD PROTECTION

This section brings together all resources on men’s role in child protection, such as recent research reviews, reports, videos and learning resources.
SPECIAL SECTION: CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

You can access all the resources on the issue of child sexual abuse on this single page: news, documents, learning resources, discussions and experts.

[News]

[Hungary] “My mum told me to endure what my uncle is doing to me”

[Experts]

[Gender-based violence in the context of migration [Online course]]
Partnerships

- HRABRI telefon
- Save the Children
- CENTAR ZA INTEGRACIJU MLAĐIH
- Terre des hommes
- CELCIS Centre for excellence
- UNIVERSITY of STIRLING
- SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES INTERNATIONAL
- CPC LEARNING NETWORK
- UNICEF
- CHILD CIRCLE

- 6 universities in the region to work on the curricula
- Oxford, York, CEU and other universities for internships and translations support
- Resource centres and libraries for content exchange
Professionals say ChildHub improves their cooperation and connections

86% of professionals

- say ChildHub helped improve their cooperation both regionally and nationally
- feel better equipped to respond to child protection concerns

*compared to the previous year*
What ChildHub members say

“This platform is very interesting and helpful for professional and experts dealing with Child Protection and working with children. The resources cover a wide range of topics for every level and interest of the users of this platform” (ChildHub member)

“I manage to get informed about issues that directly interest me, but also to learn about totally new subjects.” (ChildHub member)

“It is very important for me that ChildHub offers the opportunity to interact with professionals from other countries in the region, but also from [my country], and to share the experience we have” (ChildHub member)
How does it help us protect children better?

This is a new culture of child protection in the region - we are enhancing ‘resilient elements’ of the child protection system by:

- Supporting and valuing child protection actors
- Working together
- Creating a movement to stop violence against children
How does it help us protect children better?

Professionals more connected to each other, with access to knowledge and modern practices, feeling better as individuals and professionals and more supported ultimately make better informed decisions for children and are able to lay on a critical mass to advocate for prevention of VAC.
Ways Forward

Further, faster, with more people
Child protection can not wait

• Improve ChildHub’s community-outreach and embededness by involving more actors and empowering them for providing peer support, content and leadership;

• Influence systems and policies

• Promote child-led social innovation to generate innovative solutions to newly emerging problems around VAC;
We will continue supporting child protection professionals in developing their competences.

We will promote social changes through child-led innovations.

We will develop sustainability through increased ownership.
Only by working together can we build the world where children are safe from violence.
Child Protection Hub
for South East Europe

Nurturing a safe environment for children

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