

# Child's Advocacy Centre of Piraeus

**A new fundamental service in supporting children victims of sexual abuse and exploitation**

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# Greek Law 3727/2008

- Greece acknowledges and adopts Council of Europe Convention on protection of Children against sexual abuse and exploitation (Lanzarote Convention, 2007)
- Our country is committed to implement Convention's agreements and especially to form regulations, legislative and supportive measures, services and programs to protect children against sexual abuse and exploitation.
- Greece is committed to participate in monitoring processes within Europe

# Greek Law 4478/2017

- Greece adopts a number of legislative measures in the fields of treatment, support and protection of victims in general and in particular of children victims of sexual abuse and exploitation
- Our country adopts measures on behalf of the victims' rights to get information on legal processes and rights, criminal proceedings and their progress as well as rights to legal representatives (lawyers) and interpreters (articles 54-64).
- Victims are entitled to support services (social, psychological, emotional, financial) as a result of the crime consequences (articles 65-76).

## Article 69, paragr.3

- Children Victims of : rape, abuse, seduction, abduction, pornography, encouragement of prostitution, prostitution, human trafficking and all forms of sexual violence are entitled to be protected during criminal proceedings

# Article 76

- It is provided that the interdisciplinary team must be consisted of psychiatrist, psychologist and social worker
- Especially for the Child's Advocacy Centre of Piraeus it is provided that one psychiatrist, two psychologists and one social worker constitute the interdisciplinary team

# Article 74

- In particular, according to 74 article, Child's Advocacy Centers are established in Juvenile Probation Offices in Athens, Piraeus, Thessaloniki, Patra and Heraclion Crete

Through these new institutions :

- Victims can be interrogated in a place suitable for children via especially trained psychologists
- Assessment of mental health of the victims and their perceptive ability by especially trained psychologists in relation to the interrogation processes
- Individual assessment of victim's needs during the criminal proceedings as well as long-term support (needs for interpreter, lawyer, social support)
- General support of the victims, social support, psychological-emotional support (via reference to special community services).

## 7320/2020 Ministerial Decision

### Sets up operational issues of The Child's Advocacy Centers

- Sets out the general principles supporting children victims of sexual abuse
- Individual Assessment : aims
- Forms the necessary requirements in relation to building conditions, special assessment tools, technical equipment on behalf of recording and watching the forensic interview
- Specifies the needs of victims during the forensic interviewing in general as well as victims with special needs (coming from ethnically and culturally diverse groups, suffering mental disorders or chronic illnesses )
- Sets the Protocol of the Forensic Interview (3 stages)







Forensic Interview Room

# Law 4640/2019, article 35

- Child's Advocacy Centers become independent offices of the Ministry of Justice, not part of the Juvenile Probation Offices