



ARSIS, ASSOCIATION FOR THE SOCIAL SUPPORT OF YOUTH

# ARSIS Athens Street Work Team

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- ▶ The street work team of Arsis has been operating for the last three and a half years with a systematic presence in large squares of the center of Athens (Victoria, Omonia, Agios Panteleimonas), parks (Pedion tou Areos) and many more areas (Larissa Station, Piraeus, streets around Omonia). The target group is Unaccompanied Minors who are homeless or living in precarious conditions.
- ▶ The team consists of 3 street workers and 1 interpreter. The interventions are performed 4 times a week and daily we continue mapping and monitoring the needs at areas of the center.
- ▶ The place of reference of the team is the Youth Support Center of ARSIS, where the cases are taken over by the social service, with the assistance of a lawyer and a psychologist where required. Educational and creative programs are also provided.

## ▶ 2

- ▶ - constant presence in the same areas with the same street work team,
- ▶ - networking with surrounding services,
- ▶ - referral and immediate undertaking of the cases by the social service, the legal service, the psychologist and the educational service of the Y.S.C of Arsis.
- ▶ - ability of direct references in the field,
- ▶ - team's adaptability depending on current conditions (weather, season, emergencies),
- ▶ - ability to distribute basic necessities to homeless children (street kits),
- ▶ - street education sessions, with the Mobile School of Arsis.

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- ▶ lack of another member of the team, for even more flexibility in planning,
- ▶ - lack of a lawyer in the field, for even more immediate service,
- ▶ - lack of trust of U.M.. due to the gaps in the system of services provided by the state (delays in housing and registration procedures),
- ▶ - hardly detectable population due to the strong police presence and the increase in irregular or paid hosting,
- ▶ - continuous movement of the population in search of better living conditions,
- ▶ - non-operation of our center as a day center for immediate emergency services (washing clothes, personal hygiene, etc.),
- ▶ - short-term planning of the program and actions due to short-term contracts of professionals.

## ▶ 4

- ▶ a) with state services for the recording and satisfaction of the immediate needs of UM. (Asylum Service, EKKA, Juvenile Prosecutor's Office).
- ▶ b) with organizations that are active in the field and provide similar or other services and organizations that refer cases of UM (UN. Velos Youth Center, Network of the Children's Rights, Arsis Thessaloniki, Khora Youth Center, etc.)
- ▶ c) with shelters that accommodate UM, after their placement in them, for the provision of information and further support,
- ▶ d) with hospitals and medical services of the state and the municipality.