

# PROGRAM FOR PSYCHOSOCIAL INTERVENTION TO TEENAGERS Cultural and psychosocial approaches

#### **OPERATIONAL PRINCIPLES - FIELD OF INTERVENTION**

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# The program for psychosocial intervention to teenagers includes:







1 Transitional Shelter for boys (10 beds) - (Located in Alimos)



1 Transitional Shelter for girls (10 beds) - (Located in Alimos)

Mental Health Units under the supervision of the Ministry of Health (AP.11 N2716/1999)

# **Core Principles**

- 1. Creation of a concrete, safe, child and youth-friendly environment
- 2. Teenagers and family inclusion in the decision making process through mutual design of a tailor made Plan for Psychosocial Intervention (PPSI)
- 3. Interdisciplinary Collaboration aiming to develop an Holistic Care Approach
- 4. Develop **Community Based Care** fostering social (educational, cultural) integration as an alternative to institutionalisation

### Target group

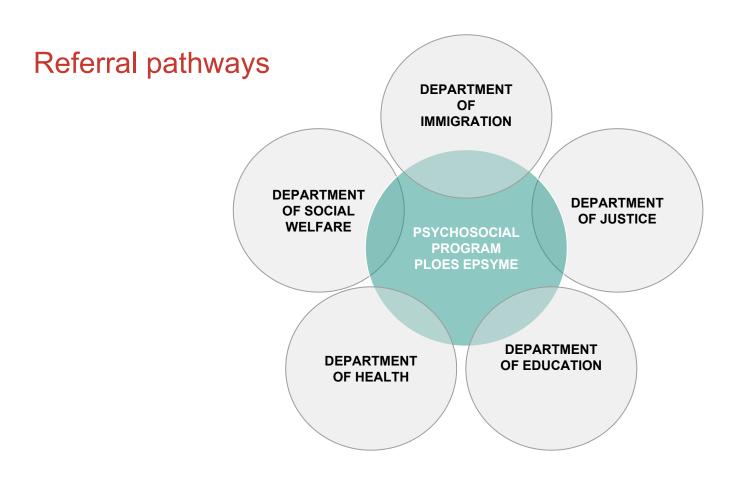
#### Teenagers (12-18 yo), who face the peril of social exclusion and institutionalisation due to:

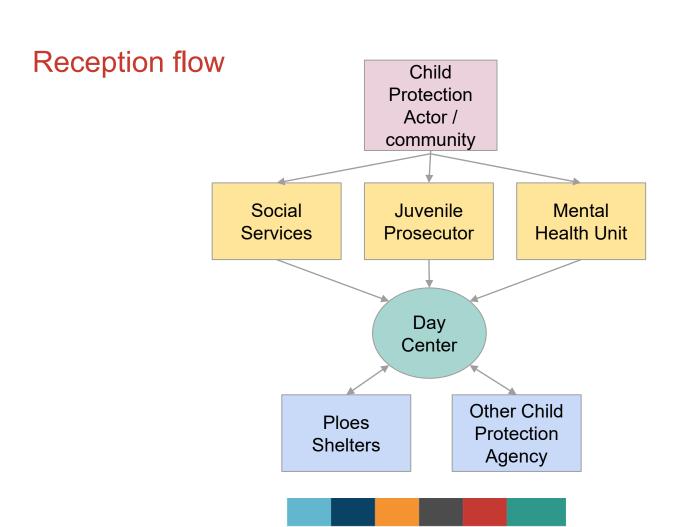
- Family neglect or abuse
- Poverty and lack of sufficient resources
- Delinquent habits
- Homelessness
- Refugee status
- Mental Health Issues correlated with psychosocial problems

## Referral pathways

- **General hospitals** (Priority)
- Juvenile Public Prosecutor's Office
- Court appointed advocates for juvenile offenders
- Mental health units (daycenters, clinics, other shelters)
- Schools
- Community

\*In respect to the requests for accommodation to **PLOES shelters** the operational procedure is defined and regulated by the Committee for the Management of Transition to Mental Health Units (in accordance to the Ministry of Health Circular with No  $A\Delta A:6O\Theta K465\Phi YO-O46$  of 2021)





# Fields of Intervention (1)

#### **Individual PPSI**

Designed by an Interdisciplinary team (consists of a psychologist, social worker and/or educator, health visitor, care providers)

- Focus group of professionals per case / Reference Person (Focal Point)
  - Outreach for family resources and other supportive networks
  - Family counselling and social support

### Follow up Plan of Intervention (FPI)

In collaboration with Local Social Services, Juvenile Public Prosecutors Office

- Provide continuity of care per case (2 - 5 years)

Initiates after the adolescents' return to their families or the referral to other shelter/institutional

# Fields of Intervention (2)

#### **Cultural intervention**

Cultural labs and activities for social inclusion and interaction

### **Community Based Work**

Collaboration with local non-formal education actors

Collaboration with local businesses (provision of vocational training and occupational preparation)

# Integration through Culture

### Library

Creation of a Teenage and Youth Lending Library

#### **Culture Labs**

- Film making (Video Clip), Theater, Dance
- STEM, Graphic Design, Graffiti
- Music Production, Video Game

#### **Seminars**

#### **External Activities**

- Cinema, Museums, Exhibitions, Concerts
- Sports, Day tours, Summer Camps and

**Excursions** 













### Pillars/ Lines of Action

- 1. Working with poor and vulnerable families or children at risk
- 2. Collaborative Approach to promote a viable integration/rehabilitation plan
- 3. **Creation of open spaces** where the teenagers can meet and socialize with peers, construction of a collective identity emerging from mutual participation
- 4. **Prevention of psychiatrization and social stigmatization** of minors and their families
- 6. Working considering their needs and our limits
- 7. Working outside the offices.

### Thank you!

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