# Child Protection

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# The situation

1. **Child protection** characterized by **fragmented accountabilities & services**
2. **Social services** are **not specialized** and **understaffed**
3. **Child protection is not a very high priority** in the social and political agenda
4. **UNICEF-led reforms:** Supported Independent Living, Professional Foster Care
5. **R&M children & UASC protection increased** however challenges remain
6. **37,5% of children 2-14 years old** in Greece are either **overweight or obese** (National Health Survey)
7. **Weak intersectoral and referral collaboration** between health, social and education system, for early identification and support of children with mental health needs

# What we are doing

- Piloting of a **model of CP social services at local level** (bottom-up approach)
- **Standardization of CP investigations** among the judiciary and social services
- Establishment of collaboration between **Child Rights Centres and the National Association of Social Workers** to promote child friendly practices
- Implementation of **National Action Plan on EU Child Guarantee**
- **Advocacy** for the scaling up of **CG DI-alternative care models**
- **Guardianship of UASC & capacity building on Child Protection**

**Establishment of Professional Foster Care**

# What we are doing

National Action Against Childhood Obesity- in partnership with the Ministry of Health

1. **Systems strengthening**
2. Interventions at **all levels of prevention** and **across different systems (health, education, food)**

**multisectoral interventions across systems**

Sustainability

1. **European Centre Against Obesity-** national data
2. Development of **national digital infrastructure**
3. Establishment of a **national network** for the promotion of public health
4. **Resources for educators**

# What we are doing

- ✓ Strengthening national capacities in line with CRC concluding observations (2022) for Greece no 34/35/36 to mainstream mental health and leveraging domestic resources (RRF).

  National Program in Promoting Family and Child Mental Health

**investment in**

**Mental Health**

- ✓ Addressing systemic challenges in promoting:

- Early detection of parental behavioral disorders (anxiety, depression) and developmental disorders of children
- Adolescent girls' health by destigmatizing menstruation
- Young people's mental health by addressing non-suicidal self-harm