



Nobody's Children Foundation Report 2005

MISSION OF THE NOBODY'S CHILDREN FOUNDATION

The Nobody's Children Foundation is a non-governmental non-profit organization providing a broad scope of assistance for abused children, their families, and their caregivers. The institutions run by the Foundation offer psychological, medical, and legal help to victims of abuse and their guardians. We act for the improvement of the situation of children participating in legal procedures as witnesses. We run preventive activities to reduce threats to children on the Internet. We organize specialized training programmes in the area of child abuse for various groups of professionals and for interdisciplinary teams. We conduct research and analyses to expand the knowledge about the problem of child abuse and to provide basis for our activities.

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Notably, the Foundation is supported by a group of **volunteers**, whose responsibilities include organizational tasks, consultations, and direct work with clients of the Foundation’s treatment centres. The volunteers cooperate with the Foundation’s team, contributing to a range of programmes, such as Safer Internet.

History of Nobody's Children Foundation's selected activities

1991

The Nobody's Children Foundation is registered in Warsaw on the initiative of Alina Margolis-Edelman, the representative of the Medecins du Monde (Doctors of the World) mission in Poland.

1992-93

The Foundation carries out research programmes in Warsaw to determine the scale and nature of the problem of child abuse. The findings – which suggest that Polish professionals lack competence both in diagnosing child abuse and in helping children and their families – form the basis for the Foundation's strategy in the years to follow.

1993

The Foundation publishes its first educational materials on children's rights and the problem of child abuse. In the subsequent years the publishing programme continues and develops. The Foundation publishes leaflets, brochures, posters, and books addressed to children, parents, and professionals.

The first training programme for pedagogic counsellors from Warsaw schools is launched. In the years that follow the Foundation's training programmes are attended by thousands of professionals representing various professional groups: police officers, judges, prosecutors, psychologists, social workers, teachers, medical doctors, nurses, and others.

1996

In cooperation with Medecins du Monde the Foundation launches two specialized institutions for abused children and their families: Child and Family Centre and „Pociecha” („Consolation”) Centre. Both centres provide psychological and legal help for children, parents and caretakers, as well as for professionals who intervene in child abuse cases.

The newly opened Child and Family Centre offers the first child-friendly interviewing room in Poland.

The Foundation publishes the first Polish book on the problem of child abuse, *Dziecko krzywdzone. Próba opisu zjawiska* (Abused Child: Attempt to Describe the Problem).

1997-2001

The Foundation joins the “Abused Child” programme carried out in Eastern Europe by the Open Society Institute. Within the programme representatives of the Foundation's team enhance their competences during training sessions run by American and European experts. In Poland the Foundation organizes two international conferences for child gynaecologists (1999) and social workers (2000) from participating countries.

2001-2002

In cooperation with the State Agency for Prevention of Alcohol Related Problems and the “Blue Line” – a National Hotline for Victims of Domestic Violence, the Foundation carries out a social campaign “Childhood without Violence”.

2001

Within the Foundation’s research programme the first national study into the scale of child abuse in Poland is designed and conducted in cooperation with a leading public opinion research company, OBOP.

2002-2003

The Foundation carries out a programme “Child under the Umbrella of Law”, aimed primarily at promoting the idea of child-friendly interviewing rooms and protecting child victims.

2002

The first issue of the Foundation’s quarterly *Dziecko krzywdzone. Teoria, badania, praktyka* (*Abused Child: Theory, Research, and Practice*) is published.

2003

The “Mazowiecka” Child Advocacy Centre is launched in Warsaw, offering child-friendly settings for prosecution and court interviews, as well as therapeutic and legal assistance to child victims of crime. The “Pociecha” Centre terminates its operation.

The Foundation organizes the 9th ISPCAN Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect: „Promoting Interdisciplinary Approaches to Child Protection”. The Conference is attended by 700 professionals from 70 countries, including 200 from Poland.

The first Polish research into children’s risky behaviours on the Internet is conducted. The findings concerning threats to children on the Web form the basis for the launch and development of the Foundation’s programme “Children’s Safety on the Internet”.

2004

Two social campaigns are launched:

- “Child in the Web” – targeted at adults and children in order to raise their awareness of the threats related to paedophiles’ activity on the Internet.
- “Child: Witness with Special Needs” – targeted at prosecutors, judges, police officers, court experts (psychologists) and politicians.

The Foundation is appointed the Polish Competence Centre in the area of child abuse and begins to perform the role of the National Contact Point for Unaccompanied and Trafficked Children within a programme of the Working Group for Cooperation on Children at Risk in the Baltic Sea Region.

The 1st National Conference on Helping Child Victims of Crime is organized by the Foundation in collaboration with the Office of the Capital City of Warsaw and the Ministry of Justice. The Conference is attended by 600 professionals from all over Poland.

2005

The Foundation launches a five-year programme “Childhood without Violence: Toward Better Child Protection System in Eastern Europe” in seven East European countries. The main goal of the programme is to develop a system of helping abused children in the region.

A new information campaign begins – “Children are not for Sale” – addressed to boarder guards, police officers and social workers.

Within the European programme, Safer Internet Action Plan, the Awareness project is launched in Poland, aimed at reducing threats to children on the Internet. The Foundation becomes its national coordinator.

The 2nd National Conference on Helping Child Victims of Crime is held.

The Nobody’s Children Foundation has been granted several **awards**, with the major ones including:

- The award for the best Polish NGO in a competition organized by the Batory Foundation and Bankers Trust (1999),
- “Golden Telephone” – an honorary award granted by the “Blue Line” emergency hotline for victims of domestic violence (1999),
- A special award in the 3rd edition of the Pro Publico Bono contest (2001),
- The Award of the President of the Capital City of Warsaw (2001),
- “Heart to Children” – an award granted by the authorities of the Warsaw Praga Południe district (2002),
- ISPCAN 2004 Multidisciplinary Team Award – an international award for organizations dealing with the problem of child abuse, granted by the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN; 2004),
- 2005 Internet Citizen Award for contribution to the development of Civil Society, granted by Internet Obywatelski (Civil Internet; 2005).



Institutions helping abused children and their families

In 2005 the Nobody's Children Foundation run two institutions in Warsaw, offering assistance to abused children and their families: **“Mazowiecka” Child Advocacy Centre** and **Child and Family Centre**.

“Mazowiecka” Child Advocacy Centre

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Child and Family Centre

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The Child and Family Centre was founded in 1996 thanks to professional support and funds provided by the French organization Medecins du Monde (Doctors of the World), at the premises offered by the Social Care Centre in Warsaw's Praga Południe district. The Centre provides specialized services for abused children and their families, and for professionals dealing with such cases.

The “Mazowiecka” Child Advocacy Centre, established in March 2003, is a specialized institution pursuing the goals of applying and promoting innovative (in the Polish reality) ways of dealing with cases of crimes against children. The Centre operates with collaboration with the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Administration, and Warsaw institutions reporting to both ministries. It fills a gap in the system of law enforcement institutions, offering a child-friendly place for **prosecution** and **court interviews**.



The Foundation's Centres undertake **crisis interventions** in cases of crimes against children, particularly sexual abuse and physical violence. Children and members of their families are offered **free psychological and legal assistance** (consultations, therapy, and support groups). Both centres' employees initiate, support, and consult the activities of professionals who deal with cases of child abuse. They develop **forensic psychological opinions** for courts and prosecutors' offices across Poland; they act as court experts or witnesses in cases involving crimes against children.

In 2005 the Foundation's centres accepted 228 first-time reports of children and 271 reports of adults. Out of this number, the centres provided regular care for 158 children and 167 members of their families. Throughout 2005 the centres provided:

1350 diagnostic and therapeutic sessions with children;
982 diagnostic and therapeutic sessions with parents and caregivers;
547 legal consultations for caregivers and professionals;
317 psychiatric consultations;
49 therapeutic group sessions for children;
63 forensic psychological examinations of children;
98 interviews and trials involving child participants;
308 personal consultations and 622 telephone consultations for professionals.

The “Mazowiecka” Child Advocacy Centre organizes training sessions and supervisions for professionals working with abuse children. It holds regular meetings of the **Court Expert Club**, attended by psychologists acting as court experts in cases involving crimes against children (7 such meetings in 2005) and of the **Probation Officers Club**, which aims at raising probation officers’ professional competence in the area of working with problem families (12 meetings in 2005).

The Foundation’s centres were sponsored by:

- Office of the Capital City of Warsaw,
- UBS Optimus Foundation,
- Ministry of Justice,
- Mazovian Provincial Office,
- Sephora,
- “Przezorność” (Caution) Foundation,
- Auchan,
- Donations by individual persons (including payments of 1% of income tax),
- Foundation’s own funds.



Programme: Protecting Child Participants in Legal Procedures

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Voluntary representatives and persons accompanying the child throughout court proceedings

The goals of the programme are to support crime victims, to ensure that their rights are observed, and to practically use the existing regulations of the procedural law. Another objective is monitoring judges, prosecutors and attorneys' conduct in the courtroom through the participation of voluntary representatives in court trials. The programme focuses on cases where children are victims of crimes such as physical and emotional abuse, sexual abuse, or child trafficking. The programme assumes supporting the victim from the moment of reporting the case to the Foundation, through all stages of court proceedings, to effective coping with the crisis situation.

There are 22 volunteers in the programme – graduate students of law and psychology. As persons accompanying the child victim throughout court proceedings, the volunteers are present at both criminal and civil trials. Each case is supervised by the programme coordinator – a professional lawyer. In 2005 the volunteers took part in 40 trials.

Child Victim Advocate



In December 2005 the Nobody's Children Foundation started to prepare for implementing a pilot programme, **Child Victim Advocate**. The goal of the programme is to improve the situation of children who have been victimized and who participate in legal procedures, such as interviews and court trials. Within the programme the child's parents or legal guardians are provided with information on relevant legal regulations, the scope of competence of the police, the prosecutor, and the court,

as well as interviewing procedures. They may also choose to be accompanied by the advocate in the courtroom and to receive psychological support for their children.

In 2006 brochures and leaflets promoting the programme will be distributed among police stations, prosecutor's offices, and courts. A hotline will be launched, providing information on victims' rights and offering the opportunity to make an appointment with a voluntary child advocate, who will help to specify what kind of assistance is needed. In 2006 the programme will be carried out in Warsaw.

“Child: Witness with Special Needs” Campaign

The campaign was launched in 2004 and has been carried out by the Nobody’s Children Foundation and by the Ministry of Justice. The campaign is targeted at professionals – judges, prosecutors, police officers, and psychologists / court experts – participating in legal procedures in cases involving crimes against children. The goal of the campaign is to enhance these groups’ sensitivity to the specific situation of a child in criminal proceedings and to improve their skills related to interviewing children. As part of the campaign posters *Your Majesty, I’m scared* were displayed in most police stations, prosecutor’s offices and district courts. Training sessions were organized for judges, prosecutors, and police officers, and publications on interviewing children were distributed among these professionals.



In 2005 the campaign was continued. All district prosecutors’ offices in Poland received brochures for parents and guardians: *When Your Child is a Witness in Court*.

The programme was financed by:

- Batory Foundation,
- Programme Support to NGOs in the 10 new Member States of EU.

2nd National Conference “Helping Child Victims of Crime” Warsaw, Oct 24-25, 2005.

The National Conference “Helping Child Victims of Crime”, organized by the Foundation in 2004, raised much interest by its participants, who emphasized an urgent need to further expand professionals’ knowledge on issues related to child victim protection. This is how the idea of organizing annual conferences under the same title emerged. The organizers’ goal is to create a communication platform or a forum allowing professionals to exchange their experiences and to learn about innovative programmes – both domestic and international – concerning child abuse prevention and helping abused children.

On October 24–25, 2005, the 2nd National Conference “Helping Child Victims of Crime” was held in Warsaw, co-organized by the Ministry of Justice, the Office of the Capital City of Warsaw, and the Nobody’s Children Foundation. The main subject of the conference was how to provide systemic help for children who have experienced different forms of violence and abuse. Polish and foreign experts presented model solutions related to preventing child abuse, including interventions focused on offenders, especially to prevent reoffending by child sexual abusers. Other issues discussed during the conference included the situation of children residing in care institutions, protecting children from sexual abuse on the Internet, and the problem of unaccompanied children.

The conference was attended by 600 participants: prosecutors, judges, police officers, psychologists, social workers, probation officers, and pedagogic counsellors. Conference attendees took part in workshops and lectures provided by experts from Poland and from other countries, such as the US, Ireland, the UK, and Sweden.

The programme was financed by:

- Office of the Capital City of Warsaw

The visits of foreign experts were financed by:

- NSPCC
- US Embassy
- Daphne EU Programme



“Safer Internet” programme

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Since 2003 the Nobody’s Children Foundation has been carrying out the „Safer Internet” programme, comprising comprehensive research, educational, and media activity for children’s safety on the Web.

In January 2005 the Foundation was appointed the national coordinator of the Awareness project implemented within the European Commission’s programme – Safer Internet Action Plan (SIAP). From then on, most elements of the Foundation’s “Safer Internet” programme have been included in SIAP, which has been carried out in Poland in collaboration with NASK (Research and Academic Computer Network), under the name “Safe IT” (SIT). The Nobody’s Children Foundation’s major activities in 2005 included:

- “Child in the Web” campaign,
- “Sieciaki.pl” project,
- Conferences and training,
- Educational events for children and parents,
- Safer Internet Day.



“CHILD IN THE WEB” CAMPAIGN



The social campaign “Child in the Web” was launched in 2004. Since January 2005 the campaign has been carried out within the Safe IT programme. The Foundation’s main partner in activities undertaken within the campaign has been the Polish Telecom’s (Telekomunikacja Polska) programme: “Education with Internet TP”. The campaign has been carried out under the patronage of the Minister of National Education.

In 2005 the campaign focused on **educational activities** implemented all over Poland by teachers and volunteers among primary and secondary school students and their parents. For campaign purposes **lesson plans** were created for **classes on safe Internet use**, with content referring to the storyline of the www.sieciaki.pl educational Internet project for children. By the end of 2005 the **organizers distributed more than 1600 lesson plans** and **educational classes were attended by nearly 3000 primary school pupils and more than 2500 students of secondary schools.**



Moreover, the campaign involved printing high-circulation educational materials for children and parents: stickers, posters, and leaflets with guidelines concerning safe Internet surfing. They were handed out among all the participants in the educational programmes and events organized within the campaign. **Altogether more than 110,000 educational materials were distributed in 2005.**

The project was also supported by several hip-hop artists, who recorded two pieces promoting the principles of safe Internet use: *Sieciaki* (Numer RAZ, DJ Zero) and *Do you like Internet?* (Arty, S.A.J.A., Kolso). Additionally, a video clip recorded for *Sieciaki* was broadcasted by both public and private TV stations (TVP1, TVP3, Jetix, and Jetix Play) in August and September 2005.

“SIECIAKI.PL”: EDUCATIONAL WEBSITE FOR CHILDREN



Sieciaki.pl is a Polish educational Internet project launched by the Nobody's Children Foundation in February 2005 within the Safer Internet Action Plan. The system, consisting of an attractive website and an animated desktop application, pursues the following major goals:

- to educate children on safety on the Internet,
- to educate children on how to use the Web,
- to promote safe Internet use,
- to certify and promote safe websites.



The website was initially designed for children aged 9–15, but its registered users include younger children and older youth as well. The website's storyline is based on characters called *Sieciaki* (which could be loosely translated into “Web Kids”) – children knowing the principles of safe Internet use and fighting the Web evil embodied by black creatures called *Sieciuchy* (“Web Goblins”). **In 2005 www.sieciaki.pl had 22,533 registered child users. The website was accessed nearly 2 million times. The website administrators conveyed 350 messages and organized 25 competitions.**



Partners of the project: Telekomunikacja Polska S.A; Gemius; IM Partners; Jetix; NASK; Polska.pl – a portal run by NASK.

CONFERENCES AND TRAINING

Within the Safe IT programme the Nobody's Children Foundation, NASK, and their local partners organize “**Safer Internet**” conferences in all provincial cities. They provide an opportunity to present the activities undertaken within SIAP in Poland, and to discuss problems related to children's safety on the Internet. These conferences have been held under the patronage of the Polish Minister of Education and Science, the Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration, the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Science and Information Technology, the Children's Ombudsman, the Office of Competition and Consumer Protection, the National Police Headquarters, the Polish Committee for UNESCO, and the Polish National Committee for UNICEF.



In 2005 “Safer Internet” conferences were held in 5 provincial capitals and were attended by more than 1000 participants. The conferences consisted of plenary sessions and workshop sessions. The educational workshops on safe Internet use were addressed to teachers and pedagogic counsellors, while the workshops on combating harmful and illegal content on the Internet were targeted at law enforcement staff. Each conference was accompanied by educational events for children and their parents, co-organized by the consortium's local partners. **Detailed information on the partners and events associated with each conference may be found in a report on the programme implementation available at www.dzieckowsieci.pl.**

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS

Educational events organized by the Nobody's Children Foundation allow the organizers to convey Web safety messages directly to children and young people. The participants take part in Internet-related competitions and games, attend presentations about security on the Web, use a cyber café, and can obtain educational materials and prizes funded by the sponsors. Such events accompanied all of the 2005 “Safer Internet” conferences organized by the FDN-NASK consortium. **Altogether, the ten educational events organized within SIT in 2005 were attended by more than 2000 children.**



2005 SAFER INTERNET DAY



Initiated by the European Commission, the Safer Internet Day (SID) has been celebrated since 2004. This initiative aims at drawing the public's attention to the issue of children and youth's safe access to Internet resources. The organization of SID is one of the tasks faced by the national coordinators of the Safer Internet programme. On 8 February 2005 Poland organized the Safer Internet Day celebrations for the first time. On this occasion the **www.dbi.pl** website was published (DBI is the Polish acronym for Safer Internet Day), presenting the idea of SID and the available ways of joining its celebrations. The organizers encouraged local social/civic organizations, schools, cultural centres, local authorities, owners of cyber cafes, etc. to undertake initiatives for Web safety. The website provided access to a range of support materials for local organizers of the Safer Internet Day. The website was publicized not only through messages in conventional media, but also through an intensive Internet campaign (pop-ups with more than 3 million displays).

As part of the SID celebrations the Nobody's Children Foundation and NASK organized a conference on the youngest Internet users' safety. Intense media coverage of the conference contributed to the success of the SID initiative. **By the end of February 2005 more than 200 local initiatives were implemented across Poland.**

Partners of 2005 Safer Internet Day included: Polish Educational Portal *Interklasa*; University Library in Warsaw; Association of Polish Consumers; Children's Ombudsman; Office of Competition and Consumer Protection; and Gemius.



The programme was financed by:

- Programme Safer Internet Action Plan UE
- Telekomunikacja Polska SA (Polish Telecom)
- Fundusz Inicjatyw Obywatelskich (Community Assistance Fund)



“Childhood without Violence: Toward Better Child Protection System in Eastern Europe”

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In 2005 the Nobody's Children Foundation launched a new project, which has been implemented in Poland and six other Central and East European countries: Bulgaria, Lithuania, Latvia, Moldova, Macedonia, and Ukraine. Together with partner organizations in these countries, in the years to follow the Foundation will undertake initiatives aimed at improving the system of protecting children against abuse.

The main goal of the project is to improve the competences of professionals working with abused children and children at risk of abuse, as well as to raise the general public's – especially parents and caregivers' – sensitivity to the problem of child abuse.

The following activities have been planned within the project: publishing educational materials addressed to professionals, parents, and children; organizing training sessions, conferences, supervisions, and study visits; conducting research into social attitudes toward child abuse; and managing a website www.canee.net, which offers information about the project itself and the problem of child abuse in Central and Eastern Europe.

In 2005 the following activities were completed within the project:

- Seminar *How to organize a social campaign on child abuse prevention?* (March, Warsaw). The seminar was attended by teams responsible for coordinating the national “Childhood without Violence” campaign in each of the countries participating in the programme. The campaign has been planned for 2006.
- Two local training sessions for professionals in each partner country. The sessions concerned various aspects of child abuse prevention and early intervention.
- Two local supervisions for professionals working with children in each of the seven partner countries.
- Supervisions for psychologists in Poland and Lithuania run by Prof. Mark Chaffin (University of Oklahoma, USA).
- The study of social attitudes and the experiences of primary school teachers related to the problem of child abuse, as well as a public opinion poll concerning corporal punishment of children in each of the seven partner countries.
- The development of a preventive game “My Way Home” for children aged 6-12, and an educational publication for parents. Both materials were published in the partner countries' native languages.

The programme was financed by:

- OAK Foundation
- Foundation Open Society Institute (Zug)



Program for unaccompanied alien children

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Since 2004, upon an agreement with the Ministry of Education and Science, the Nobody's Children Foundation has run the national **Contact Point for Unaccompanied and Trafficked Children** within the collaboration of the Working Group of Baltic Sea States.

In 2005 the following activities were undertaken as part of the Contact Point's operation:

- Organizing – in collaboration with the British Embassy and the National Headquarters of the Border Guard – the first Polish **social campaign “Children are not for Sale!”**, aimed at raising awareness in the area of preventing and combating child trafficking. The campaign was targeted at professionals who deal with unaccompanied foreign children in their work: border guards, police officers, and employees of emergency shelters and refugee centres. As part of the campaign posters and brochures were published, providing information on the specific characteristics of the offence of child trafficking, as well as detailed information concerning the risk group, child traffickers' typical patterns of behaviour, and the symptoms suggesting that the child might be a victim of trafficking. The posters were forwarded to all border guard stations in Poland.
- Organizing a series of training sessions and working meetings with representatives of emergency shelters, refugee centres, the police, and the border guard in the Podkarpacie Province. The goal of those meetings was to convey essential information about child trafficking and to work out procedures of cooperation between various services in cases of suspected child trafficking.
- Based on an agreement with the Office for Repatriation and Aliens, in 2005 the Foundation continued organizing interviews of foreign children applying for the refugee status in Poland. The Foundation's psychologists developed expert opinions about such children's psychophysical state, prepared them for interviews, and accompanied them during the interview. Altogether 24 such interviews were conducted in one of the Foundation's centres. Some of the interviewed children required psychological help, which was provided by the Foundation's therapists.

The programme was financed by:

- Ministry of Education and Science
- British Embassy



Publishing programme

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In 2006 the Nobody's Children Foundation published a range of materials – books, brochures, posters, leaflets/booklets, stickers, etc. – which have been described earlier, while presenting particular programmes.

Moreover, in 2006 the Foundation published four issues of its quarterly, *Abused Child: Theory, Research, and Practice*:

No. 10 *Helping Child Victims of Crime*

No. 11 *Medical Aspects of Child Abuse*

No. 12 *Child Trafficking and Unaccompanied Children*

No. 13 *Internet Threats to Children*

Furthermore, a brochure was published, *Helping Sexually Abused Children*, addressed to teachers and educators. The brochure defines sexual abuse and describes its symptoms. The authors provide guidelines on how to talk to sexually abused children and to their parents/caregivers. The brochure also presents specific steps that may be taken to help the child – i.e., where to report the case, how to formulate the originating process, what are the rights and obligations of individuals/institutions reporting the offence.

The programme was financed by:

- Ministry of Education and Science
- Office of the Capital City of Warsaw
- Fundusz Inicjatyw Obywatelskich (Community Assistance Fund)
- ISPCAN
- TVN Foundation
- Roche Polska



Research programme

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The main goal of the Nobody's Children Foundation's research programmes is to determine the scale and nature of child abuse and to examine social attitudes toward the problem.

In 2005 the Foundation conducted the first Polish study concerning the **scale of victimization of institutionalized children**. The study was conducted on a representative sample of children residing in care institutions and their custodians. The study focused on the diagnosis of the scale and forms of abuse experienced by institutionalized children. Moreover, the study examined institutional staff's competences in supporting abused children.

The report from the study is available at www.fdn.pl.

The programme was financed by:

- "Przyjaciółka" Foundation



Training programme

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Development and implementation of training programmes and conferences related to the problem of child abuse for various professional groups constitute a significant component of the Foundation's activities. Most training sessions and conferences are organized within the Foundation's particular programmes, hence their description has been provided in the sections presenting the Safer Internet programme and other projects carried out by the Foundation. Furthermore, in 2005 the following training series have been conducted:

- A twelve-month **Study of methods of working with victims of child sexual abuse, their families and caregivers.**
- Training organized within the Foundation's partnership with the Police Training Centre in Legionowo: 30-hour training courses.
- Continued training sessions within the "Save Their Childhood" programme carried out in collaboration with the "Przyjaciółka" Foundation.

Moreover, the Nobody's Children Foundation conducted several other training courses for various professional groups, including psychologists, pedagogic counsellors, teachers, social workers, probation officers, and judges. Those sessions focused on diagnosis and treatment of abused children and on ways of working with child victims of crime.

Master` thesis competition

In 2005 the Foundation organized the 6th edition of the competition for the best master`s thesis. The jury awarded the following prizes:

1st place

Aleksandra Malec, for *Coping with childhood sexual abuse and the victim`s self-esteem*, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Faculty of Social Science, supervised by Prof. Maria Beisert.

2nd place

Magdalena Nowak, for *Interviewing child victims of sexual abuse in the light of Article 185a of the Code of Criminal Procedure*, Silesian University, Faculty of Law and Administration, supervised by Prof. Kazimierz Marszał.

Special award

Katarzyna Płatek, for *Hidden violence at school: Findings from research conducted in Technical High School Complex in Sosnowiec*, Silesian University, Faculty of Pedagogy and Psychology, supervised by Prof. Andrzej Radziewicz-Winnicki.

The 7th edition of the competition for the best master`s thesis concerning the problem of abuse, defended in the academic year 2005/2006, was also announced.

PLANS FOR 2006

In 2006 the Nobody's Children Foundation will continue its **efforts for children's safety on the Internet**. In collaboration with the Research and Academic Computer Network (NASK) the Foundation will implement the European programme, Safer Internet Action Plan. The second stage of the "Child in the Web" social campaign – addressed to parents and children – will begin.

2006 will be the second year of the implementation of another programme: **"Childhood without Violence: Toward Better Child Protection System in Eastern Europe"**. The activities undertaken in 2006 will focus on issues related to diagnosis and treatment of abused children.

Expanding the range of services offered to child victims of abuse, the Nobody's Children Foundation will start implementing the **"Child Victim Advocate"** programme. Within the programme children, who have been victimized, and their parents/caregivers will have an opportunity to use legal and psychological support provided by victim advocates. In 2006 the programme will be carried out in the capital city of Warsaw, as a pilot programme. Efforts will be made to turn it into a nationwide programme in the years to follow. The programme will be financed by the European Commission.

Furthermore, in 2006 the Foundation will continue the following programmes:

- Child and Family Centre,
- "Mazowiecka" Child Advocacy Centre,
- Contact Point for Unaccompanied and Trafficked Children,
- Training programme,
- Publishing programme,
- Research programme,
- Master's thesis competition

2005 Financial Statements

Funds collected in 2005 by the Nobody's Children's Foundation for its statutory activities:

OAK Foundation (<i>funds distributed to 7 countries participating in the project</i>)	530 083
European Commission (<i>Safer Internet Action Plan</i>)	391 193
Office of the Capital City of Warsaw (<i>help centres</i>)	220 000
Telekomunikacja Polska SA	200 000
UBS Optimus Foundation	129 520
Office of the Capital City of Warsaw (<i>education, prevention</i>)	124 487
Fundusz Inicjatyw Obywatelskich (Community Assistance Fund)	108 000
Revenue from non-for-profit activity	89 317
Donations: 1% of income tax	85 575
European Commission (<i>Daphne project</i>)	77 490
British Embassy	70 655
Fundacja TVN (TVN Foundation)	45 000
Sephora Polska	40 000
Batory Foundation	36 000
Ministry of Justice	30 000
Court-awarded exemplary damages	29 980
"Przezorność" Foundation	29 185
Ministry of National Education and Sport	24 000
Social Care Centre in Warsaw's Praga-Południe district	19 811
Non-cash contributions	13 256
International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect	10 495
Auchan Polska	10 000
Roche Polska	10 000
Donations by individual persons	8 163
Mazovian Provincial Office	8 000
Bank interest	2 893
Total	2 252 258

Expenditures:

Statutory tasks: 89,28%

Administration: 10,72 %

Non-cash contributions:

Microsoft
Media Service Zawada (Cartoon Network Magazyn)
Deutsche Bank
Fundacja Bank Żywności SOS
Fundacja Bank Drugiej Ręki
Collection of toys in OnOff club
Fabryka Ołówków (Pencil Factory) „ST. Majewski” SA
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