

CSO “Article 3”: 2023 Work Overview

About the organisation.

2023 - our first year of activity.

We work to ensure every child can fulfill his or her rights and the state meets its responsibilities to prevent violations and guarantee the protection of children's rights. For this purpose, we monitor and analyze the status of observance of children's rights, provide legal assistance to children, their legal representatives and organisations, and advocate for children's rights.

Since 2019, we've been promoting children's rights in Ukraine, distributing thematic publications, conducting training, and providing legal consultations as part of the childrenrights.info initiative. In response to numerous violations of children's rights by state authorities responsible for ensuring them and recognizing a lack of a legal approach to child protection, we established the civil society organisation “Center for Ensuring Children's Best Interests “Article 3”.

In 2023, we:

Provided legal assistance (consultations and legal support), collected statistics and individual cases on the impact of war on children's rights, communicated the impact of war on children's rights in Ukraine and abroad, advocated for the protection of children's rights in national and international decisions, and promoted children's rights via websites and media.

Legal assistance:

Provided 56 written consultations.

Supported 2 cases when authorized structures failed to fulfill their functions.

Impact of war on children's rights:

Collected national statistics for the first year of full-scale war (February 2022-January 2023):

- Region-based data on children identified without parents and children whose parents stay in temporarily occupied territories.
- Data on vulnerable children who were evacuated within Ukraine and abroad.
- Data on orphans and children deprived of parental care and alternative families (for the period February 2022 – January 2023).

Prepared a brochure

- “Childhood in war. Part III. Right to family.”

Implemented publications in national media space:

- “Beyond Childhood: Can the right to family be preserved during wartime?”
- “Lost Childhood: During the war, the rights of every Ukrainian child are violated.”

Submitted proposals focused on the protection of children's rights as part of the public consultation on the National Human Rights Strategy.

Highlighted the impact of the war and communicated the necessary changes in practice at national and international conferences.

Dissemination of information about children's rights:

Provided the overview of the legal regulation of ensuring inclusive education in preschool institutions for children with special needs.

Informational articles on the website:

- "Child's Personal Data",
- "Establishing guardianship during wartime: questions and answers".

47 thematic posts on the Facebook

Main themes of the year:

*#war impact #right to family #deinstitutionalization #guardianship issues
#right to education #protection from violence #children crossing borders
#rights abroad #right to participation #right to name #right to identity*

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