JUSTICE AND ADVOCACY

EXPERT GROUPS

The SAPI held a number of meetings to coordinate measures aimed at eliminating corporal punishment. It also presented an opinion on the frequent cases of corporal punishment of children in public institutions and kindergartens.

PARENTING AND POSITIVE PARENTHOOD

TEA TALKS

At the end of January, two group programs under the "Hands Up" project were completed. They met a great interest from parents in the Sofia Public Support Centers, managed by SAPI. In the Ilinden region and in the Nadezhda region 22 parents actively participated in the trainings, which enabled them to build up their parental competencies.

Particularly useful was communication between the parents themselves, discussing and sharing the difficulties in communicating with children and responding to unacceptable child behavior.

At the end of the meetings, the participants were relieved to have received support and confidence to cope with their role as parents.
SAPI has organized several meetings with parents in the main schools in Sofia, where every participant could cut one piece of “challenge” from the poster “15 challenges for good parents”. The SAPI experts also explained to the authority the positive discipline, then share some experience from their work. The meeting has ended with a discussion between parents, teachers and experts in social work.

The HandsUP app (available on Android) was also created; it is useful to provide tips and information on Positive Parenthood practices, according to the children’s different stages of development.

We have adapted the text of the body punishment song from the original video:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1dq0Tagn6Q

On 26 - 27.03. 2018 in Brussels, the third international meeting was held on the project "Hands Up for Effective Abolition of Corporal Punishment Against Children" with the participation of organizations from Portugal, Spain, Germany and Bulgaria.

On the first day, partners provided feedback on work packages and activities, and on the second, each team presented national evaluation reports and national action plans in the European Parliament.

The Hands up project was presented in the European Parliament by Emilio Puccio, coordinator of the Intergroup on the Rights of the Child. MEPs also attended the meeting.