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MULTIDISCIPLINARY COMMISSIONS

The Child's Voice, eager to see its work carried out as a multidisciplinary process, has set up 4 Commissions in which the participants hold complementary skills and practices.

These commissions lead the launching of proposals.

THE ETHICAL COMMISSION

The aim of this commission composed of experts and external persons, is to deal with issues relating to the fundamental values of the child and his future. The commission presents to the Administrative Council its thoughts on those aspects of society involving children in particular.

THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION

Composed notably by experts in the judicial and medical fields, this commission gives judicial advices to the Federative Association. The commission coordinates and animates a team of lawyers, and works on analysing the projects and the propositions of law concerning the improvement of childhood's protection. It gives advices on the engagement of the Federative Association in filing a complaint and/or in the association in a court action with the public prosecutor. The commission also issues proposals and recommendations for the Administrative Council.

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION

The primary goal of the International Commission is to organise meetings among the associations that have similar objectives or that work in the same area. The associations are encouraged to exchange ideas and to communicate in order to build up a synergy. The commission shares the good field practices and develops the network with the associations working on the field. The Commission is in charge of developing the campaign regarding the civil status of children in the world and the follow-up of the actions on the different field of intervention.

THE NATIONAL COMMISSION

This Commission organises and animates meetings with the member Associations that intervene in France. It coordinates the Multidisciplinary Commission Mistreated Childhood that works on the setting up and the follow-up of Medical Judicial Units in a hospital environment for children victims of sexual violence. The Commission works with and develops legislation and decrees of application and issues propositions for a better application of our legislation in the field of child protection.

The Child's Voice needs people to better conduct its activities next to children. Thanks for your participation and for your financial support.

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THE CHILD'S VOICE

**Federative Association, created on the 20th of July 1981,
The Child's Voice strives to promote: "The awareness and protection of children
in distress in France and all over the world"**

25 YEARS OF COMMITMENT AND ACTIONS!



Through its 74 member associations, The Child's Voice has the means to:

- Act as a **spokesperson** for children in France and worldwide;
- Defend **the dignity and integrity** of the child especially within his family;
- **Represent** the interests of children victims;
- **Act as a platform** of exchange and coordination for the protection and defense of children;
- **Develop and submit** propositions for the application of the International Convention on the Rights of the Child, International treaties and national legislation;
- **Act as a place open for dialogue and partnership** for the member Associations;
- **Initiate** programs;
- **Act as an information** and documentation centre by setting up a database;
- **Act as an intermediary**, when necessary, between the member Associations and Public Authorities.

The Child's Voice is Member of the National Consultative Commission on Human Rights, since 1986.

Several administration boards of foundations ask to get its expertise.

**The Child's Voice received the Human Rights Award
from the French Republic in 1987 and 1992.**

Non-profit Association according to the law of 1901 and without political or religious affiliation.

**The federative association was recognized as organisation with charity means
by the Prefecture of Paris (Order of the Prefect of the 22nd of March 2005).**

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All the Associations of the Child's Voice actively pursue the protection, the fulfillment and the best interest of the child.

Each Association has its own area of actions in France and/or in the world and works in the following fields: health, education, professional training, development, street children, all form of mistreatments and sexual exploitation, child labor, children in armed conflicts, children refugees, abandoned children, children with disabilities.

Through the creation of these Associations in 96 countries spread out in Europe, Africa, America and Asia, The Child's Voice works to make the concerns of suffering children heard and to answer to their needs.

INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN ACTIONS

The Child's Voice supports the actions of its member Associations in particular with its "Funding for Aid programs" within the scope of its means.

The International action of The Child's Voice is centered upon:

- The collection and distribution of information collected from case studies, with the help of a database and a "press" documentation service.
- The organisation of exchanges and meetings between the associations in order to develop partnerships in the same sector.
- The setting up of common actions with the same issue (such as street children / children in armed conflicts / fighting sexual violence against children...) or in the same geographical area (Rwanda / Madagascar / France...).
- Coordination and animation of the French -Madagascan Forum.
- Evaluation mission of situations involving children victims who need the intervention of one or several associations.
- The availability of skills to member Associations in ensuring the preparation of project proposals as well as field actions.
- Searching financial contributions and charitable donations to support the actions of member Associations.
- The promotion of Children's Rights through international cooperation; campaign for the right to a civil status for all children.
- Being a spokesperson for children with international, European and national authorities when the Children's rights are violated.
- Organisation and animation of forums to inform and develop future partnerships with other associations, ensuring a greater efficiency to help children.

The European action of the Child's Voice:

The Child's Voice coordinates and leads, in the frame of the European Union AGIS Programme, a network of associations from six European countries with the aim of establishing a current status of good field practices with regards to the hearing of child victims of maltreatment in order to establish a European cooperation between the police and the legal system.

ACTIONS IN FRANCE

1/ Children mistreated or victims of sexual abuse

Telephone support / follow up /counseling

Telephone support at the office is relayed by a Legal Phone Assistance: Wednesday 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., tel.: +33 (0) 1 40 22 03 05.

A multidisciplinary approach is ensured to get the good development of a process, in particular for the taking care of children victims. Whenever required, The Child's Voice is associated in court actions with the public prosecutor (Judicial Commission).

A helpline number 8649 (VOIX) for SFR mobile phone costumers or the toll-free number 0800 97 86 49, set up by SFR, a French phone operator, allows to maintain a link between young persons in distress and adults. Do not hesitate to circulate this number which is available 24 hours a day.

2/ Considering that children victims are suffering children before being plaintiff children, The Child's Voice begins and participates in the creation of a "Multidisciplinary Emergency Care Units in a hospital environment for children victims of sexual abuse".

These programs already exist in:

Aix en Provence – Angers – Béziers – Caen – Chalon sur Saône – Cherbourg – Mâcon – Niort – Perpignan – Saint Nazaire – Foix – Tulle – Monceau les Mines - Saint-Malo.

In project : Bondy – Carpentras – Chartres – Dieppe – Evreux – Fontainebleau – Lorient – Limoges – Martigues – Nantes – Nanterre – Senlis -- Troyes ...

3/ Information

Participation in the creation of a manual compiling legislative steps to follow in case of complaint, including addresses and information on support agencies able to provide information and support to children and their families.
Information provided in schools and creation of pedagogical supports for adults and children.

4/ Training

a/ Preparation of interdisciplinary training modules for professionals working with children (teachers and social workers ...). Internships and seminars for trainers on these issues.

b/ Support for children and family in distress

- Single mothers with their children

- Refugee families and children (i.e.: Bosnian – Kosovar, Romanian, etc...)

- Furnishing school supplies and other

c/ Promotion of Children's Rights

Distribution of pedagogical documents created by the member Associations. Organisation and participation to events on the prevention and protection of childhood.

d/ Evaluation and studies on the application of national legislation, European and international conventions.

National Consultative Commission on Human Rights / Working Group for the Forum of the Internet's Rights / Steering Committee for children victims of sexual tourism / and others ...