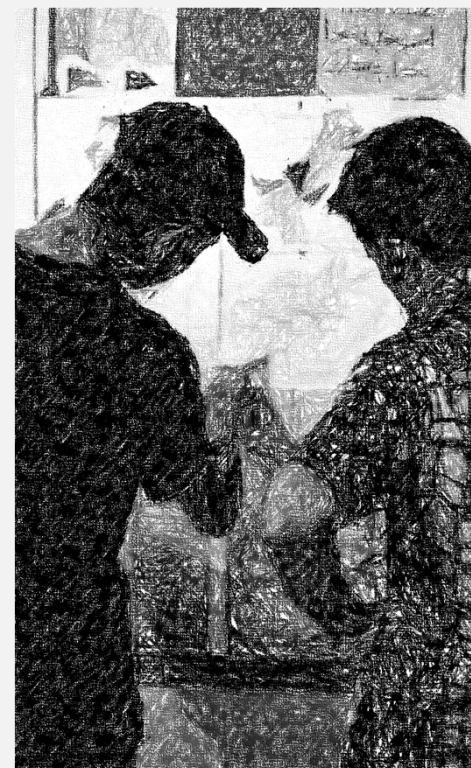


PRAKSIS MODEL OF ACCOMMODATION CENTERS FOR UNACCOMPANIED AND SEPARATED CHILDREN

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PRAKSIS

- ❖ PRAKSIS is a humanitarian Non Government Organization, whose primary objective is the design, application and implementation of humanitarian and medical actions through specific programs.

PREVENTION
INTERVENTION
ADVOCACY

PRAKSIS interventions

PROTECTION OF UNACCOMPANIED MINORS

- ✓ Hot Spots
- ✓ Camps
- ✓ Outreach work in unofficial camps
- ✓ Transit Accommodation Centers for Unaccompanied Minors
- ✓ Accommodation Centers for Unaccompanied Minors (long-term)
- ✓ Apartment's for Vulnerable groups

Accommodation for Unaccompanied Minors

Since 2014 ,PRAKSIS has hosted more than **2.330 UASCs**
in our accommodation centers.

Services

Out of the Centers

- ✓ Tracing of minors
- ✓ Vulnerability assessment
- ✓ Support services (psychosocial, medical, legal, services)
- ✓ Referrals
- ✓ Follow-up

Inside the centers

- ✓ Accommodation in a safe and child friendly environment
- ✓ Primary Health Care and Pharmaceutical Provision
- ✓ Psychosocial support
- ✓ Legal support
- ✓ Intermediation services
- ✓ Foreign languages and other educational activities
- ✓ Recreational activities
- ✓ Workshops (e.g. job counseling)
- ✓ Cultural activities

Access to health & Limitations

- SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER- AMKA
- DELAYS IN APPOINTMENTS
- COST OF SPECIALIZED EXAMINATIONS
- SPECIFIC MEDICAL ACTIONS (OPHTHALMOLOGICAL AND DENTAL CARE)
- BAD COMMUNICATION DUE TO LACK OF INTERPRETERS
- MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH

- ✓ Lack of beds in Child Psychiatric clinics
- ✓ Lack of interpreters

Numerous minors with psychological issues need full access to quality mental health services in order to get the proper treatment.

Challenges Regarding Asylum Procedures

- ✓ Large delays in family reunification cases.
- ✓ Specific Relocation schemes are delayed or postponed (e.g. DUBS)
- ✓ Pledged Slots from each EU member are not fulfilled and in some cases withdrawn
- ✓ Legal ways are blocked by the bureaucracy, so we have minors in danger or missing

Integration Issues

- Limited accessibility to education
- Limited employability prospects
- Racism and discrimination in everyday life

PRAKSIS Good Practices

- In order to tackle the problems with the accommodation of minors PRAKSIS has created spaces for UACS all over Greece (Athens, Thessaloniki, Patra) as well as in entry areas.
- PRAKSIS operates two (2) Polyclinics and other Medical Projects in order to provide medical care for vulnerable groups.
- We provide in-house lessons of greek, foreign languages, computer science, and other educational activities (art therapy, comic art etc)

PRAKSIS Good Practices

- **PRAKSIS now operates a Child-Psychiatric Department for minors that reside in our Accommodation Centers, offering also training to the Centers' staff.**
- **Through the Advocacy Department, PRAKSIS supports refugees and asylum seekers and UASCs' rights, through interventions in authorities**
- **Expansion of our services (job counseling, follow-up, link with adult accommodation projects)**
- **Working with the community, through various actions**



Thank you!