

Child Safety and the Protection of Children's Rights: the International Dimension and Ukraine's Experience in the Context of Social Threats

Abstract:

The article addresses the problems of child safety and protection in Ukraine in the context of international experiences regarding the formation and development of such institutions. The author presents the basic principles of child protection in modern Ukraine, the general regulatory framework of providing social services to children of different categories, the organisation of social work concerning child security and the protection of children's rights. The focus is on the peculiarities and organisational and legal aspects of social work with children in conditions of the armed conflict in the east of Ukraine; specifically, in 2016 the term 'child affected by military action and armed conflicts' was introduced to the Ukrainian legislation. Separate measures and mechanisms were developed in the field of social policy and social work in Ukraine with regard to child security and the protection of children's rights in conditions of high social risk.

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