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Mental Health legislation in Armenia

A conference on mental health legislation in Armenia will be held by an EU funded project on promoting the rights of children and adolescents with mental health problems on 18th February at 14:00 at Congress Hotel "Picasso" hall.

The conference is devoted to the presentation of existing gaps in the Armenian legislation in the field of Mental Health and the legislative proposal submitted to the Standing Committee on Health Care, Maternity and Childhood of the National Assembly of Armenia. A methodological guide for professionals working in this area will also be presented. Special prizes will be awarded for the best journalist article on Mental Health issues during the event.

Promoting the Rights of Children and Adolescents with Mental Health" is a project aiming at improving the situation of children with mental health problems in Armenia by contributing to the social integration of adolescents from Special Schools of Yerevan and Vanadzor. It is financed by the European Union with € 83,211. The project is implemented and co-funded by the French Armenian Development Foundation with € 29, 000 Euros and implemented together with Association of Child Psychiatrists and Psychologists NGO.

The survey was organised with an aim to explore and identify the existing gaps in the RA legislation related to Human Rights in Mental health sphere, and highly skilled psychological services in Yerevan # 2, 12 and Vanadzor # 1 special schools were established where the professional orientation and social integration of the Children and Adolescents of these institutions was organised as well.

Within the framework of the project activities the legislative proposal concerning the changes in the RA "Law on Psychiatric assistance" and "Law on Children's Rights" aimed at protection of the rights of the children with mental health problems was worked out by the project multidisciplinary expert team, which after the discussions with stakeholders was submitted to the Standing Committee on Health Care, Maternity and Childhood of the National Assembly of Armenia

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