

"That children to become winners: prevent, strengthen, support!"

In the period from July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, the Victimology Society of Serbia implemented the project named "That children to become winners: prevent, strengthen, support!" The project was financed by the City of Belgrade, the City Administration of the City of Belgrade, the Secretariat for Social Protection.

The general goal of the project is the prevention of victimization and re-victimization of domestic violence through information, education and support activities for potential victims and victims of domestic violence, with a special emphasis on children.

Specific objectives are: Strengthening the capacity of employees in the local community (including the school) for prevention, intervention and prevention of re-victimization in cases of domestic violence; Rational use of existing resources for prevention and intervention in cases of domestic violence at the local level in general and especially related to sensitive groups such as children, the elderly, people with disabilities and Roma; Raising the capacity of victims and their children to recognize, react and use their own capacities to react to domestic violence and other types of violence.

The main activities within the project were:

1. ***Rational use of existing resources for prevention and intervention in cases of domestic violence at the local level:***
 - Meeting with the representatives of the Group for Suppression of Domestic Violence in the Department of the Criminal Police in the Police Station Novi Beograd; GCSR Department Novi Beograd; Center for the Care of the Elderly, Children and Persons with Disabilities Novi Beograd, Municipality of Novi Beograd and a representative of Active Directors of elementary schools in Novi Beograd.
 - Meeting with representatives of the psychological and pedagogical services of primary and secondary schools. The meeting was attended by representatives of 12 primary and secondary schools. In addition to them, the meeting was attended by representatives of preschool institutions and other relevant institutions and organizations at the local level.
 - On the occasion of the international day against violence against women, a meeting was organized in the premises of the municipality of Novi Belgrade, in which representatives of the Victimology Society of Serbia, representatives of the Third Basic Public Prosecutor's Office, MUP RS PS Novi Beograd, Center for Social Work of the Novi Beograd Department, were also present. Center for the care of the elderly, children and persons with disabilities "Novi Beograd".
2. ***Application of the program "From victim to winner: Using one's own capacities to get out of violence"***
3. ***Providing support to victims***
4. ***Individual workshops for children of women who are included in the program "From victim to winner"***
5. ***Raising the capacity of employees in the City Center for Social Work and the Pedagogical-Psychological Service in schools in New Belgrade*** through accredited training for social service providers to work with victims of violence (with a special emphasis on communication skills in working with children, a support system and practical guidelines for work with child victims) as well as participation in the 14th international annual conference of the Victimology Society of Serbia.

6. **Designing and printing of informative material**
7. **Tribune For children to (p)remain winners: prevent, strengthen, support. New Belgrade with you!**

The most important results of the project:

1. *Established cooperation at the local level raised to a higher level*



A new one was established, the existing cooperation with institutions at the local level was continued and improved (Center for the care of elderly children and persons with disabilities, GCSR Department Novi Belgrade, as well as the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the RS PS Novi Belgrade, the active director of the Novi Beograd school, representatives of pedagogical psychological services of primary and secondary schools and preschool institutions).

2. *Raised personal capacities for prevention and getting out of domestic violence*

With 7 women, victims of domestic violence, they worked according to the program "From victim to winner: Using one's own capacities to get out of violence" within which, based on the needs of each individual victim, guidelines for strengthening one's own competencies to get out of violence are conceived

3. *Empowered persons who received continuous help and support through the VDS info and victim support service*

In addition to the women who were worked with under the program From victim to winner: Using one's own capacities to get out of violence, psychosocial support was provided to another 26 women, victims of domestic violence. A total of 109 contacts were made.

Ten individual workshops were held, needs were mapped, capacities were strengthened for six children of women who are involved in the program From victim to winner: Using their own capacities to escape from violence.

4. *Raised capacities of employees in the City Center for Social Work and Pedagogical-Psychological Service in schools*



Over 20 participants of the four-day training of social service providers for working with victims of violence (with special emphasis on communication skills in working with children, support system and practical guidelines for working with child victims).



Representatives of the GCSR Department of New Belgrade, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, pedagogical and psychological services of primary and secondary schools, as well as representatives of the Municipal Center for the Care of the Elderly, Children and Persons with Disabilities, participated in the 14th international annual conference of VDS under entitled "Caring for victims and the path to recovery".

5. ***Increased awareness of citizens regarding existing resources for prevention and intervention in cases of domestic violence***

300 leaflets were printed with contacts and information related to the help and support that people who contact the VDS Info and Victim Support Service can get, which were distributed to competent institutions and citizens.

More than 40 participants at the panel "Let children (p)remain winners: prevent, empower, support! New Belgrade with you!", during which they had the opportunity to learn about violence, the possibilities of prevention and protection, as well as adequate forms of help and support on the premises, especially regarding children.



[Meeting with representatives of the pedagogical and psychological services of primary and secondary schools](#)

[Training of social service providers to work with victims of violence - The training is organized as part of the project "Let the children become winners: Prevent, strengthen, support!"](#)

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