



20 Years of Protecting Children

A comprehensive approach to protecting children affected by sexual violence





Child Rescue

is a team of professionals who stand in protection of children affected by sexual exploitation and violence.

We provide comprehensive assistance at all stages of recovery, supporting the child and their family from the first moments of disclosure to the full completion of the program.

Our work is based on three main directions:



and in each of them we apply an approach that is child-friendly, combines professionalism, safety, and protection.

In 2025 we continued strengthening our programs, expanding access to assistance, working with communities and partners, supporting children in crisis situations and ensuring their rights in all directions.





Prevention of sexual violence — the foundation of our work

We speak with children in language they understand, and with adults in the language of responsibility.

What we do

- **Animated videos** that help children recognize danger and protect themselves from violence
- **Methodological materials for teachers:** lesson plans, presentations, handout materials
- **Professional development courses for specialists** across Ukraine
- **Safety lessons** for schools and communities
- **Formation of a culture of child safety**



ОНЛАЙН НАВЧАННЯ для учителів

Дати проведення:
19, 21 листопада



"Попередження сексуального насильства щодо дітей.
Превентивна робота учителя"

Сертифікат підвищення кваліфікації 10 год



Achievements

16

trainings were conducted for specialists and parents on protection from violence.

824

adults completed trainings on prevention of sexual exploitation and violence.

3 430

children watched cartoons and attended “Safety Rules” lessons.

56 200

views on YouTube were collected by educational cartoons.

>2,8 million people

were reached through media — this increases awareness in society and the chances of timely help for children.

Goal:

so that every child in Ukraine knows:

“My body belongs to me, and I have the right to safety.”



“ Together with children, we learn to respect personal space, say ‘no,’ and share what worries us.” — Larysa, training participant, Kryvyi Rih.



Protection — the beginning of recovery

Every child receives not just a service, but a comprehensive program.

Achievements

100

children received assistance in Child Rescue programs.

1 800

psychological consultations were provided.

68

active cases at the end of the year.

32

cases were successfully completed.

How we work

- **Psychological support:** stabilization, work with trauma, development of resilience.
- **Social support:** work with the family, school, environment.
- **Educational support:** assistance to the child in learning.

Number of children who received assistance



Age groups





Reviews

Provided by the parents of children who received comprehensive psychological, social, and legal support within the Child Rescue recovery program.

“ Thank you very much for helping my children. Olia is a wonderful psychologist who knows how to find an approach to every child. The children are always happy to go to her.”

“ I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the work and support provided by the staff of your organization.”

“ I am deeply grateful to the entire child and family support team for their assistance during such difficult family circumstances.”

“ I am very thankful for your support, humanity, sincerity, and kindness.”

“ You supported us and stood by us during very difficult times. It is truly priceless.”

“ Thank you for the existence of such an organization.”



Goal:

To ensure that no child is left alone with their pain, but instead walks the path of recovery alongside qualified professionals.



Justice

We work so that the truth about the child is heard, and the offender is punished.

Our approach

- **A lawyer accompanies the child** from the statement to the verdict.
- **Participation in interviews, investigative actions, courts** — so that the child does not experience trauma again.
- **Implementation of international standards:** minimization of contact with the offender.
- **Precedent cases**, where offenders receive real sentences and compensation.

Achievements

6

court cases were won in favor of 7 children.

More than 1,400,000 UAH of compensation — children received protection and justice.

220

court hearings — legal support was provided by Child Rescue lawyers.

39

18 cases at the stage of **pre-trial investigation**.

21 cases at the stage of **court consideration**.

10

trainings were conducted for specialists aimed at improving professional competence in the field of child-friendly justice.

For us, justice is the opportunity for a child to feel:
“I am not guilty. The offender is punished.”



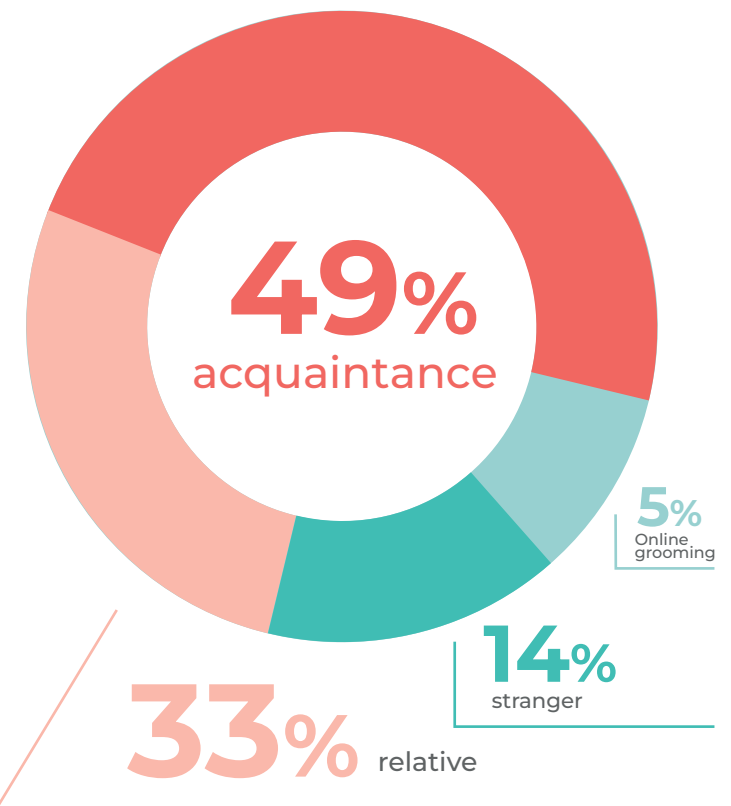


Categories of cases in the Child Rescue program

Types of cases



Who is the offender



Age of offender

85% — adult

15% — minor



PANDA (Protection and Advocacy) Child Protection and Advocacy Center

This is a center where a child affected by violence receives comprehensive assistance in a safe, child-friendly space.

Model of work

- Psychologist, lawyer, social worker and medical specialists — one team.
- Child-friendly format of interview and expertise.
- Temporary placement of up to 30 children in the shelter.
- A model that combines the best global practices of child protection.

Our impact in society

- Thousands of adults know how to **act in case of suspicion of violence**.
- **Children learn about boundaries, safety, rights**.
- **Offenders receive real prison sentences**, and the families of affected children receive financial compensation.
- The state and international **partners recognize Child Rescue as a reliable expert center**.

**PANDA
forms a new standard
of child protection
in Ukraine.**





Strategic development and partnerships

2025 became for Child Rescue a year of strategic strengthening of partnerships and transition from project support to long-term sustainable cooperation models in the field of child rights protection.

Child Rescue received funding from the European Union's CERV programme under Grant Agreement No 101138279 the Daphne-CHILD programme with Eurochild and Terre des hommes.

The program is focused on advocacy, policy and systemic protection of children at national and European levels.

Daphne  **CHILD**
Shaping tomorrow's child protection services with children

Key donor partnerships

In 2025 Child Rescue continued as a partner in the project implemented by Save Ukraine with support of the international humanitarian organization Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (Germany).

Within the partnership, Child Rescue ensured provision of comprehensive psychological, social and legal assistance to children affected by violence and families requiring crisis intervention.

The project provided completion of repair and equipment works of the PANDA Center and creation of conditions for functioning of the crisis shelter and outpatient support.

A safe environment was ensured with capacity for up to 30 children and their families to receive comprehensive assistance in accordance with international standards.

Diakonie 
Katastrophenhilfe

An important stage was the transition to permanent partnership with Serving Orphans Worldwide.

In 2025 cooperation obtained the format of long-term commitments to support operational activities of the center for children, which allowed ensuring stability of basic services for affected children.

 **Serving Orphans**



2025

During the year cooperation also began with Children's Refuge International

which provided regular support of shelter operational activities, which is critically important for uninterrupted provision of assistance to children.



Partnership with Stirling Foundation in 2025 had two key stages:

completion of the project of operational activities and completion of the infrastructure project at the end of the year aimed at finishing repair works and equipping the PANDA shelter.

This partnership became an example of flexible donor support adapted to stages of organizational development.



Thank you to everyone who supports children!

We thank partners, donors, colleagues and volunteers who make child protection possible. Thanks to you, children receive a chance for safe childhood, justice and recovery.



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