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**THE STATE SERVICE FOR DRUG CONTROL IN COLLABORATION WITH AFEW-UKRAINE AND THE PARTNERS PRESENTED A SERIES OF PREVENTIVE VIDEO CLIPS, "OUR ATTENTION IS THE BEST PREVENTION"**

***In June and September, 3 videos aimed at prevention of risky behaviors and negative phenomena among young people, were presented. The video clips were created as a result of cooperation of the State Service of Ukraine for Drug Control and ICF AIDS Foundation East-West, with the support of the Pompidou Group of the Council of Europe and UNICEF.***

The 30-, 45-second and 6-minute social videos were developed to prevent risky behaviors and negative phenomena among adolescents and young people, such as drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, child neglect, etc., by highlighting possible problems in the family and providing alternative and successful ways of resolving them. The target audience of the videos - families with children and adolescents, as well as young people themselves.

These video clips present the result of a successful year-long cooperation between the State Service of Ukraine for Drug Control and ICF AIDS Foundation East-West (AFEW-Ukraine), with the support of the Pompidou Group of the Council of Europe and UNICEF.

The videos can be found on [AFEW-Ukraine](#) channel on Youtube. To order free CDs with video clips, please contact [Olga Kulyk](#), Communication Manager, AFEW-Ukraine.

## HANDBOOK "OVERVIEW OF THE LEGISLATION ON THE RIGHTS OF CHILD" HAS BEEN ISSUED

**Within the framework of the project *Bridging the Gaps: Health and Rights for Key Populations*, the handbook "Overview of the Legislation on the Rights of Child" has been prepared. This publication analyzes the current Ukrainian legislation related to the, the rights and duties of minors, specific aspects of working with minors to ensure their legal protection**

The publication is intended for professionals whose work involves provision of assistance to minors. Relevance of the issue lies primarily in the fact that, pursuant to the active Ukrainian laws, in many cases minors are deprived of the opportunity to get independently certain types of services and assistance, but also fail to seek protection of their rights.

Limitation of the rights is sometimes associated not only with the age, but also with lack of education among minors, which allows public authorities to ignore their duties in respect to minor citizens. For your free copy of the handbook please contact [Olga Kulyk](#), Communication Manager, AFEW-Ukraine.



## AFEW-UKRAINE AND KYIV BRANCH OF THE NETWORK OF PLWH LAUNCHED A PROJECT TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF HIV-POSITIVE WOMEN IN KYIV

**In September 2014, a year-long project "Immediate Intervention Approach to Improve Health of HIV-Positive Women in Kyiv" started.**

The project is funded by Gilead Sciences Europe Ltd (goSHAPE grants programme). AFEW project partners are Dutch organization Positive Women of the World (PWW), Kyiv branch of the All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV, Medical Center of the University of Amsterdam.

The key project approaches are:

- 1) meaningful involvement of people living with HIV / AIDS (MIPA), as well as
- 2) close trustful cooperation with doctors, social workers, and medical staff of health facilities.

We are facing very important tasks, which will

help to empower HIV-positive women in Kyiv and improve their quality of life:

- Assistance in setting up support networks for support women living with HIV in different districts of Kyiv.

- Information and consultation on the issues related to Hepatitis C co-infection, particularly treatment in combination with ARV drugs.

- Increase of the level of adherence to treatment among women and their HIV-positive children.

- Awareness raising and counseling for women on reproductive health and rights, as well as planning of pregnancy.

- Improving mutual understanding between women and health professionals on their treatment and their quality of life

- Empowerment of HIV-positive women and improvement of their skills in the field of advocacy for their rights to improve access to essential services.

- Establishing partnership between health professionals from Ukraine and their colleagues at the Medical Center of the University of Amsterdam.

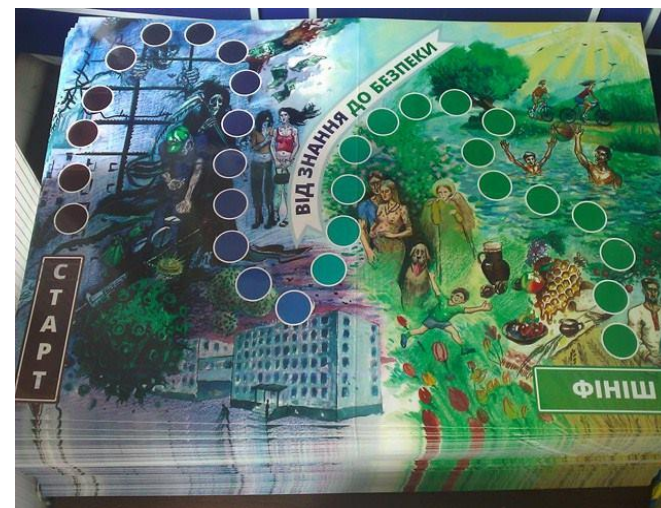
Project activities also will include establishment of a hotline for HIV-positive women; monthly meetings of HIV-positive women: master classes, workshops, and other joint activities; peer-to-peer training for leaders; case management and referral; as well as study visit to the Netherlands for Ukrainian social workers, peer leaders, and medical professionals.



**IN POLTAVA, "PUBLIC HEALTH" FOUNDATION PRESENTED THE BOARD GAME "FROM KNOWLEDGE TO SAFETY"**

*Safety" for use in summer camps. First of all, it makes prevention activities more diversified as playing a game is always more fun than listening to a lecture, no matter how interesting the latter may be. We plan to keep inviting the Foundation in the future, because the game "From Knowledge to Safety" not only flags to us which concepts children understand incorrectly or are ignorant about, but also helps teenagers to better articulate their ideas."*

The lecturing and playing lesson "From Knowledge to Safety" was developed by PCCCF "Public Health" with the financial support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands (in the framework of the project "Bridging the Gaps: Health and Rights for Key Populations" and the project RESPOND (USAID), which is being implemented in Ukraine by international organization "Pact, Inc." in partnership with FHI 360. To receive a free copy of the game, please contact [PCCCF "Public Health"](#).



**Poltava Public Charitable Foundation (PCCF) "Public Health" has developed and produced the preventive board game "From Knowledge to Safety." The game was developed within the framework of the project "Bridging the Gaps: Health and Rights for Key Populations" and project RESPOND (USAID).**

The goal of the game is to contribute to prevention of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted infections, substance abuse and other risky practices and behaviours among adolescents by providing user friendly reliable information on these issues, explaining causes, forms, and ways to prevent it with the emphasis on the choice of healthy and lifestyles.

The game was developed based on the popular game Alias. Its principle is to explain the concepts (words, phrases) written on the cards to each other in groups of to participants. The game has been repeatedly tested in practice by experts of the Foundation, as well as approved by the expert committee at Poltava Regional Center of Applied Psychology and Social Work.

Children who have already tried playing this game in **Poltava Regional Center of Social Services for Children, Families, and Youth** give excited feedback about it. **Iryna Burenko, the manager of the CSSCFY, agrees with the children's reviews:** "We have been cooperating with the "Public Health" Foundation for a long time, and we were really happy when they suggested the preventive game "From Knowledge to

**OPERATIONAL SURVEY TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CASE MANAGEMENT FOR YOUNG DRUG USERS WAS LAUNCHED**

**Within the framework of the project "Bridging the Gaps: Health and Rights for Key Populations", the operational survey was launched to assess the effectiveness of case management for drug users for improving access of the target group to medical, social, and legal services, as well as protection of their rights. The research will last till late October.**

The target groups of the research are:

- clients of the project aged 14 to 25 involved in case management programme who have the experience of using drugs and/or are in prisons, persons under the age of 18 on probation;
- representatives of public authorities and non-governmental organizations that provide services for minor drug users.

The research is being conducted in Kyiv and in the regions where the project is being implemented (Kirovohrad, Poltava, Kharkiv, Chernivtsi).

The survey results will be published in July 2015 and distributed among all stakeholders.

This research is a part of a larger international study conducted in the framework of the project **Bridging the Gaps: Health and Rights for Key Populations** in Kenya, Costa Rica, Kyrgyzstan, and Ukraine.

**IN JULY, THE 2ND SUMMER SCHOOL WAS HELD NEAR KYIV**

**On July 22-25, in the framework of the project Bridging the Gaps: Health and Rights for Key Populations, the Summer School "East and West Together, or the Ukrainian Fest" was held near Kyiv. This is the second summer school organized by AFEW-Ukraine for our sub-grantees from Ukraine and Georgia, as well as their partners from governmental and non-government organizations.**

This year, the theme of our Summer School was strengthening unity and supporting national traditions. This was done on purpose, as we feel great respect and love for our Motherland, for every corner of it, and every individual from East to West. Besides, the name of our Foundation is consonant with our views and values. Our School is not only about training, but also about team-building and recreation. In Ukraine, festivities have always been the best way of recreation.

The organizers approached the planning of Summer School very creatively.



Trainers from Ukraine and Latvia were invited. The agenda from the morning till late at night was laid out in detail. And, of course, all invited participants were highly motivated and committed. On July 22, 2014 the marathon "Summer School 2014" started. 6 trainers. 2 organizers. 35 participants wearing beautiful national costumes - employees of the organizations that implement projects in the cities of Kirovohrad, Poltava, Kharkiv, Chernivtsi (Ukraine), Tbilisi and Telavi (Georgia), as well as representatives of partner NGOs and governmental organizations.

**Maryna Hovorukhina, PR manager of the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union:** *"I've been at many training courses, and I've conducted lots of trainings myself. But here for the first time I saw someone who approaches the organization of training with great creativity and care. Everything was thoroughly planned, including the wealth of small surprises from the AIDS Foundation East-West (AFEW). That's the moment when the participants realize that this is not just another training, but it is a major event! I'm glad that I was a trainer there. I need to learn from your experience :)"*

**Anastasia Shebardina, Senior Project Manager, AFEW-Ukraine:** *"We were very anxious preparing for the Summer School, because for us it is not just a training course. First of all, it was an opportunity to combine informal communication of specialists from different areas and learning processes. Best of all, I remembered the willingness of people willingness to actively participate in the contests and respond to any adventurous ideas of the organizers".*

During the Summer School, the participants gained knowledge and skills in effective communication, they learned about the use of social networks in the work of NGOs, about the pro-

grams "Skills of the Child" and "The Tree of Life" for children, worked on their personal motivation, and gained skills of working with traumas.

**The participant of the Summer School, Chernivtsi:** *"Participation in the Summer School gave me a tremendous wealth of knowledge and experience, which will help me to further improve my professional level in work with vulnerable groups."*

The participants started using some of the new skills immediately at the Summer School, preparing their final presentations. Also during the Summer School the participants started planning how they would use information received and further utilize the experience of trainers and their colleagues.

Hopefully, next year our tradition of holding summer schools will be continued.



**A FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT BETWEEN KREMENCHUK JCF AND ADOLESCENTS FROM CHERNIVTSI WAS HELD ON THE EVE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY OF UKRAINE**

the team of Kremenchuk JCF and the team «Olympus». The participants received awards and valuable prizes.



*"For any young person, the priority need is recognizing him/herself as a full-fledged member of the society, acceptance in the family, in a team, by peers and friends", noted Myhaylo Horuk, psychologist and systemic family therapist, consultant of CSPA "Dialog". – "Outdoor sports – in particular football – present a real opportunity for an adolescent to take a leadership position. There are not that many of such opportunities, but they are worth of consideration and support."*

In addition to the games, the participants of the event participated in the interactive lecture "From Knowledge to Safety." The guests from Chernivtsi, were also taken on tours of Kremenchuk juvenile correctional facility and historical sites of Poltava. The tournament helped to attract attention of the community to the problems of children and youth

**Using the popularity of football among adolescents, Poltava Charitable Foundation "Public Health" and Chernivtsy Charitable Foundation "New Family" (Chernivtsi), teach youth to take care of their own health. On the eve of the Independence Day of Ukraine, the organizations held a football match between the teams of teenagers from Kremenchuk juvenile correctional facility and their peers from Chernivtsi. Anatoly Volik, specialist, "Public Health" Foundation, delivered interactive lecture "From Knowledge to Safety" for the participants of the tournament.**

Supporting the teenagers' fascination with such a fashionable game as football, the staff of the Center for Social and Psychological Assistance "Dialog" (ChCF "New Family", Chernivtsi) also teaches them to take care of their own health. Clients of the center are adolescents with history of drug abuse. Football team "Olympus" has a coach - a professional footballer. The Center contributes to development of street sports among minors with history of drug abuse.

On the eve of the Independence Day of Ukraine, the foundations "New Family" and "Public Health" in collaboration with the Office of the State Penitentiary Service of Ukraine in Poltava Region, with financial support from ICF "AIDS Foundation East-West" in the framework of the project "Bridging the Gaps: Health and Rights for Key Populations", organized a football game between

that have experience of drug use and are living in difficult life circumstances. Besides, it contributed to raising awareness of youth about prevention of risky behaviors

The lecture delivered after the match helped the teenagers to learn more about HIV/STIs, tuberculosis, the risks of drug use, and about safe behavior. The tournament contributed to raising self-esteem of adolescents, strengthening their willpower and team spirit, to the development of motivation for a healthy lifestyle.



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