

**OPERATIONAL PROTOCOL FOR THE PROMOTION OF SHARED STRATEGIES AIMED AT A
MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO RECOGNIZE AND TREAT ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES**

BETWEEN

AND

The organization ... with registered office in.... Via..... VAT number..., certified mail..., legally represented by...

GIVEN THAT

Childhood trauma is a dramatic reality among children in the EU, the result of an underestimated phenomenon conditioned by the lack of knowledge in the disciplines of care and prevention activities, which significantly affect behaviors and lifestyles in adulthood.

And that

the World Health Organization states that *“by child abuse and maltreatment must be understood all forms of physical and / or emotional ill health, sexual abuse, neglect or negligence or commercial or other exploitation involving a real or potential prejudice to the health of the child, for its survival, for its development or for its dignity in the context of a relationship characterized by responsibility, trust or power”*.

CONSIDERED THAT

“In the course of pandemic and economic crises, the concerns of the present risk distracting us from the future represented by our children who must be loved, cared for and kept safe. Child maltreatment, largely submerged and increasingly overshadowed by other emergencies, remains a particularly serious and pervasive problem in our society: every year almost 100,000 children, 9.5 minors per 1,000 residents are followed by the social services of the municipalities while for each case known by the social services there are at least 9 others submerged that will neither be intercepted nor treated ” (from the **Regional Index on Child Maltreatment in Italy**, 2020 edition, entitled RESTITUIRE IL FUTURO, edited and published by CESVI).

CONSIDERED: (insert international, national and regional legislation for the protection / rights of women and children)

- Convention on the Rights of the Child, approved by the United Nations (UN), during the General Assembly of November 20, 1989
- European Charter of the Rights of the Child / 1992 presented in a complete way the condition of the child as a vulnerable being who needs protection and special conditions to grow up calmly and become a balanced adult. The charter also recognized that "on the territory of the Community no child may be subject to discrimination on the grounds of nationality, parentage, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, color, sex, language, social origin, religion, beliefs, state of health or other circumstances, nor for any of the reasons attributable to their parents".
- Treaty of Lisbon / 2007-Charter of Nice / 2000 which in art. 24 states "children have the right to the protection and care necessary for their well-being. They can freely express their opinion; this is taken into consideration on the issues that concern them according to their age and maturity. In all acts relating to children, whether carried out by public authorities or private institutions, the best interests of the child must be considered paramount"
- The Convention of the Council of Europe on the protection of minors from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (the so-called Lanzarote Convention) of October 2007
- The guidelines of the Council of Europe issued through Recommendation 10/2009
- Guidelines for child-friendly justice / 2010 according to which "a child-friendly justice system must know how to treat children with dignity, respect, attention and fairness. It must be accessible, understandable and reliable. It must be a system that listens to minors, takes their point of view seriously and ensures that the interests of those who cannot express themselves (such as infants) are also protected".

IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS

Art. 1 - Purpose

The general purpose is to standardize on the territory the paths of prevention, recognition, taking charge and treatment of cases of the so-called ACEs - Adverse Childhood Experiences, also through the implementation of organizational structures which, by defining roles and functions, favor and facilitate the comparison / integration between professionals and services for the achievement of shared objectives in the interventions of detection, protection, care, in view of the pre-eminent interest of the minor by age (superior interest of the child).

Art. 2 - Specific objectives



We aim to promote a fruitful cooperation between all those who in various capacities care for minors, promoting multidisciplinary and holistic approaches in interventions aimed at preventing, recognizing and treating Adverse Childhood Experiences.

Art. 3 - Functions of the public body (municipality or similar)

The Municipality undertakes to adequately sensitize its operators, in particular those who work at offices of services to the person on the phenomenon of ACEs, regarding recognition and reporting.

It ensures that the collection of prevented reports takes place in conditions of respect for confidentiality and in environments suitable for this purpose.

It favors the participation of its operators in moments of training and updating relating to the theme of ACEs.

It guarantees the ready availability of its operators in order to promptly activate the network of services and planned actions.

Art. 4 - Functions of the private organization.....

The organization ... is committed to continuing its awareness-raising work on the ACEs issue by involving local schools and teachers.

It contributes to promoting training and information meetings for both its workers and the community aimed at developing a shared culture regarding the recognition and approach of ACEs cases.

Art. 5 - Monitoring and verification of the implementation of the Protocol

..... oversees the monitoring and verifies the application of this agreement. This Protocol may be renewed or changed after its experimentation for at least 12 months after meeting with the signatory Bodies.

Art. 6 - Duration

This Protocol, which the parties sign, each within their competence, in relation to the commitments expressly indicated, will have a duration of 5 years. The parties will agree on the terms of the renewal of the protocol at least 6 months before the deadline.

Art. 7 - Other subscribers

Other Bodies may adhere to this Protocol that request it during its duration.

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Read, confirmed and signed, the signatures follow:

