

Inna Pohvaluk
research supervisor: V. V. Bezliudna,
candidate of pedagogical sciences,
Uman State Pedagogical University by
Pavlo Tychyna

Child welfare system: Social Service for Family, Children, and Youth

According to the Constitution of Ukraine (article 51), “the family, childhood, motherhood, and fatherhood shall be protected by the State” The system of central and local government institutions for the protection of children’s rights has been established in Ukraine to ensure the protection of children’s rights and to counter negative factors in the children’s environment. This is in line with Article 3 of the *UN Convention on the Rights of the Child* which stipulates that Member States shall oblige to ensure compliance of all institutions, services and agencies for child care and protection with the requirements established by relevant authorities, particularly regarding safety, health care, personnel competency, and supervision requirements.

This thesis provides a brief overview of the child welfare system and its purposes. The child welfare system is a group of services designed to promote the well-being of children by ensuring safety, achieving permanency, and strengthening families to care for their children successfully. The child welfare system is not a single entity. Many organizations work together to strengthen families and keep children safe. A network of specialized establishments attached to social care centers for family, children, and youth has been established in Ukraine, comprising social assistance services for family; counseling hotlines; volunteering schools; social services for students; mobile social counseling centers in rural and highland areas; information resource centers; service for intravenous drug users etc.

The goal of child welfare is to promote the well-being, permanency, and safety of children and families by helping families care for their children successfully.

Literature

1. Child Welfare Information Gateway. How the child welfare system works. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau. – 2013.

2. 2. State of Observance and Protection of the Rights of the Child in Ukraine. Special Report of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights. On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of ratification by Ukraine of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. – Kyiv, 2010. – 216 pp.