

Project promoter: Association for Independent Media Culture

Project title: Transparency and supervision of centres for social welfare in protection of victims of domestic violence and children

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Partners: SOS Rijeka – center for nonviolence and human rights

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Link to relevant website: <https://h-alter.org/udruga-za-nezavisnu-medijsku-kulturu/>

Project summary:

Presently there is open public consultation about the draft proposal of Social welfare Act in which there is a suggestion for founding of the committee for deciding about grounds of complaints of the person unsatisfied with the answer of the Ministry related to the service, method or omission of the employee in social welfare. The committee consists of representatives of Ministry and representatives of citizens. Associations representing the experts that are engaged to help in the families during conflict divorces are against formation of that committee claiming that there are already sufficient methods of control of their work. The main aim of the project is to collect and to present to the public the data about the implementation and the effects of the existing methods of control of the work of social welfare centres, precisely of social welfare centre in Rijeka because it is recognized by the Ministry as the one with the largest number of complaints. Main activity in the project is journalistic research. Target groups of the project are experts from system of social welfare, children and parents victims of domestic violence and civil society organisations. The applicant is Association for Independent Media Culture, publisher of news website H-Alter (www.h-alter.org) where articles of the journalist Jelena Jindra will be published. The partner is SOS Rijeka – center for nonviolence and human rights, they connect journalist with their clients and other organisations and offer her professional support in the analysis of data.