

Newsletter on the activities of the Odessa State University of Internal Affairs in the areas of protection of children's rights, as well as prevention and counteraction to domestic violence

Vyacheslav Abroskin - the Rector of the Odessa State University of Internal Affairs is one of the co-sponsors of the bill 70887 "On the introduction of the Unified Register of Persons Convicted of Crimes against Sexual Liberty and Integrity of a Minor, and Increasing Responsibility for Crimes Committed Against Sexual Freedom and Integrity of a minor." The Unified Register of Persons Convicted of Crimes against Sexual Freedom and Integrity of a Minor is intended to prevent the recurrence of such crimes. Prosecutors, investigators, police and the State Bureau of Investigation will have access to the register. At the same time, the heads of educational, health or other child care institutions will have the right to receive information from the register. The bill was signed by the President of Ukraine on January 13, 2020.

Besides, Vyacheslav Abroskin initiated the creation of the Youth Organization of the Future Police in 2015. This initiative came about because of the plight of children on the front lines in eastern Ukraine, as all children, especially those who have been held hostage by terrorists in a temporarily occupied territory, where people are suffering, do not see the law, are trying to survive, need help. The purpose of the organization is the patriotic education of young people, raising their awareness, prevention of committing offenses, neglect and homelessness, providing young people aged 14 to 35 years with opportunities for self-realization and increasing their creative activity.

Today, Odessa State University provides education for orphans who receive immediate attention and benefits. The rector of the OSUIA regularly communicates with such children in order to listen to their problems and provide the necessary support within the university.

Odessa State University of Internal Affairs **closely cooperates with state authorities and international organizations** on the protection of children's rights, as well as the prevention and counteraction to domestic violence.

OSUIA teachers (O. Kovaleva, V.Tomin) participate in meetings of the intersectoral working group on prevention and counteraction to domestic and gender-based violence at the Regional Coordination Council on Family and Gender Equality, Demographic Development, Prevention and Counteraction to Domestic Violence, and Gender-based Violence, Counteraction to Human Trafficking.

OSUIA teachers are involved to train on the prevention and counteraction of gender-based violence, including domestic violence by the European Union Consultative Mission (EUCM) as coaches.

On February 18, 2019, a briefing session was held at the university with the participation of Counselor / Coach on community policing, Anne Kate Pedersen, on "The Danish Model" to investigate the violence and sexual abuse of children and to interview victims of such crimes with video fixation" for representatives of the scientific

and pedagogical staff of the university and students of the university master's program.

OSUIA teachers provide training for mobile police teams responding to cases of domestic violence for prevention units.

In December 2019, the rector of the Odessa State University of Internal Affairs Vyacheslav Abroskin met the representatives of the scientific and pedagogical staff of the university to discuss the implementation of the Czech Republic's experience in conducting interrogation (questioning) of children - victims and witnesses of violent crimes into the studying process and science activity of the institution.

In 2019, the University was provided with an interactive auditorium by the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine at the request of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine within the project "Assistance to the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in Combating Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking, and Cybercrime".

Within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine and the UNICEF office based on Odesa State University of Internal Affairs, on March 11-12, 2020, a training for teachers on the topic "Protection of the Children's Rights by police officers" will be held.

The University has a Gender Education Center. Its activities are aimed at forming a gender-sensitive environment, organizing research on gender issues, conducting educational events to ensure equal rights for men and women, preventing violence in all spheres of life and overcoming all forms of discrimination, preparation of information materials and social advertising on topical gender issues, cooperation with public administration bodies, other educational institutions, enterprises, citizens' associations, institutions and organizations, participation in organizing events of different levels (seminars, conferences, congresses, forums, round tables, contests, workshops on gender issues).