



**INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN YOUTH  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM: THE EXPERIENCE  
OF THE UKRAINE JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM  
PROJECT**

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**Ukraine  
Juvenile  
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**UKRAINE JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM PROJECT**

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**UKRAINE JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM PROJECT**

**Background:**

- ☉ A Canada-Ukraine technical cooperation project (funded through Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada - DFATD).
- ☉ Upon an initial request for support from the Supreme Court of Ukraine to help reform Ukraine's youth justice system
- ☉ Implemented by: Agriteam Canada Consulting Ltd. and the Government of Alberta.

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**UKRAINE JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM PROJECT**

**Approach for implementation:**

- ☉ Guided by international and European standards (e.g. UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, European Convention on Human Rights);
- ☉ Informed by practices and lessons from Canada and other countries;
- ☉ Gender Equality, Youth Participation: cross-cutting themes, integrated into implementation approaches;
- ☉ Participatory, responsive and iterative approach to working with Ukraine partners;
- ☉ Sensitive to cultural and legal tradition differences;
- ☉ National level policy and legislation development and piloting of initiatives are supported in parallel rather than sequentially.

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**UKRAINE JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM PROJECT**

**Project Goal:**

to support the government of Ukraine in developing an effective juvenile justice system which is in line with international standards and guidelines.

**Project Main Partners:**

- The Ministry of Justice of Ukraine
- The Supreme Court of Ukraine
- The High Specialized Court on Civil and Criminal Cases
- The State Penitentiary Service of Ukraine

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**UJJRP MAIN COMPONENTS:**

- National Policy and Legislation Development:** Developing a legislative and policy framework to support a criminal justice system for minors that incorporates international standards related to the rights of minors and is supported by stakeholders.
- Capacity Building:** strengthening capacity of courts and other JJ agencies to apply effective and responsive approaches and best practices to support rehabilitation and prevention of future offences while upholding the rights of children and youth in conflict with the law.
- Pilots:** creating and testing models of improved juvenile justice approaches in pilot locations in Ukraine in order to better understand what works in Ukraine and to inform the other components of the project.

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**NATIONAL COMPONENT**

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- Concept on Criminal Justice for Minors signed **May 25, 2011**
- Action Plan on Criminal Justice for Minors **October 12, 2011**

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**NATIONAL COMPONENT**

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**Criminal Justice for Minors Strategy:**

- Current Situation
- International Experience
- Analysis
- Recommendations

DVD – Visual and narrative presentation

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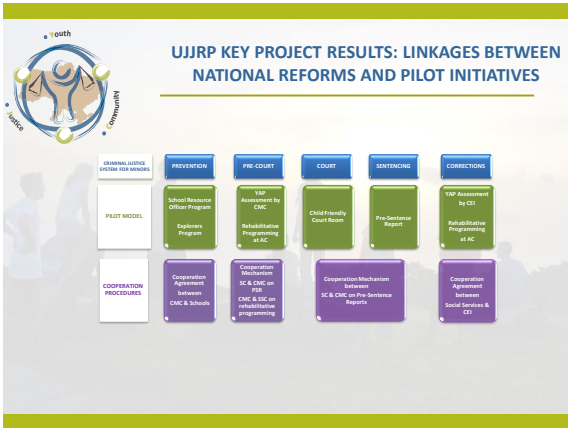
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**YOUTH CRIMINALITY IN UKRAINE**

Each year approximately 22,000 young people under the age of 18 come into conflict with the law.

More than 8,000 youth across the country are sentenced under the Criminal Code of Ukraine each year.

More than 1400 youth are currently in youth custody.

About 60% are serving custody sentences for theft.

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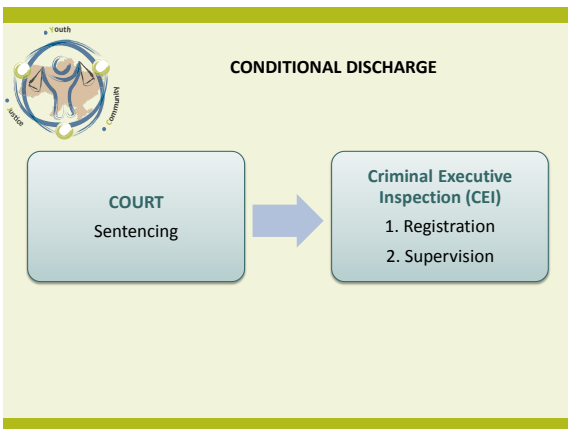
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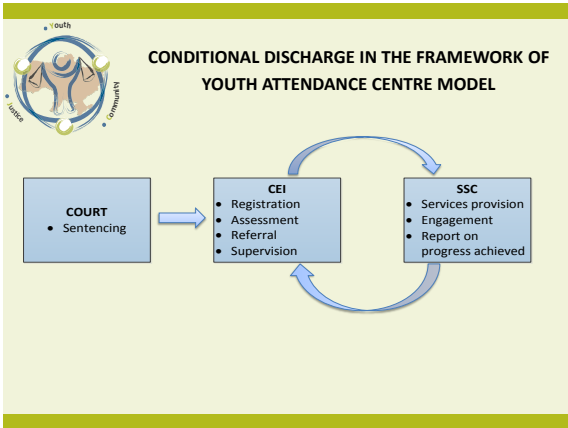
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**ASSESSMENT**

**Youth Assessment Profile:**

- identifies the factors contributing to the youth's criminal behavior;
- identifies the level and intensity of the required intervention(s);
- helps to develop case plan more effectively;
- measures changes in needs and risk of reoffending over time.

*(Screenshot of assessment software interface showing a table with columns for 'Date', 'Description of activity', and 'Risk'):*

Дата	Описание деятельности	Риск

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**SUPERVISION**

**Level of supervision is defined based on the results of assessment:**

- intensive supervision – high-risk youth;
- less intensive supervision – low and moderate risk youth.

*(Photo of two people sitting at a desk reviewing documents.)*

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### PROGRAMMING

**Programs match with:**

- ☉ Identified criminogenic needs;
- ☉ Personal level of motivation;
- ☉ Responsivity and protective factors.




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### YOUTH ENGAGEMENT



Access to the Internet



Certificates, rewards



Excursions.

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### NUMBERS

- ☉ By March 2014 a total number of 70 youth (60 boys and 10 girls) have been referred to the ACs;
- ☉ all of them had been assessed on their risks and needs;
- ☉ 44 youth have been already removed from the CEI register upon completion of the conditional discharge term;
- ☉ 10% of youth continue to attend/volunteer at the AC even after expiration of sentence term.


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**UKRAINE JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM PROJECT**

**Next steps:**

- to build stakeholders' capacity in the program areas and approaches;
- to undertake widespread "training of trainers" on methodologies and programs developed with the support of UJJRP
- to promote initiatives on the national level

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Observations

Comments/Questions

Thank you.

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