



Civic Association

ACORUS

Help for survivals of
domestic violence

ACORUS

- Non-profit, non-governmental organisation
- established **in 1997** in the close cooperation with the Local Authorities of the District of Prague 9



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

- „International Violence Against Women Survey“ (2002)
- realized by Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic
- indicated a generally high level of victimization of women, both within intimate partner relationships, and outside relationships

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY

- 37,7% of women had experienced physical or sexual violence from their partner (current or former husband or boyfriend)
- 37,2% of women had experienced physical or sexual violence from a man other than their partner
- 8% victims of domestic violence had reported an incidence of assault to the Police
- 3% of assailants had been charged
- 1% of assailants had been punished

THE MISSION OF ACORUS

- operate the Psycho-Social Centre Acorus, which provides help with overcoming the unfavorable social situation to people endangered by domestic violence.
- provided services respect human dignity, they result from individual needs of service users, support development of their self-reliance and their integration into life without violence.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY ACORUS

- a shelter for women and their children
- crisis help for women and their children
- specific social counseling for men, women and their children

All services can be used by clients according their needs and situation



SPECIFIC SOCIAL COUNSELLING

- provided in the Counseling centre, by nonstop helpline or by email

Includes:

- special social counseling
- legal counseling
- psychological and social-therapeutic help
- pedagogical help

CRISIS HELP

- provides a possibility of short-term stay (5 working days) in a safe place

Includes:

- providing accommodation and help with feeding
- crisis help
- specific social counseling



SHELTER

- intensive work with survivals of domestic violence (women and their children) including accommodation in a safe place for maximum 1 year

Includes:

- special social counseling
- legal counseling
- psychological help (including individual and group therapy)
- pedagogical help
- supporting programs (social therapy, interactive video-training, educational and reconditioned activities)
- specific programs for children (therapeutic and leisure time programs)

PROGRAMMES FOR WOMEN

- group therapy
- individual therapy
- English lessons
- computer lessons
- yoga
- belly dancing
- ceramics, making Easter and Christmas decorations, arts and crafts activities
- visit of visage consultant, hairdresser

PROGRAMMES FOR MOTHERS WITH THEIR CHILDREN

- individual planning of child's care
- video-training of interaction between mother and her child
- games for mothers and their children supporting their mutual relationship



PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN

- art therapy
- scene test
- game club
- children's club
- irregular activities:
visiting theatre, cinema,
swimming pool, horse riding...



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NONSTOP TELEFONNÍ LINKA: 283 892 772



OTHER ACTIVITIES OF ACORUS

- social flat
- courses for social and pedagogical workers
- topics: domestic violence, posttraumatic stress disorder, work with children-witnesses of domestic violence, communication, supervision, prevention of burnt-out syndrome
- preventive programs for students of secondary schools
- active work in Koordona, founder member

QUANTITATIVE INDICATORS OF THE YEAR 2009 RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES

SERVICE	FORM	NUMBER OF ADULT SERVICE USERS	NUMBER OF CHILDREN
ASYLUM SHELTER	Resident program	33	41
SOCIAL COUNSELLING	Non resident program	243	not applicable
SOCIAL FLAT (subsequent help)	Resident program	6	7
CRISIS HELP	Resident program	27	23
PROVIDED SERVICES	TOTALLY	309	71

ACORUS

- Nonstop help line: **283 892 772**
- Email: info@acorus.cz
- www.acorus.cz
- Bank account: 19-3938820257/0100
(Komerční banka)