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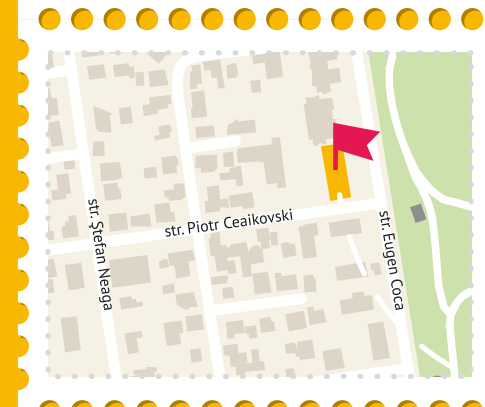
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## Who are we?

The Child Rights Information Center (CRIC) is a non-governmental organization, set up in 1999. All our programs are developed and implemented based on research and child rights. CRIC provides access to information related to children's rights for all interested and/or responsible parties.

## Our vision

Children enjoy their rights, their views are taken into account and they are empowered to participate in the different settings – family, school, community – being guided and supported by parents and professionals.

## Mission

We will work to ensure both children and adults are equipped with knowledge about children's rights, how to use them, and will support children and adults to participate in improving the realization of their rights.

## Focus and approach

CRIC interventions are based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and focus on the following five areas:

- children's participation in decision-making processes
- family environment (and alternative care)
- education
- protection of children from all forms of violence
- protection of children from economic exploitation and trafficking

These areas are interconnected and interrelated in the same way as the children's rights they correspond to.

CRIC contributes to the realization of children's rights especially through:

- supporting children's participation in the CRC monitoring process
- producing materials and tools as well as conducting training on children's rights issues (both for children and adults)
- strengthening the capacities of professionals working with children
- capacity building of the institutions responsible for the implementation of children's rights

For more information on CRIC overall goals and the specific objectives of our ongoing

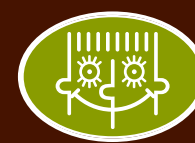
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# Our most important achievements

## dissemination of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)

CRIC has been spreading information about the CRC since its foundation, being among the first to raise public awareness on children's rights. We started with groups of volunteers, organized different activities and developed information and didactic materials for diverse groups of adults and children. Children and young people are actively involved in the dissemination of their rights, including the development of child friendly versions of the CRC.

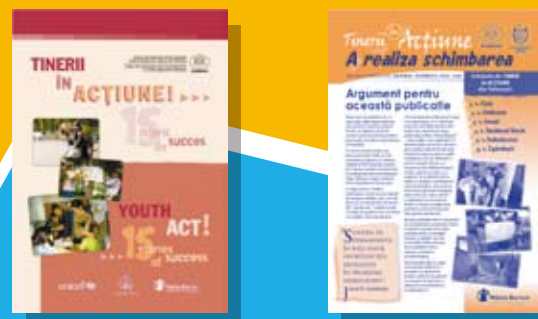
” The booklet “Child rights for all” includes useful information about difficulties we also faced. While learning about rights and monitoring their implementation, we gained great experience and developed our personalities.

Victoria, 15 year old



## children's participation

Empowering children to participate is our credo. We have developed various models of children's and young people's participation adapted for particular settings and diverse groups: school councils, local youth councils, “Youth Act” groups, children's parliaments, peer educators, small grants for children's initiatives, CRC monitoring groups etc. Striving to establish opportunities for children to take active part in their lives and environments we particularly support vulnerable groups of children.



## supporting children's involvement in the CRC monitoring process

” The Committee welcomes written reports and additional oral information submitted by child organizations and children's representatives in the monitoring process of child rights implementation by States parties, and encourages States parties and NGOs to support children to present their views to the Committee.

Committee on the Rights of the Child, *General Comment No. 12. The right of the child to be heard*, 2009, page 29

CRIC is among the first organizations worldwide to encourage children to take part in the monitoring of the CRC implementation. This offers children the possibility not only to learn about rights, but also to claim their rights by putting pressure on duty bearers to implement the CRC. Children presented their findings to local and national authorities, wider public and the Committee on the Rights of the Child. The summaries of their monitoring were included in two reports: *Life through children's eyes* (2008) and *Truth voiced by children* (2010).

” The project has shown children can raise issues at a government level, into mainstream media sources. [...] Children's Monitor is being routinely referred to by news media and academic and legal professionals. A significant achievement is the credibility that has been created for children's voices in the process of government. The meeting of children with the Parliamentary Committee resulted in a permanent mechanism being initiated.

Dixon, P., Executive Summary: Review of “Children Monitoring their Rights” Moldova 2010, page 5



## supporting integration of boarding school graduates

” The Committee is also concerned about the difficulties faced by children who leave institutional care at the age of 16, in particular with regard to their right to access education and to an adequate standard of living.

Committee on the Rights of the Child, *Concluding Observations: Republic of Moldova*, 2009, page 8.

Started in 2002, our comprehensive programme works to establish the conditions for the inclusion of children from boarding schools into society. The programme consists of interventions on many levels and involves relevant actors – starting with the training of professionals (teachers, educators and social assistants), building contact between boarding schools and communities, empowering children to take more control over their lives through live skills based education and finally supporting graduates from boarding schools to integrate in the new environment (further education, work, community).

” One of the main achievements of the project consists in the fact that at least 30 girls aged 16-18 are integrated in the society and are planning their future; they demonstrate livelihood skills and are empowered to follow personal objectives.

Evaluation report: *Hope is a waking dream - a decent life for young women in Moldova*, Andrei Brighidin, Soroptimist International, Union of Norway. 2009, page 20.



## supporting children left behind

Based on the research “Situation of children left behind by migrating parents” carried out in 2005, this program promotes a solution-oriented approach to migration consequences on children and families. We have created a training module for professionals working with families affected by migration, supported by a methodological guide. Also, series of unique booklets for children, parents and caregivers were developed to help them better handle the migration issues.

” A book, written in the Republic of Moldova, for the parents who migrate abroad for work, will be translated and adapted into French, in order to be used as a communication resource between the parents migrated to France and their children left behind in the origin countries as Romania, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Nigeria or Morocco.

Radio France International, 07.09.2009.

” The publications have been highly rated by a diversity of evaluation informants as being child-centered, comprehensive and solution-oriented – rather than only focused on warnings and dangers as most child protection information is often perceived.

Empowered to cope – children left behind. Save the Children Sweden. 2008.

