

Psychological and social functioning of children and teenagers in the context of social and moral threats. The problem of sexual abuse

The subject matter concerning a broad area of sexual abuse is characterized by its immense complexity. On the one hand, we have the victim who, in most cases, is left to themselves to come to terms with the harm done to them. On the other hand, we have the sexual deviant who often commits crimes of sexual abuse assuming there is little likelihood of their wrongdoing being uncovered. It is proved by the statistics which show that only 10% of cases of sexual abuse are detected. The article aims at presenting the problem of sexual abuse of children and teenagers in the context of their psychological and social functioning, in particular:

1. Raising social awareness concerning sexual abuse of children and teenagers.
2. Raising social sensitivity towards criminal activities of pedophiles.
3. Learning the ability to assess the behaviour of children who could have fallen victims to sexual abuse.
4. Providing knowledge on the subject of cyber threats prevention of children.
5. Gaining knowledge concerning where to seek help.