



BASIC INFORMATION OF THE WORK OF THE CHILDREN'S PEOPLE CORPORATION AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Pueblo de los Niños Corporation is a private, non-profit organization with Legal Entity 001217 (July 28, 1972), belonging to the Special Tax Regime - RTE.

It contributes to the social transformation of children and adolescents in situations of psychosocial risk, orienting them and their families, on how to prevent, confront and overcome these conditions, according to the particularity of each individual.

INSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES

Transcendent service: We are convinced that our actions with meaning will last in the long term.

Integrity: We develop our mission correctly, positively impacting the interests of other people.

Credibility: The beneficiaries trust the accompaniment of the Corporation and our benefactors are certain of the good use of their contributions.

Co-responsibility: We believe that the commitment must be shared.

Optimism: We trust and work for a better future.

For several decades, family dynamics in our Medellin contemplate an alarming panorama from the point of view of forced displacement and / or the need to survive economically as head of mothers and all that this entails, which forces them to be employed by extensive working hours or as domestic domestic workers, exposing their children to a socio - family risk, which motivated the start of the INSTITUTIONAL PROTECTION program. This program seeks to: provide comprehensive care in boarding school for children who could not count on the care of their mothers; offer psychosocial intervention to families, based on empowerment of their role, mobilization of support networks, and search for new work alternatives to ensure that their children go from being treated in the boarding school to the exterminated;

reinforce protective factors and strengthen personal and family aspects (management skills for access to education services, job training, artistic, cultural training, human training and / or psychosocial care).

Although the graduates of Institutional Protection continued to benefit from the Corporation through an activity initially called Scholarships, later complementary support, it was in 2015, after analyzing the situation of adolescents in the city: vulnerable population in notorious increase, low supply of preventive programs and / or focused on specific areas such as sport or culture, alarming levels of risks (substance use psychoactive, de-schooling, absence of adult caregiver, poor support network for families, among others), when the LIVES WITH SENSE program is structured in a rigorous and innovative way. This program initially involved adolescents graduated from Institutional Protection, also opening possibilities to expand coverage with other adolescents in conditions of psychosocial risk, to strengthen in them the personal skills, values and construction of their life project, with emphasis on attention personalized for adolescents and their families, through experiential methodologies and artistic activities.

Currently there are more than 120 participants.

The intervention process comprises three phases: admission, permanence and discharge, described below.

Income: requests for admission are received by referrals that identify risk situations that can be attended by the Corporation, evaluation and analysis of socio-family conditions is performed, diagnosis is made, the feasibility of admission is determined according to the level of risk psychosocial, and the action plan is drawn up. The risk situations are categorized in the personal, family and social dimensions.

Permanence: in this phase the action plan is executed, with personalized attention of the children and their families, through the linking to support activities, such as:

- Artistic and / or training workshops for participants and their families. They are spaces for reflection about their own personal processes that seek to strengthen personal and social values in children and for families the role they assume in the upbringing and care of their children.
- Individual and family psychosocial orientation. Process of professional intervention in the areas of psychology and social work, in which it intervenes and guides, with the purpose of generating transformation of personal aspects.
- Referral to specialized care. Interconsultation of neuropsychology and psychotherapeutic care is managed at the clinical level. Here families take responsibility to empower themselves with their own process and transform their reality. It seeks to generate a co-responsible attitude with a symbolic contribution for the payment of the consultation supported by the Corporation.

- Transportation assistance. It is granted to families with precarious economic conditions prioritized by greater vulnerability, in order to guarantee assistance to activities offered by the CPN and promote in them the honesty, trust, and responsibility in the correct use that they should give to this resource.

- Vocational orientation. Activity for adolescents in grades 10 and 11, in which it is intended to generate the identification of their skills and attitudes, motivating their life project at educational and / or work level. Promotes responsibility, commitment and integrity against desire in being and doing professional.

- Afternoon girls and boys. Space for teenagers. It seeks to favor and promote, focused on a gender approach: self-knowledge; self care prevention of gender violence, abuse, exploitation, consumption of psychoactive substances; and the acquisition of healthy living practices. Cohesion, sharing, respect for the other, inclusion, solidarity and empathy are also favored.

- Academic reinforcements. They are carried out according to the required academic needs of the participants in English, mathematics, reading and writing, and volunteers who share their skills to promote academic performance, avoid dropping out and motivate improvement and integral development.

- Educational outings. Activities focused on promoting the recreation, integration, cohesion, sharing and socialization of the participants, taking advantage of the city spaces, promoting cultural knowledge and the capacity for self-management of social resources.

- Youth accident policy. It offers 24-hour protection in the event of an accident, inside and outside the headquarters of the Corporation. It promotes self-care, responsibility and love for life.

- School campaign. Solidarity campaigns are managed to provide participants with school supplies, promoting gratitude and responsibility in their use and academic commitment.

- Family fair. Annual activity of integration of families, where they benefit from food packages and household items at symbolic prices, also generating cohesion, recreation, sharing and gratitude.

- Celebration of Gratitude. End of the year activity carried out with the participants, their families and godparents that seeks to promote the value of gratitude and joy for the process experienced during the year, through a celebration that generates reflection and recreation.

Exit: in this phase the level of autonomy and empowerment reached to reinforce the appropriation and strengthening of personal resources is evaluated. Risk reduction is evaluated, knowledge of support networks is strengthened and adequate family and social coexistence is projected, promoting protective and resilient factors.

Between January 2015 and June 2019, 339 children have been socially impacted in quantitative terms. 226 participants have graduated (34% for compliance with objectives, 13% for legal referral and 53% for other reasons)

The considerations for graduation are determined by:

Objective fulfillment: when they effectively exceed the reasons for admission, they are strengthened on a personal level, with criteria for decision making and autonomy for the construction of their life project; and his family is empowered by the daily performance of his role and function.

Legal referral: when the participant requires attention by a legal instance of specialized protection. Within the care process, cases are evidenced where rights are violated, so that psychosocial professionals report to legal instances of protection, which assume the case.

Other reasons: when the commitments contemplated in the pact of coexistence are not assumed and in spite of the follow-ups and interventions, the participants are not linked effectively in their process, when at their own request they refer not to continue in the process, or change residence which does not allow them to continue adhering in the process.

A survey is available as an instrument with pre - test methodology (moment of admission) and post - test (moment of discharge), which measures and allows to evaluate the changes and transformations that occur during the process of attention of the participants in the Three dimensions: social, family and personal.

Social dimension: evaluate opportunities in areas of education, use of free time and human development.

Family dimension: they evaluate family behaviors and dynamics by identifying psychosocial risks such as: absence of adult caregiver, inability to manage opportunities, inadequate parenting patterns, lack or failures in the support network.

Personal dimension: they evaluate personal behaviors by identifying risks such as: school dropout, consumption of psychoactive substances, behavioral difficulties, permanence in the street, work or child exploitation.

It is highlighted that the work methodology focuses on a psychosocial team that offers personalized attention, comprehensively and continuously accompanies personal and family processes based on psychosocial diagnosis, the elaboration of the action plan, case analysis and monitoring, management of community resources, activation of routes or social support networks; all with the objective of promoting adequate decision making, autonomy, empowerment, social skills, and self-management capacity of community resources.