

A Child with HIV is refused of care and support

It's already a few days that we are trying to provide a five year old child with daycare and food. Having no means of minimum subsistence, the child's mother earns her living by begging, involving the child in this lifestyle as well. It should be noted that besides the abovementioned illness, the child also has other diseases, such as mental retardation, infantile cerebral paralysis and skin disease.

Having neither authority nor resources for the provision of social assistance in regards to the child's daycare, we have applied to over 18 organizations, government agencies and non-governmental organizations. Some of them refused to accept the child due to the illness, the other part justified the denial with being overloaded, third part were motivated with the fact that there are other children in their institution and the child may be a threat to their health.

Realizing the fact that for some citizens inclusion of the child in appropriate kindergartens can be dangerous for the health of their children, however we believe that leaving a child helpless is illegal and inhuman. This child, like any child is in extreme need of food, shelter and care. Despite the fact that some NGOs have already provided some clothes and food, the problem of the child's day care still remains unsolved, and as a result the mother is unable to work and therefore cannot quit with beggary.

We are demanding from all relevant government institutions their quick intervention to the matter, as well as asking all the benevolent organizations and individuals to provide support to the child in his/her difficult times. All the interested persons can call to the Human Rights Defender's Office by **116** hotline number.

We are kindly asking the mass media to refrain from publicizing the identity of the child or her/his mother while disseminating this information, so that the kid does not appear in a more difficult situation.

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