

## « RESEARCH ON BULLYING ON A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OF ZAGREB »

A team of scientists from the University of Zagreb, Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation Sciences and co-operating institutions conducted a study entitled "**Research on bullying among children and young people in the City of Zagreb (IVNA-ZG)**". The study was initiated and financed by the City of Zagreb, City Office for Social Protection, Health, War Veterans and People with Disabilities. The PI of the study was Josipa Mihić, PhD. The aim of the study was to investigate the occurrence of bullying among children and young people in the city of Zagreb. For this purpose, a representative sample of primary and secondary school students for the city of Zagreb was formed. In addition, appropriate samples of parents and school personnel (teachers, lecturers, school counselors and school headmasters) of the schools were included. The survey was conducted from May to July 2023 online and via the pen-and-paper method. It consisted of a quantitative and a qualitative part, involving the perspectives of primary and secondary school students, their parents and school personnel, to examine the prevalence of bullying among children and young people. 2,075 students from 15 primary schools, 5,189 students from 16 secondary schools, 2,614 parents of primary and secondary school children and 712 members of school personnel contributed to the quantitative part of the study in order to gain insights into the phenomenon of peer violence and bullying. In the qualitative part of the study, 19 students, two teachers, one pedagogue and one school headmaster and three parents took part in the interviews and focus groups conducted at the primary schools, while 24 students, seven teachers, one social pedagogue, one school headmaster and eight parents took part in the secondary schools.

In addition to providing insight into the problem of bullying, the findings will be used to develop and implement evidence-based prevention interventions and other forms of support for children and young people, their parents and school personnel. The results of the study will be used for the creation of the Action Plan for the Prevention of Peer Violence of the City of Zagreb for 2024-2025. (Službeni glasnik Grada Zagreba 16/20, 17/21 i 29/21).

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