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MIASTA KATOWICE**

**Commitments of the City of Katowice to Implement the European Pillar of Social Rights**

**Commitment to Principle 11: "Childcare and Support to Children"**

"In 2024 and 2025, the City of Katowice will ensure the operation of 28 day support facilities for 700 children and young people from families facing challenges in providing care and fulfilling their educational responsibilities."

The main aim of the day support facilities is to assist and support families experiencing difficulties in fulfilling their care-giving and educational roles. A network of such facilities operates throughout our city, thus enabling work within the environment where the family functions. To adapt to the real problems faced by children/youth and their families, the facilities operate in various forms:

1. Care-oriented, including interest groups, community centres, clubs, and educational workshops, providing care, education, tutoring and academic support, free time organisation, recreation, sports activities, and interest development for children and youth.
2. Specialised – organising socio-therapeutic, therapeutic, corrective, compensatory, and speech therapy activities. Additionally, these facilities implement individual corrective, psycho-corrective, or psycho-preventive programs, particularly pedagogical therapy, psychological therapy, and socio-therapy.
3. Street-based work – conducted by educators, involving animation and socio-therapeutic activities.

The primary task of day support facilities is to maintain the child/youth in their natural environment by supporting the family's care-giving and educational functions. The priority is to effectively prepare the child/youth for independent living in adulthood by acquiring practical life and social skills while simultaneously supporting the family in overcoming care-giving and educational difficulties and providing specialised counselling.

The Municipal Social Welfare Centre runs five specialised community centres and three specialised youth clubs, providing 184 day support places for children and youth. As of September 2024, a fourth specialised youth club is planned to be created. The facilities provide free assistance to children, youth, and families at risk of disadvantage and social exclusion, including specialised therapeutic, psychological, and speech therapy support, socio-therapy, occupational therapy, social skills training, counselling. on care-giving and educational difficulties, assistance in school, family, peer, and personal crises, as well as social support, including meal provision.

Additionally, the City of Katowice funds the operation of 20 day support facilities run in various forms by non-governmental organisations, providing a total of 517 places. These facilities operate for at least 6 hours daily on each working day (in the case of community centres and youth clubs), three times a week for at least 4 hours daily (in the case of interest groups), and an average of 3-5 days a week for about 4 hours daily in the case of street-based work conducted by educators. During their stay at the community centres and youth clubs, participants receive two nutritious meals a day.



In 2024, Katowice will allocate a total of PLN 9,103,707.00 for this purpose (including PLN 3,914,387.00 for the eight facilities run by the Municipal Social Welfare Centre and PLN 5,189,320.00 for the 20 facilities run by non-governmental organisations).

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