



Youth Friendly Health Services for young people who use drugs in Ukraine

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*«I tried drugs for the first time when I was 14.
Well, the very first time I was 11.»*

(Oleksandr, 17)

*“I am in a difficult family situation. I left my
husband, he was a drug addict for more
than 3 years.”*

(Tetiana, 18)

*“Right now our country is really in a difficult
situation, but this should not be an excuse to forget
its most vulnerable children.”*

**(Oleksandr Mohylka,
COMPASS Center Director)**



TODAY'S YOUTH, TOMORROW'S KEY POPULATIONS?
SUPPORTING ADOLESCENTS AT RISK OF HIV

<http://afew.org.ua/en/today-s-youth-tomorrow-s-key-populations/>

<http://www.hivgaps.org/news/new-video-todays-youth-tomorrows-key-populations/>

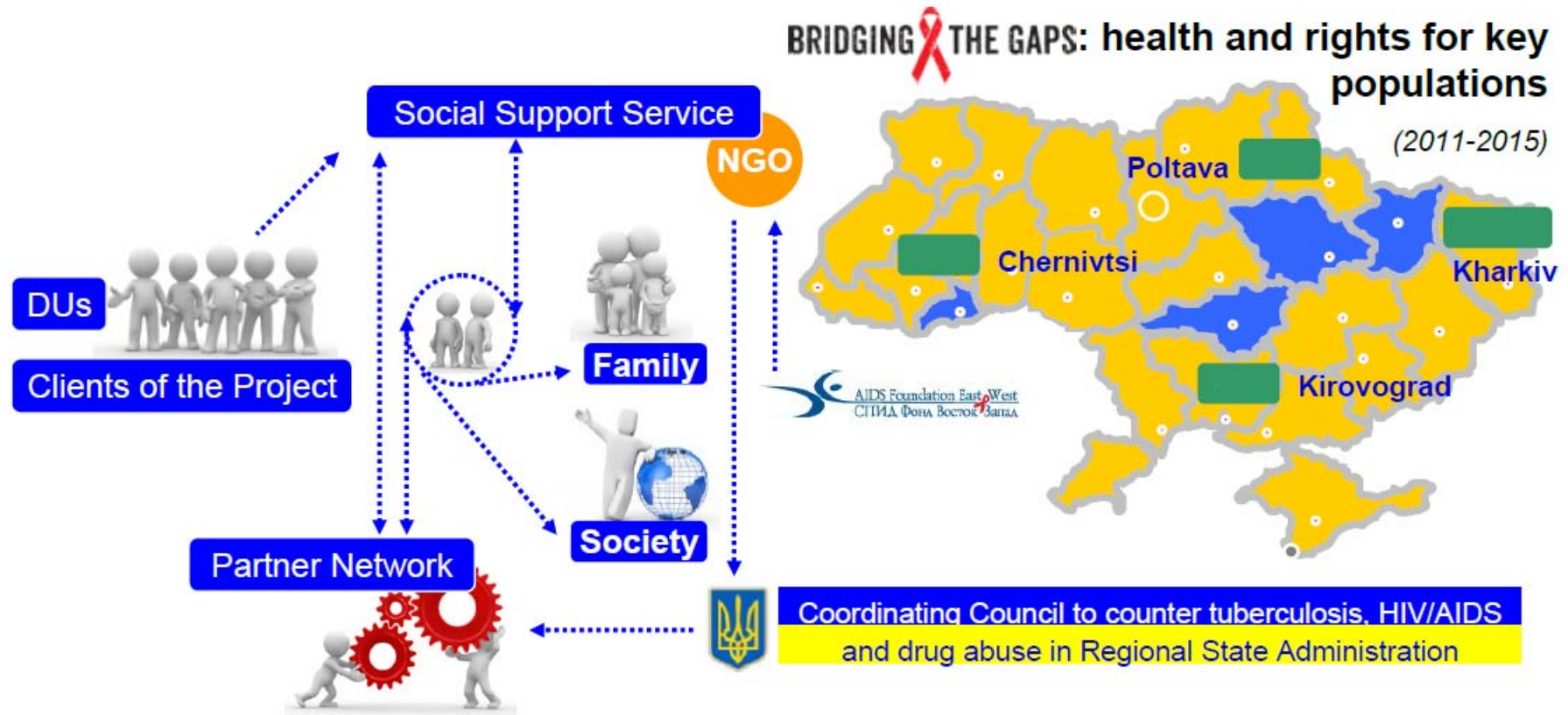
Service Providers Networks



Social Bureau Model

- ❖ Case management approach
- ❖ 3-6 months intervention
- ❖ Based on clients needs
- ❖ Work plan together with client – shared responsibility
- ❖ Link between different services within the city – partnership network

Building networks to help most-at-risk adolescents gain access to social and medical services





New methods and interactive approaches:

- **Family Group Conference (training cartoon):**
<https://youtu.be/3ligRnV0ZNE>
- **Interactive prevention board game “From Knowledge to Safety” (*similar to Alias*)**
- **Join-in Circuit - interactive exhibition**
- **Prevention Quests**
- **Knowledge Center (for professionals, for parents, for teenagers):** <http://knowledge.org.ua/>

Barriers and challenges

- **Legal Barriers** (*limitations regarding parents or legal guardian approval to receive services; medical services provided only if client has a passport or other equivalent official documents etc.*);
- **Lack of youth friendly services** (*staff often afraid to provide services to minors and/or do not know how to provide such services*);
- **Poor access to services** (*limited outreach, inconvenient working hours, far away from the city center etc.*);
- **Lack of / No trust to state service providers** (*bad reputation of state services, safety issues, previous negative experience*);
- **Lack of information about existing services...**

YOUNG PEOPLE NEEDS

- WHO ARE OUR CLIENTS?
- HOW OLD ARE THEY?
- DO THEY HAVE FAMILY? DO THEY HAVE SUPPORT?
- DO THEY HAVE RISKY BEHAVIOUR? WHAT KIND? WHY?
- WHAT DO THEY REALLY WANT?

YOUTH FRIENDLY SERVICES

- WHAT KIND OF FRIENDLY SERVICES CAN WE PROVIDE?
- WHERE ARE WE LOCATED?
- AT WHAT TIME DO WE WORK?
- HOW HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE FOUND OUT ABOUT OUR SERVICES?
- WHY SHOULD YOUNG PEOPLE TRUST US?



Thank you for your attention!

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