

Child and Adolescent Detoxification Centre (CaADC)



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SUMMARY: *This paper deals with the place of the Child and Adolescent Detoxification Centre (CaADC) within drug treatment in the Czech Republic. The CaADC was established in September 2003 with support from the Sisters of Mercy of St. Borromeo Hospital, where it is also located. The paper describes the work of the centre and its important role in the therapy of addiction to habit-forming drugs among children and adolescents. Its target population comprises children and adolescents below the age of 18 who have been using and/or experimenting with alcohol and other drugs. According to the ICD-10 criteria, this particular group of problematic young patients comes under the “dependence on psychotropic substances” category. The CaADC offers a comprehensive programme including systematic work with the family, school, and social assistants or probation officers. Subsequently, after the end of the therapy, the CaADC helps in providing follow-up treatment in both governmental and non-governmental facilities (NGOs). The centre also provides assessment and interpretation of data, such as that on progress tendencies, types of drugs used, and the levels of drug dependency.*

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