

MEDIA ADVISORY

UNICEF Weekly Events Calendar 19-25 October 2009

UNICEF supported events are an opportunity for the media to develop broader stories on child rights issues such as juvenile justice reform, quality education, early childhood development, mother and child health, social inclusion and poverty, child rights monitoring and more.

Date & Place	Title & Description
19-20 Strumica	<p>Training of Centers for Social Work on Parenting and Family Relations</p> <p>The Institute for Social Activities with UNICEF support will organize the last of three workshops for social workers from the 30 Centers for Social Work on parenting and family relations.</p> <p>The workshops are designed to strengthen the capacity of social workers to address the increased number of cases of child neglect and ill-treatment. This is part of the ongoing reform of the social protection system and directly supports the implementation of the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy Strategic Plan.</p>
20-21 Skopje	<p>Training of police workers on Juvenile Justice Law</p> <p>The Ministry of Internal Affairs with UNICEF support will organize training on treatment of juveniles in police procedure. This will be the second out of four basic trainings targeting police officers from all around the country.</p> <p>This is part of an ongoing reform of the juvenile justice system to ensure that the juveniles are dealt with in a manner appropriate to their well-being and proportionate both to their circumstances and the offense. It directly supports the implementation of the recently enacted Juvenile Justice Law and its Action Plan.</p>
21 Krusevo	<p>Training of foster families in Krusevo</p> <p>The Institute for Social Activities with UNICEF support will organize a training of foster families. The aim of the training is to provide tools and knowledge to families on how to foster a child. It is a practical workshop led by national team of experts that will help foster parents understand possible challenges in fostering a child and ways forwards. This activity is supporting the Government efforts to implement the National Strategy on De-Institutionalization.</p>

All media interested in developing a story around a UNICEF supported event are invited to contact Suzie Pappas Capovska, Communications Officer, UNICEF Skopje (02) 3231-150 (ext:127), 072 236 725 or spappas@unicef.org to make necessary arrangements.

Statements by the UNICEF Representative, Mr. Sheldon Yett are also available on request.