



GOALS FOR 2026

The Childhood and Adolescence Plan reach to 3.6 million euros

The young people are asking for the Police Force to come closer as a point of reference for protection and prevention

The strategy envisages creating a network of families with a lack of support who can help each other

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The National Plan for Childhood and Adolescence (PNIA) will have an approximate cost of 900,000 euros per year until 2026, which is the deadline for starting the 42 actions included in the document. This, foresees guaranteeing the exercise of the rights of children and young people, promoting equal opportunities for growth and development, protecting them against any risk situation and ensuring that they enjoy a safe environment and a time of quality with their families. Thus, to establish the objectives and strategies included in the text, the Ministry of Social Affairs, Youth and Equality, and the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, have collected the proposals of children and adolescents through individual questionnaires, activities and meetings. However, the participatory work process has been divided into two age groups, from 6 to 16 years and from 16 to 18 years. Regarding the total number of people who can benefit from the PNIA, in 2021 there were 12,639 children and adolescents in Andorra, of which 48.3% were girls and 51.7% were boys, a sum that represents 15.9% of the total population.

Among the actions they have proposed, the creation of a mixed commission made up of the Police Force and children and adolescents stands out in order to share worries and anxieties, identify areas and risk behaviors and propose joint actions, with the aim of detecting and intervening in situations that may affect people and public health, as well as provide them with greater security. In this sense, the Minister of Social Affairs, Youth and Equality, Judith Pallarés, indicated that this new action «surprised us a little», because they did not expect it



► Judith Pallarés and Ester Vilarrubla at the presentation of the National Plan for Childhood and Adolescence.

to be such a necessary demand for the group.

It should be noted that not all strategies are innovative, as some were already underway, but they are included in the PNIA because they are considered to need a change, either in the age ranges, their content or in their vision. For example, one of the actions in the document envisages expanding the frequency of public transport in the periods of greatest influx of young people in all parishes, a measure that has recently been defined with the reinforcement of the service during the school year, but which in this case focuses on the time slot that corresponds with nighttime leisure. It is also for this reason that the budget item of the PNIA is not exact, since while some points only need modification, others will need to be fully developed through campaigns and, as a result, will have a higher cost. Along

these lines, Pallarés pointed out that «we need to work much more on dissemination, enhancing the actions that have already started and introducing new ones».

the figures

12,639 children and adolescents can benefit from the PNIA, according to 2021 data.

48.3% of all minors in the Principality in 2021 were girls.

15.9% of Andorra's population last year were children and adolescents.

Another of the main strategies requested by young people is to expand information on sexual health and sexually transmitted diseases, while disseminating existing services in relation to this matter. At the same time, they request the facilitation of access to contraceptive methods.

The text also includes the creation and dynamism of the network of families who can support each other, for the attention and care of children and adolescents. In relation to solidarity, the PNIA envisages strategies such as the creation of a market for the collection of school supplies or guaranteeing access to connectivity and computers for all families.

Of the 42 strategies included in the PNIA, 36 will be led by the Government - distributing them by ministries -, one by the General Council and five by the municipalities.

In addition, a person from the Department of Youth will be responsible for coordinating the monitoring and compliance of the plan. In this sense, the Minister of Education and Higher Education, Ester Vilarrubla assured that «publishing, presenting and validating the plan was important, now the follow-up must be done so that it is carried out». However, Vilarrubla asserted that the intention is that all actions end up being fulfilled, because «we see them as viable». At the moment, there are still four years left to achieve the goals set.

At the same time, during the presentation of the PNIA, Pallarés also announced that there are already two teenagers taken in at the Residential Intensive Education Center (CREI), and that in the coming weeks there may be another transfer, waiting for the demands that exist in the Batllia. ≡

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MINISTER OF YOUTH

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Social educators warn of the lack of dissemination of their work

The workers of the sector come together with the purpose of making the profession known in the economic fields

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The Professional Association of Educators and Social Educators of Andorra (Apeesa) warns of the lack of dissemination and knowledge of the work of Social Education in the country. This was stated by the secretary of the board of directors of the organization, Cristel Torné, who indicated that the purpose of forming the association is «to create a space of its own and to give legal personality to the collective of educators and social educators in the country to make people understand the importance of our work in the professional field.»

Despite the fact that the specific lines of work that the board of the association wants to undertake will be defined during the general assembly that will take place next Oc-

The members of the organization assure that their professional figure experiences a growing need

Apeesa was born to provide more answers to the community problems that arise in the country

tober 27th, Apeesa made it clear after its constitution that «it is a relatively new figure in Andorra and its implementation is still lacking in many economic areas outside the traditional ones». Following this line, Torné emphasized that the accompaniment includes «from the early ages of birth and childhood to the mature stage and old age».

At the same time, the association was introduced as a unifying action by social educators in order to optimize a unified response to community and social problems at the national level, since «there is still a lot of work to be done here and we are just beginning to show ourselves», Torné pointed out, while adding that this is a professional figure with a «growing need» following situations such as the pandemic.

As for the public act of presentation of Apeesa, the initial composition of its members consists of fifteen professionals from the sector,



► A moment from last week's official presentation of Apeesa.



CRISTEL TORNÉ
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION

«[The accompaniment] encompasses from the early ages of birth and childhood to old age»

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although during the staging that took place last Thursday at the Cultural Center la Llacuna «we receive more registrations, together with numerous emails to request information and initiate new memberships to the association».

According to Torné, «it was very emotional to see how, after so many years behind an idea, it is starting to take shape». In the same way, she explained that for more than five years the country's social educators have tried to unite in a professional grouping, but the outbreak of the pandemic in between and the lack of will of some members led to the delay of the administrative procedures to make its creation effective.

On the other hand, Torné stated that they are currently in the process of creating an official profile on

the social networks Instagram and Twitter with the aim of «opening more communicative doors» aimed at the largest possible sector of the population to extend the message from social educators.

Regarding the representation of an iceberg in the association's logo, Torné explained that it is a metaphor that is transferred to the profession of social educator. «We only see the top layer of the person we work with. We must look for what is not seen, work with the root, like the part of the iceberg that is hidden under the surface of the water», she indicated, adding that in the eyes of the people, only appreciates the visible side of the work done, «without taking into account everything that is behind the results obtained». ≡

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