

On July 1, 2016, pursuant to a decision by the administrator, the EMMI Zalaegerszeg Children's Home and the EMMI Kalocsa Children's Home were integrated into the EMMI Esztergom Children's Home, a multi-purpose child protection institution, and came under joint management.

The established Esztergom Special Children's Home Centre, Primary School and Vocational School was tasked with creating cost-effective organizational frameworks for the provision of tasks in special children's homes.

Because of the integration, three special children's homes, based in Esztergom, started operating as one institution with a total of 160 beds:

Providing special care services for 64 (girls) in Esztergom, 56 (boys) in Kalocsa and 40 (boys) in Zalaegerszeg.

The children's home provides special care to those 12 years old children (in exceptionally justified cases who have reached the age of 10) and whose place of state care has been designated by the guardianship office based on the expert opinion of the National Child Protection Committee.

The task of the children's home is to provide therapy, adapted to the child's condition and needs within the framework of special care for the child who

- has a severe neurotic or psychotic condition or
- is committing serious acts of violence (severe dissocial) or,
- is a regular user of psychoactive drugs or
- has an acquired immunodeficiency syndrome or
- is a suspected victim of human trafficking
- has double needs

requires special therapy.

Among its core activities of the children's home is to provide general and vocational school education for the children with special needs.

The children with special care are living in family-oriented groups in the youth centres and their school education is carried out in the institution's independent public

education unit. Special educational practice and therapeutic activities for the development of personality are defined in the Children's Homes Professional Program.

Our most important task is the development of various intellectual, emotional and social competencies, the formation of a realistic self-image, responsibility, and the step-by-step development of self-control through behaviour regulation.

Our goal is to empower our children with special care to be able to comply with basic human and social norms and rules through special development. At the same time, they should acquire knowledge and values that can be followed by temporary placement in the pursuit of studies and on the work force for the foundation of human and family life later. With our work we contribute significantly to the reduction of criminal vulnerability, to juvenile drug and crime prevention.

Specially trained specialists, psychopedagogists, social pedagogues, therapeutic and development pedagogues work with the children, who we provide local psychological and medical care too.

Our network of contacts has been built up with a large number of civil and ecclesiastical organizations, whose professionals are significant voluntary helpers in the development processes and the implementation of diverse leisure activities, programs and events.