



# SUCCESS STORIES

## PROVIDING PM CARE FOR CHILDREN OF FORMER VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING IN ALTERNATIVE CARE CENTERS

The alternative after-school care facilities "Grandma's Home/Other Home" in Shkoza (Tirana) and Shkodra, run by Different and Equal, care for children of mothers, victims of trafficking and victims of domestic violence after the official opening hours of public care centers, from Monday to Saturday. As a community service, the centers are carefully selected to be as close as possible to the children's families and easily accessible to them. To shorten the distance between the alternative care center and the children's families, the service provides safe transport from childcare/nursery to the center and back home.

**Services provided at these Centers include:** Nursing and care, hygiene and health, food, games for children, evaluation and psychological support, etc.



**"Before, my daughter was very quiet and did not talk, but now that she attends the Alternative Care Center she is starting to talk and interact with other children. Now I can work and not be concerned about my child"**

**-explains M.L., parent of a daughter**

**"Since my children started to come to the alternative care center, I am more focused at work"**

**-says P.P., a mother of two children**

The children at the center, are actively involved in a variety of activities that are carefully planned by the caregivers. At the same time, special attention is given to the educational and entertainment needs of the children (depending on their age). Children attending school are assisted daily by teachers while doing their school homework, which significantly improves their results.