

General information

The Ministry of Human Resources (hereinafter referred to as "EMMI") Special Children's Home, Elementary School and Vocational School operates from July 01, 2016 by merging three former separate central special youth centre. Esztergom is the seat of EMMI Children's Home Esztergom as well as the premises of the EMMI Children's Home Kalocsa and EMMI Children's Home Zalaegerszeg as a task providing the core activity.

The institution is a central special children's home in accordance with legal requirements. The governing body is the EMMI, the central management and maintenance body is the Directorate-General for Social and Child Protection. Providing home care in the context of child protection grants the institution special child-care services in national competence for children aged 10 or over with severe psychological or dissocial symptoms, who are psychoactive substance users and children with dual needs in child protection.

Placement of children is carried out by a guardian's office based on the expert opinion of the National Child Protection Committee. The placement is temporary, the children spend on average 2 years in the institution, but after-care services can also be provided.

There can be 64 girls (Esztergom) and 48-48 boys (Kalocsa - Zalaegerszeg) placed with a permitted capacity of 160 persons. 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 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. We have significant relationship with a large number of civilian and ecclesiastical organizations, their volunteer assistants help in the development process and in realising leisure activities, programs and events.