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STATE FAMILY POLICY OF UKRAINE: CURRENT STATE AND PROSPECTS

The article is devoted to topical issues of forming state family policy in Ukraine. The aim of the article is the analysis of the implementation of the provisions of the Concept of State Family Policy, approved by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on September 17, 1999 № 1063-XIV definition of up to date its actual basis, as well as the prospects of renewal. The study of this Concept shows that some of its provisions are reflected in the legislation and do not require additional consolidation. The other part of this Concept is becoming more and more relevant and can serve as material for further improvement of legislation in the field of family.

Socio-economic and political reforms in Ukraine have affected the social sphere, which has affected the standards of living of every family. Turbulence in the political, social and economic spheres hurts socially vulnerable groups, namely low-income families. Unemployment, the state of war, the decline of moral values lead to an increase in the number of impoverished families, abandoned children and orphans, the intensification of crime and the involvement of children in it. It should be understood that this will inevitably lead to an increase the number of children in boarding establishments.

The article criticizes the National Strategy for Reforming the System of Institutional Care and Upbringing of Children for 2017–2026, approved by the order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated August 9, 2017 № 526-r. The strategy envisages reforming of the boarding education of children without binding to other

social institutions and social processes. For example, this Strategy ignores the global issues that need to be address. Without its addressing in any case, the results can never be achieved. In particular, the increase in jobs, overcoming unemployment and poverty, reforming the education system, as well as sport and cultural upbringing of children, creating conditions for the development of their creative potential, etc.

The author concludes that the purpose and action plan of this strategy do not meet the general principles of rulemaking, will not ensure the best interests of children. The relocation of uncharacteristic functions of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine to develop such an important document has led to a lack of the specifics of the tasks and its executors, which indicates an improper understanding of the real state of legislative support of this area of state activity. As a result, it will lead to unjustified spending of public funds and funds of communities, investors, volunteers, business circles, and probably will not improve the child's position in society.

The author defends the position that the development of such a strategy should be preceded by a concept prepared and approved by the state legislature on the provision of responsible executors and delegation of executive functions.

Keywords: principles of family policy, family law, children's rights, orphans, children deprived of parental care.

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