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Prof. dr. sc. Gordana Buljan Flander je klinički psiholog, integrativni psihoterapeut, sveučilišna profesorica, sudski vještak i ravnateljica Poliklinike za zaštitu djece i mladih Grada Zagreba.

Ekspert je Vijeća Europe na brojnim europskim projektima i konzultantica UNICEF-a Hrvatske, Slovenije, Srbije, Crne Gore. 1997. godine osnovala je Hrabri telefon, liniju za zlostavljanu i zanemarenu djecu, a 2002. godine inicirala je osnivanje Poliklinike za zaštitu djece i mladih Grada Zagreba, koja je još uvijek jedina specijalizirana ustanova za sveobuhvatnu zaštitu zlostavljane i zanemarene djece u ovom dijelu Europe. Koordinira, educira i supervizira brojne projekte usmjerene na

promicanje dobrobiti djece, kao i stručnjake iz institucija koje se bave zaštitom djece. Kao sveučilišna profesorica posvećena je prenošenju znanja mladima, te predaje na više fakulteta i mentorica je doktorskih, magistarskih i diplomskih radova. Također educira i mentorira studente/edukante u specijalizacija dječje integrativne psihoterapije.

Dobitnica je brojnih nagrada za svoj rad: 2008. godine dobila je nagradu Međunarodnog društva za prevenciju zlostavljanja i zanemarivanja djece (ISPCAN) multidisciplinarnom timu Poliklinike. Dobitnica je nagrade Grada Zagreba (2011.) za najveća postignuća i rezultate u teorijskom i praktičnom radu u području psihosocijalne i zdravstvene zaštite; nagrade „Zlatni grb“ Hrvatskog psihološkog društva (2012.), te nagrade „Snježana Biga Friganović“ Hrvatskog psihološkog društva (2010.) za poseban doprinos organizaciji, radu i razvoju Hrvatskog psihološkog društva. 2018. godine je od Ministarstva za demografiju, obitelj, mladež i socijalnu politiku dobila nagradu za životno djelo u promicanju dječjih prava, a primila je i državnu nagradu za znanost za 2019. godinu.

Osim kliničkog rada izravno s djecom i obiteljima, aktivna je i u znanstvenom području. U suradnji sa stručnjacima Poliklinike i Hrabrog telefona organizirala je i provela više nacionalnih istraživanja o izloženosti djece zlostavljanju i zanemarivanju i o njihovoj zaštiti. Autorica je i suautorica više desetaka znanstvenih i stručnih radova, jedanaest knjiga i brojnih poglavlja u knjigama i sveučilišnim udžbenicima. Predsjednica je Povjerenstva za zaštitu mentalnog zdravlja djece i mladih Grada Zagreba tijekom i nakon COVID-19 krize, koje je recentno provelo istraživanje mentalnog zdravlja djece i mladih uslijed pandemije u potresa na više od 22 000 sudionika.

Već 40 godina radi s djecom i obiteljima, a u javnosti je prepoznata kao zagovornica promicanja dječjih prava, a posebno zaštite djece od zlostavljanja i zanemarivanja. U podizanju javne svijesti o dječjim pravima na život bez

zlostavljanja intenzivno surađuje s medijima u Hrvatskoj, kao i u susjednim zemljama.

Short biography

Prof. Gordana Buljan Flander, Ph. D. is a clinical psychologist, integrative psychotherapist, university professor, court expert and director of the Child and Youth Protection Center of Zagreb.

She is an expert of the Council of Europe on numerous European projects and a UNICEF consultant for Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia and Montenegro. In 1997 she founded "Brave Phone", a phone line for abused and neglected children, and in 2002 she initiated the establishment of the Child and Youth Protection Center of Zagreb, which is still the only specialized health care institution for comprehensive protection of abused and neglected children in this part of the Europe. She coordinates, educates and supervises numerous projects aimed at promoting the welfare of children, as well as experts from child protection services. As a university professor, she is dedicated to educating young people, she teaches at several universities and is a mentor of doctoral, master's and graduate theses. She also educates and mentors students specializing in child and adolescent integrative psychotherapy.

She has won numerous awards for her work: in 2008 she received the award of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) to the multidisciplinary team of the Center. She is the winner of the City of Zagreb Award (2011) for the greatest achievements and results in theoretical and practical work in the field of psychosocial and health care; the "Golden Coat of Arms" of the Croatian Psychological Society (2012), and the "Snježana Biga Friganović" award of the Croatian Psychological Society (2010) for special contribution to the organization, work and development of the Croatian Psychological Society. In 2018, she received the Lifetime Achievement Award in the promotion of children's rights from the Ministry of Demography, Family, Youth and Social Policy, and she also received the 2019

State Science Award.

In addition to clinical work directly with children and families, she is also active in the scientific field. In collaboration with other experts, she organized and conducted several national surveys on children's exposure to abuse and neglect and their protection. She is the author and co-author of dozens of scientific and professional papers, eleven books and numerous chapters in books and university textbooks. She is the President of the Commission for the Protection of the Mental Health of Children and Youth of the City of Zagreb during and after the COVID-19 crisis, which recently conducted a survey of the mental health of children and young people due to the earthquake pandemic on more than 22,000 participants.

She has been working with children and families for 40 years, and is recognized by the public as an advocate in promotion of children's rights, and in particular the protection of children from abuse and neglect. She cooperates intensively with the media in Croatia, as well as in other countries, in raising public awareness of children's rights to life without abuse.