



The Republic of Serbia
Autonomous Province of Vojvodina

**Provincial Secretariat for
Higher Education and Scientific Research**

Project title: RECOGNIZING VIOLENT BEHAVIOUR AS THE BASIS OF PRIMARY PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AT PRESCHOOL AGE

The project focuses on researching various predictors of violent behavior in preschool children. Project results are expected to help point out the indicators for preschoolers who are at risk even if they currently do not show violent behavior and shall thus improve the quality of primary prevention of peer and family violence later in life.

The research aims to determine if preschool children are able to recognize violent behavior of other children against themselves, whether preschool teachers are able to recognize indicators of different types of violence against children, and which parenting styles parents use as predictors of violent behavior in children. The research sample consists of preschool children, parents, and teachers in preschool institutions in the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina.

The research is expected to offer important information on the indicators of violent behavior in preschool children. Research results shall enable identification of the required emotional and social skills of children and preschool teachers and will be used as the starting point for defining suggestions for primary prevention of violence through adequate contents implemented in courses taught at Preschool Teachers' Training College in Kikinda. In the final phase of the project activities, these suggestions shall be published as a monograph.