

The Value of Multidisciplinary Approaches to Child Abuse Prevention: Best Practices and Sustainable Applications from Greece

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Integrated Efforts to Prevent Child Abuse

- How can the different sectors contribute?
- Public Health Initiatives
- Education
- Legal and Policy Interventions
- Medical Community
- Social Work and Counseling
- Community Programs



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- How can the different sectors contribute?
- Research and Data
- Law Enforcement Training
- Media Campaigns
- Cultural Initiatives
- Technology
- Child Participation



The value of such collaborations is substantial and multi faceted:

Enhanced Detection & Early Intervention

Comprehensive Assessment

Integrated Care & Support

Legal & Protective Measures

Education & Training

Research & Policy Development

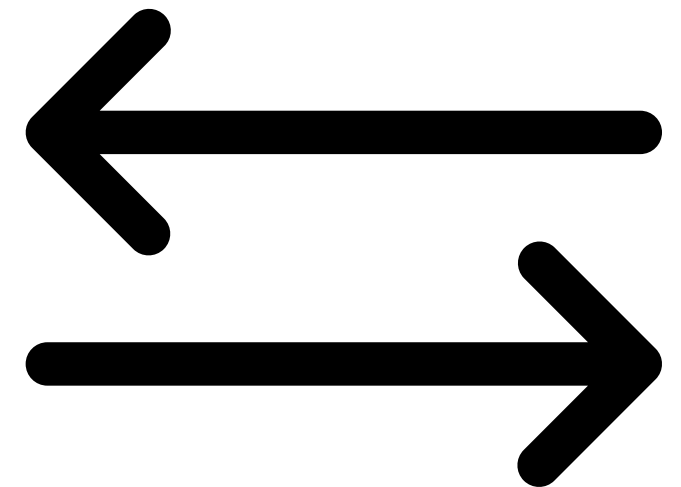
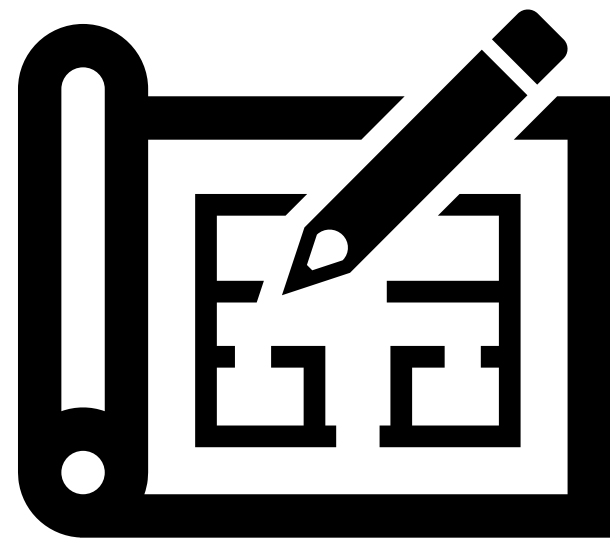
Long Term Prevention

Systemic Change & Sustainability

Continual Learning & Improvement



Design Evaluation Feedback Adjustment





Sustainable Applications of Multidisciplinary Team Approaches

- Integrated Service Delivery Models
- Ongoing Training and Development
- Policy Development and Advocacy
- Research and Evidence-Based Strategies
- Community Engagement and Education
- Technology and Innovation
- Cultural Competence and Advocacy



The Child Protection System in Greece

Lack of national
registry for reporting
and recording abuse
cases

Lack of central agency
for the coordination of
social service providers
in abuse cases

Unclear legal frame of
reference

Understaffed Social
Service Agencies

Lack of training for
professionals working
with children

Lack of foster care
system



ELIZA-Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Highly specialized NGO, established in Greece in 2008 with the purpose of **protecting children who have suffered or are in danger of suffering abuse or neglect.**

Our activities focus on the **prevention, detection and rehabilitation of abused children and on the training and support of professionals.**



4 Pillars of Activities

Capacity Building & Empowerment of Professionals Working with Children

- Specialized Training Courses
- Helpline

Sexual Abuse Prevention Training for Schools

- K-3rd Grade
- 4th – 6th
- High School

Family Support

- Specialized Publications
- Webinar Series

Awareness Initiatives

- Nationwide Prevention Campaigns
- Digital Information Platform



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in numbers



**7.500 physicians
and nurses**

who are near children have been trained
in the identification and management of
cases of any form of child abuse



**4.700
educators**

have been trained on how to identify child
abuse and neglect and how to handle
cases of suspected child abuse



1.470 police officers

have been trained in the official CHILD ABUSE
MANAGEMENT INSTRUCTIONAL PROTOCOL, used
by 900 police departments around the country



**1.000
professionals**

working with children have been trained in the
recognition and management of child abuse



115.000 guides

"You are not born a parent, you become one" &
"Shaking baby Syndrome"
have been distributed to parents/caregivers




ELIZA – WEBINAR SERIES

Monthly Webinar Series for all stakeholders:

Parents
Teachers
Healthcare Professionals
Lawyers
Preschool Workers
Police Officers
Social Workers

Topics Include:

Abuse Recognition and Reporting
School Violence
Technology Dangers & Online Abuse
Handling Abuse Disclosures



ELIZA – SAFE TOUCHES PROGRAM

Sexual Abuse Prevention
Program for Children 5–9
years of age.

In person and
digital delivery

Empirically Validated for its Effectiveness

Adopted by the
Ministry of
Education

Training all stakeholders



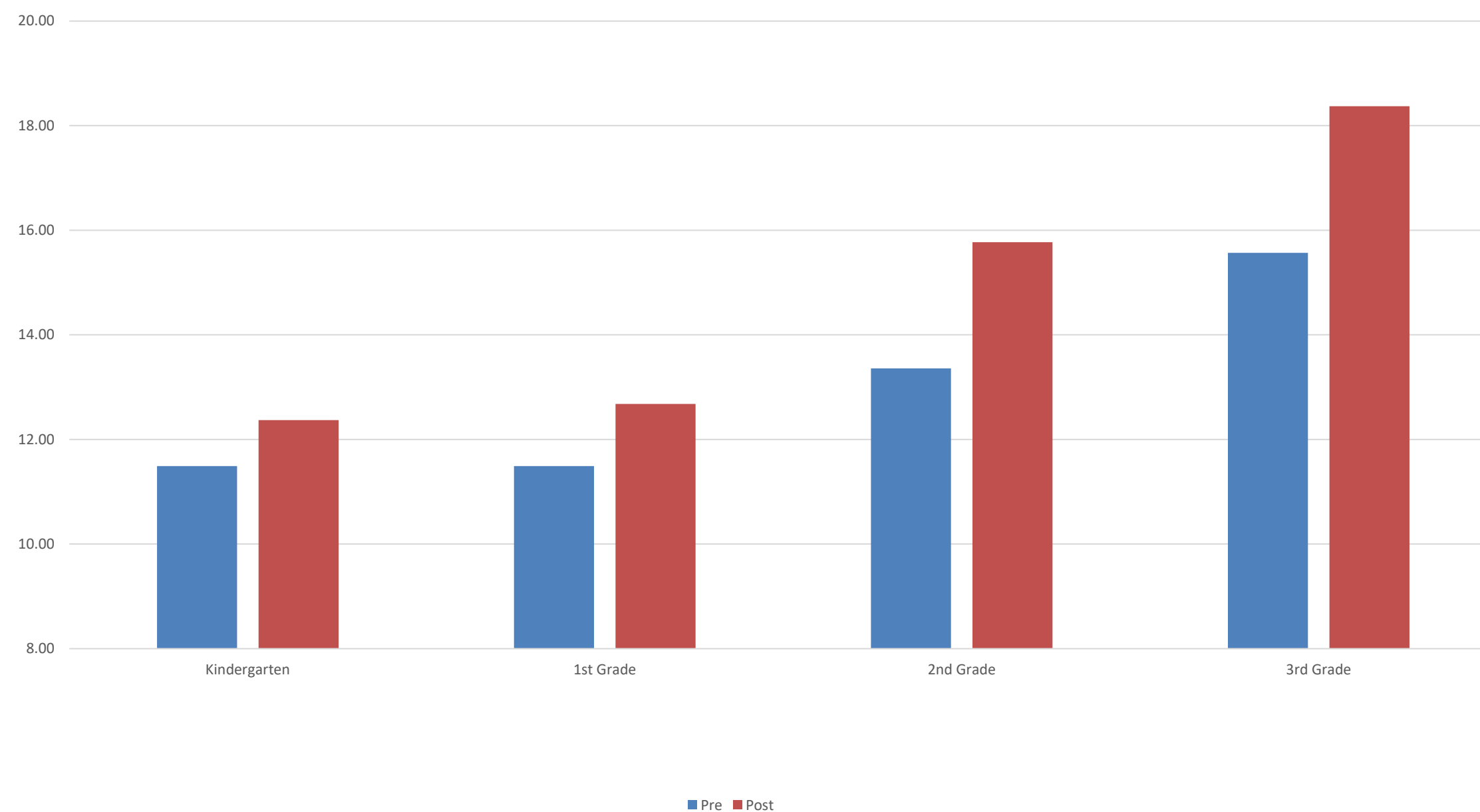
ELIZA – SAFE TOUCHES PROGRAM

- ❖ School-based sexual abuse prevention program for children in grades K-3.
- ❖ Teacher Workshop
- ❖ 40-50 minute interactive workshop.
- ❖ Parent Workshop.
- ❖ Facilitators use puppets to help kids learn and practice safety concepts.
- ❖ Developed and implemented by The NYSPCC since 2007.
- ❖ Adapted to Greek language and culture in 2016
- ❖ 30 minute digital interactive workshop



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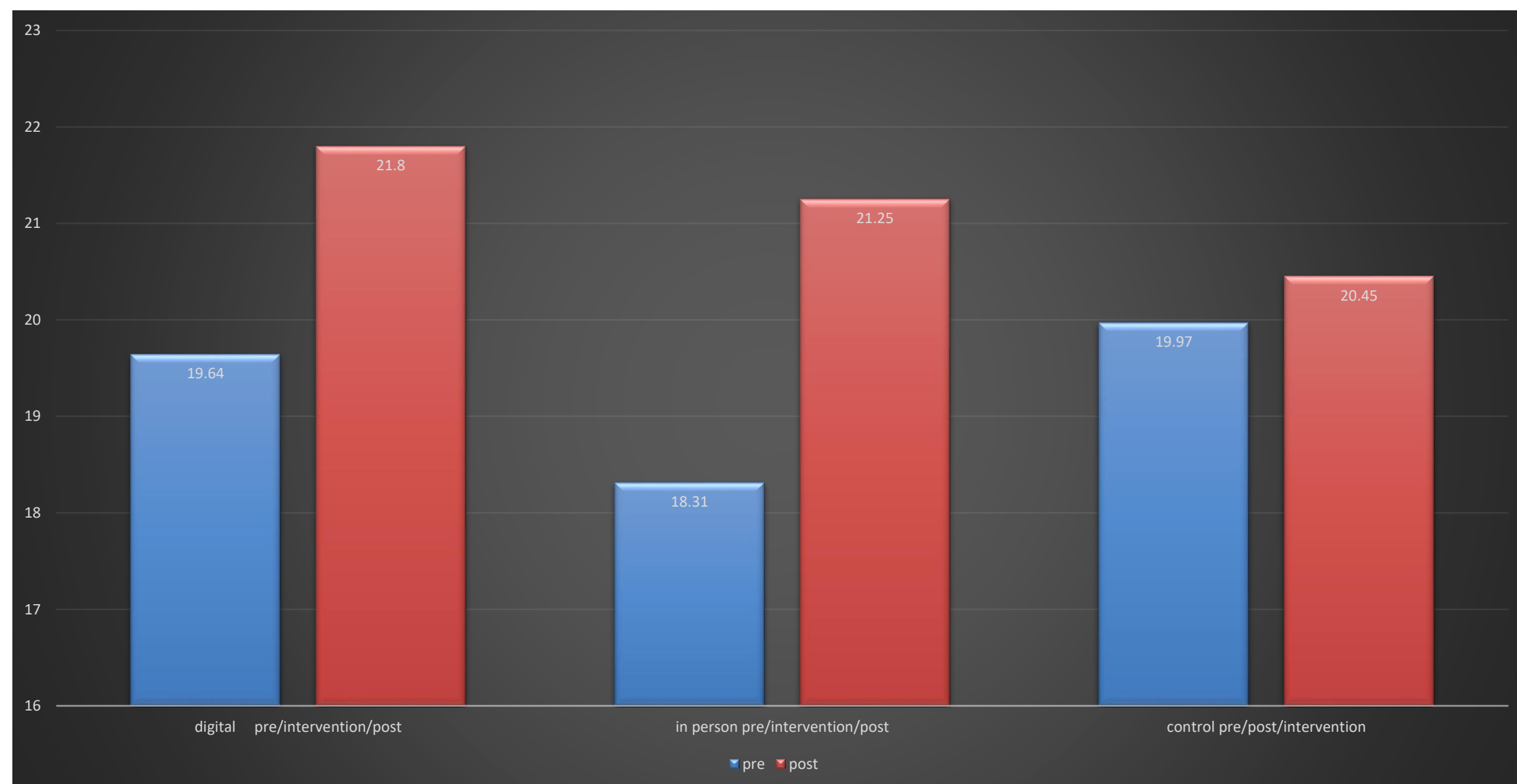
In-Person Delivery Knowledge Gains





ELIZA – SAFE TOUCHES PROGRAM

Digital Delivery Knowledge Gains



ELIZA – HELPLINE FOR PROFESSIONALS

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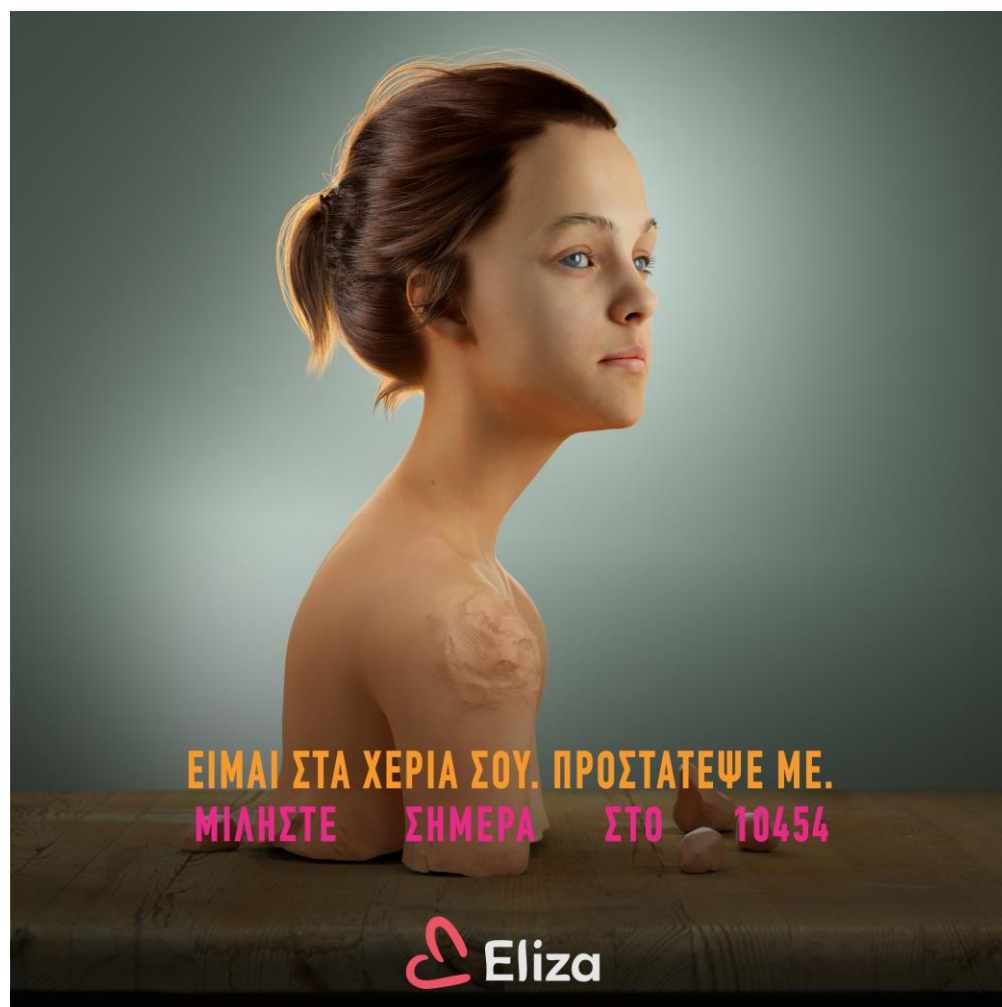
Providing assistance,
psychological support
and legal counseling



Over 300 calls in
the first year of
operation

The majority of the callers were
directly involved with the
alleged victim in a professional
capacity

ELIZA – MEDIA CAMPAIGNS



World Child Abuse Prevention Day



ELIZA Helpline for Professionals

ELIZA – FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- Working with and for the Press/Preventing Revictimization
- Training of Sport Coaches on the Recognition, Report and Prevention of Abuse
- Supporting High Risk Families





KEY TAKEAWAYS



Significance of
multidisciplinary collaboration



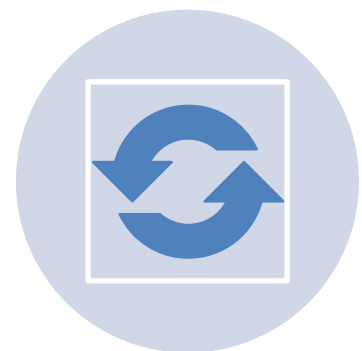
Clear Roles and
Responsibilities



Team Dynamics and
Communication



Practical Applications



Continuous Improvement

THANK YOU!

