

## **Fight Against Sexual Abuse in Chile**

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### **BICE fights against sexual abuse**

Since 1997, BICE has worked with its partners in Chile to defend [children's rights](#).

The "[Fight against sexual abuse](#)" programme in Chile aims to:

- Reduce situations of violence and the risk of abuse,
- Provide good therapeutic support to sexual abuse victims
- Promote [resilience](#) and recovery of child sexual abuse victims
- Teach children to identify dangerous situations that can lead to sexual violence
- Educate children and adults about sexual abuse, to reduce the number of incidents
- Train children to be promoters of a culture of welfare
- Promote [good treatment](#) within couples, families, schools, and the community
- Encourage children to stand up for their rights
- Strengthen the [BICE Chile network](#) for more impact at local and regional levels
- Train childhood professionals to improve care of children
- Train professionals in [advocacy](#) and to promote the application of children's rights.

### **Activities against sexual abuse**

- Training professionals who work with children on:
  - Resilience
  - The psychological approach to sexual abuse
  - Interviewing child victims
  - Choosing the appropriate therapy for abused children
- The development of a training manual for childcare professionals,
- Training of youth, educators and representatives of relevant institutions and organizations, to promote correct welfare and to organize [a week of "vaccination" against abuse](#)
- Using the "Grain of Sand" method in schools: this method includes a series of sketches of violent situations (physical violence, humiliation, sexual abuse ...). Through discussion, children are encouraged to identify risks and devise strategies, according to a proven protocol. The "Grain of Sand" method also involves the use of adult mediators. These are adults within the school with whom children are comfortable disclosing any problems regarding sexual abuse. These adults are trained to listen to the children and to direct them to appropriate services.

## Key figures

In total, over 75,000 children in Chile are involved in activities against sexual abuse

- 75,000 children benefit directly from activities for the prevention of sexual abuse
- 700 child victims receive counselling
- 1,600 children participate in the Grain of Sand method
- 11 organizations are directly involved in the project