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## SOCIETY

# The number of minors assisted by Social Affairs increased by 10.7%

During 2023, the SEAIA intervened in 339 children

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During the year 2023, the Specialized Child and Adolescent Care Service (SEAIA) intervened with nearly 239 families and 339 children and adolescents. This represents an increase of 10.7% in the number of children and adolescents cared for compared to last year, a figure that the Minister of Social Affairs and Civil Service, Trini Marín, attributes to the work done by the Government, from which many tools have been created for the detection and prevention of cases of these children who may find themselves in a situation of risk: «Cases have increased, but we must be realistic and all the work that is has done is the best way to detect and be able to prevent».

Regarding all the children and adolescents assisted, the 11- to 15-year-old age group is the most intervened (134 cases). Marín pointed out that the reason why this group stands out is because they are «more prolific ages», and they attribute this to different aspects such as, for example, that at these ages young people are more likely to report certain situations, that parenting is difficult at these ages, as well as the same behaviors of young people with addictions to certain toxic substances or scre-

### THE FIGURES

## 10.7%

Increase in children and adolescents treated at the service.

## 68 CASES

Open during 2023.

## 49 CUSTODY

Withdrawals during 2023.

## 20 CHILDREN

They received post-adoption follow-up.

ens, among others. In this sense, the minister pointed out that from the Executive they will continue to provide tools and help in accompanying young people, and stressed the importance of cross-cutting work between the different ministries and with other institutions to see what the measures to be added. In this regard, and when asked about the comments of last

## 8 FILES

For alleged sexual abuse of minors.

## 6 FILES

For alleged episodes of acute physical abuse.

## 9 YOUNG PEOPLE

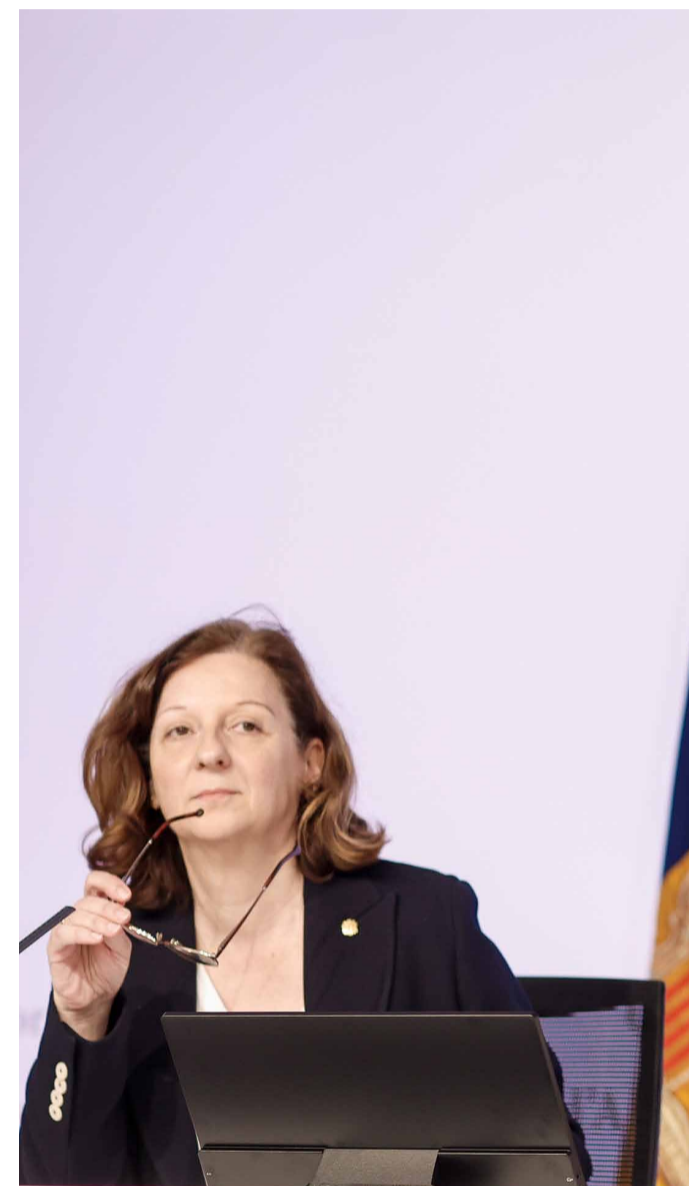
In the residential scheme of the CREI.

## 11 YOUNG PEOPLE

In the day service of the CREI.

week's Citizens Reasoner, the minister assured that «everything that contributes to improvement is very important» and, moreover, it is crucial that there is «more detection and support effective' already from childhood to prevent certain behaviors and also to help these young people get through a difficult time.

Going into detail, it should be



The Secretary of State for Social Affairs, Ester Cervós; the Minister of So

noted that of the 339 children who were cared for during 2023, 68 correspond to new files and, specifically, 49 have involved a withdrawal from custody. Marín pointed out that this does not mean that these children have been referred to the Gavernera, but that different mechanisms have been activated for their reception. With regard to the type of problems, it should be noted that 31% of the children and young people treated were in situations of neglect by the parents towards the minors, and 23% were teenagers in risky behavior.

In parallel, the Child and Adolescent Care Area also has the Forensic Psychologist Service, which attends to minors who are in a legal process when they



cial Affairs and Civil Service, Trini Marín, and the director of the Department of Children, Adolescence and Youth, Laura Mas.

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the operation of the Ministry of Social Affairs, in which there are 172 workers, 83 of which specifically in the Department of Children, Adolescence and Youth.

**FOSTERING** // During the presentation they also explained that 41% of adoptions were fostered for more than four years. For this reason and to enhance acceptance, the Minister of Social Affairs explained that she is working on a modification of the regulations with the aim of providing more information and enhancing knowledge of this program, as well as to respond to the demands of families who would be willing to do short-term fostering, such as taking in children from La Gavernera by the families of friends or classmates during the weekends.

**CREI** // In 2022, the residential center for intensive education (CREI) was put into operation and served 20 young people, 9 of them in residential care and 11 in day care. Asked about the young man who ran away from the center last month, the minister remarked that «all efforts and protocols are underway to find this young man».

Finally, Marín said that in the summer a program will be carried out that will offer job training to 10 young people who will be able to enjoy their first job in some ministries. ●

### TRINI MARÍN

MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SERVICE

«Cases have increased, but we have to be realistic and all the work that has been done is the best way to detect and be able to prevent»

«This transversal work of the ministries is very good and must continue. It's the way to see what measures we need to add»

are considered possible victims of sexual abuse or acute physical abuse. In 2023, 14 cases were carried out, of which eight were cases of alleged sexual abuse of minors and six of alleged episodes of acute physical abuse.

For her part, the Secretary of State, Ester Cervós, explained

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