

“I am going to court” (“Idę do sądu” - published in 2002 by Nobody’s Children Foudnation) is an activity book for children to help them in getting ready for witnessing in court. It is dedicated for younger children (5-12 years old) and should be filled in by a child under the supervision of a professional or a parent or a caregiver. By short and easy description it helps to understand the institution of court , court procedures and the role and obligations of a young witness.

The booklets instruct psychologists and parents about how to familiarize the child with the court and persons who he or she is going to meet there, and the situations to be expected during the court proceedings. There is some space for drawings in order to help children communicate their fears and imagine themselves in situations they have to face. In the book there are answers for questions the young witness usually have, such as: what will happen if I am nervous, sad or I start crying; how long will I have to stay there, what will they ask me about. In the first part of the book there is description of the court room and the people that take part in the trial. Last page of the booklet contains the basic advices for parents and caregivers how to support child in such a difficult moment.

The book was published in Poland in 2002 by Nobody’s Children Foundation. Within the frame of the project “Childhood without abuse – towards a better child protection system in Eastern Europe” realized in 2005 – 2009 by Nobody’s Children Foundation and supported by Oak Foundation, the book is being adopted to the specific situation of children witness in 6 countries.

So far in 2006 we have adopted and published, together with NGO Children Support Center from Vilnius, the book in Lithuania. The book got the recommendation of the Ministry of Justice of Lithuania.

In Latvia we have adopted the book together with NGO 'Dardedze' Centre, published in 2006.

The book is now being adopted in Bulgaria, Ukraine, Moldova and Macedonia