



**ARSIS, ASSOCIATION FOR THE SOCIAL SUPPORT OF YOUTH**

## Our Shelters: “Shelters for unaccompanied minors“

Three shelters operate under the supervision of ARSIS and in cooperation with the Ministry of Labour, Social Welfare and Social Solidarity and European Refugee Fund.. The shelters are located in Oraiokastro - Thessaloniki, **in Makrinitza - Volos** and in Alexandroupoli.

Target group:

Unaccompanied minors who are refugees, and who travel great distances, endangering their life in order to arrive to Greece. They seek a new country in order to have a decent life and to be able to find shelter, food, education, work and social protection. According to the international and national regulation, the rights of these children need to be respected and the best interest of the child needs to be taken into account.

The provided services are:

- Immediate intervention in the detention centers in the borders of the country (Alexandroupoli- Ferres, Orestiada).
- Reception of unaccompanied minors during their release from detention and care for the preservation of their basic rights and needs.
- Accommodation during which the following services are offered:
  - Sheltering, food and provision of basic necessities
  - Greek language lessons
  - Healthcare provision in cooperation with the local health clinics.
  - Organization of educational, social and recreational events and interlinking with educational programs and creative activities.
  - Psychosocial support.
  - Information and support for independent living, social inclusion and facilitation the procedure of entering the job market.

-Legal assistant in the procedure for asylum applications.

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