LABORATORY OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY: TRAINING, RESEARCH AND PRACTICE

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

NATIONAL AND KAPODISTRIAN UNIVERSITY
The Laboratory of School Psychology: Training, Research and Practice (former Center for Research and Practice of School Psychology CRPSP), Department of Psychology, University of Athens, was founded and operates since 1999. It is based on a multilevel model linking theory, research, training and school psychological interventions in schools, institutions and other settings and its actions are implemented in cooperation with Graduate Program in School Psychology. The Laboratory aims at the prevention and promotion of mental health, learning and resilience in the school and family contexts, hence the connection and cooperation of the University with schools and local authorities.

The specific goals of the Laboratory are based on the following interrelated axes:

- **Education and training** undergraduate and graduate students, teachers, mental health professionals and parents on issues of prevention, mental health promotion and facilitation of learning
- Development, implementation and evaluation of primary and secondary level prevention programs and provision of consultation services in schools (evidence-based interventions)
- Provision of mental health and consultation services in the school community and education settings
- Promotion of positive school climate and resilience and wellbeing in schools and educational settings
- Research
- Publications
- Cooperation of the University with schools, local authorities, national and international psychological associations

**Scientific Team**

Director: Dr. Chryse (Sissy) Hatzichristou, Professor of School Psychology and Director of the Graduate Program in School Psychology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

The scientific team of the Center comprises of faculty members, school psychologists, PhD candidates and graduate students of School Psychology, as well as graduate students of Graduate Program in School Psychology and scientific associates.

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domains of action

training

in cooperation with Graduate Program in School Psychology, University of Athens

- Summer School of School Psychology
  - 2nd Summer School of School Psychology
    “An ecological approach to psychological well-being: The role of teachers and schools”
    Prof. Bonnie Kaul Nastasi (April 12-13, 2014, Athens)
  - 1st Summer School of School Psychology
    “Response to intervention: A system of improving the learning and behavior outcome for all students”
    Prof. George M. Batsche (June 26-27, 2010, Spetses)

- Training seminars in “Social and Emotional Learning” (2004-)

- Specialized training in crisis management (2008-)
  - Crisis Intervention & Recovery: The Roles of School-Based Mental Health Professionals, Prof. Stephen Brock & Ass. Prof. M. Reeves (March, 28-29, 2009, Athens)
    - «Crisis Prevention, Preparedness, Intervention & Recovery: The PREPaRE Model of School Crisis Response» (April, 5-6, 2008, Athens)
  - The impact of disaster on the community and on schools: An interdisciplinary approach
    Prof. Mooli Lahad, (June 1, 2008, Athens).

- Specialized teachers’ training seminars in the context of Project C4C for psychosocial support issues during economic recession, promotion of a positive school climate and resilience in the school community (2012-)
in cooperation with Graduate Program in School Psychology, University of Athens

- Program for the psychosocial support of refugee children in the school community (2015-)
- Project Connecting4Caring (C4C),

in cooperation with Society for School and Family Consultation and Research

“**WeC.A.R.E.**”: International e-Learning Specialized Teachers’ Training and Intervention Program for the Promotion of Positive School Climate and Resilience in the School Community (2012-2016)

“**Ε.Μ.Ε.Ι.Σ.**”: Teachers’ training and intervention program for the promotion of a positive school climate and resilience in the school community (2012-2013)

“**Supporting in Crisis**”: Teachers’ training and intervention program for the psychological support of children in the period of economic crisis (2011 –2012)

Foundations: Stavros Niarchos Foundation, M. Tsakos Foundation, elpis, Solidarity Now 

Participants: 757 teachers, 297 schools, 11,103 students


- Crisis management program in school community (2004-)
  - Social and Emotional Learning in School –Program for the provision of mental health and learning in school community (2004-) (Participants in Greece & Cyprus: 900 teachers & 15000 students)

Program of psychosocial support, counseling and intervention for remigrant and immigrant students (1998-1999)
Research Programs (indicative, recent)

Greek
- School climate, psychosocial adjustment & wellbeing of students in primary and secondary education during economic crisis (2015-)
- Examination of individual and contextual factors contributing to resilient classrooms and schools in Greece (2013-)
- Evaluation of the effectiveness of the program for psychosocial support and provision of psychological services in the context of the program “Education of Roma children” (2011-2015)
- Evaluation of the effectiveness of the program WeC.A.R.E.: International e-Learning Specialized Teachers’ Training and Intervention Program for the Promotion of Positive School Climate and Resilience in Schools of primary and secondary education (2012-2016)
- Evaluation of the effectiveness of the program Ε.Μ.Ε.Ι.Σ.: Teachers’ training and intervention program for the promotion of a positive school climate and resilience in the school community (2012-2013)
- Master theses (Graduate Program in School Psychology, University of Athens)
- Doctoral dissertations

International
- Participation in international research projects in cooperation with International School Psychology Association and Graduate Program in School Psychology, national and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- An examination of individual and contextual factors contributing to resilient classrooms and schools: (SSSP/ISPA) (2013-)
  - Promotion of Children’s Rights Internationally (20014-)
  - Crisis Intervention in the School Community
  - School violence and school safety
  - Provision of School psychological services in different countries

Publications (indicative, recent)

Greek


Hatzichristou, C. (Ed. and co-author in each volume) (2011a). *Social and Emotional Learning in School: Program for the Promotion of Mental Health and Learning in the school community: Educational material educational material for teachers and students of Grades K-2: (it includes 12 volumes with theory, research findings and in-class activities)*. Athens: Tipothito.

Hatzichristou, C. (Ed. and co-author in each volume) (2011b). *Social and Emotional Learning in School: Program for the Promotion of Mental Health and Learning in the school community: Educational material for teachers and students of Grades 3-6: (it includes 13 volumes with theory, research findings and in-class activities)*. Athens: Tipothito.

Hatzichristou, C. (Ed. and co-author in each volume) (2011c). *Social and Emotional Learning in School: Program for the Promotion of Mental Health and Learning in the school community: Educational material for teachers and students of secondary education: (it includes 13 volumes with theory, research findings and in-class activities)*. Athens: Tipothito.


**International**


Special Issues

- **Greek**


- **International**


Booklets


Conferences / Paper Presentations (greek-international)

Conferences

- 1st Panhellenic Conference of School Psychology (19-22 November 2015), Department of Psychology and Center for Research & Practice of School Psychology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, in cooperation with the School Psychology Division of the Hellenic Psychological Society, School of Philosophy, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens


Presentations

- Invited Addresses & Invited Symposia
- Symposia & Round tables
Domains of action in the community

- Lectures in cooperation with school administrators of primary and secondary education
- Psycho-Pedia (9th Seminar Cycle), Department of Psychology & Center of Research & Practice of School Psychology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- Training seminars for crisis management in the school community
- Alumni Network of Graduate Students in School Psychology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- Events-ceremonies at the completion of the programs implemented in schools

Cooperation with authorities/ scientific organizations

_in cooperation with Graduate Program in School Psychology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens_

Greek
- School Psychology Division, Hellenic Psychological Society
- Center of Multicultural Education, University of Athens
- Regional Directorate of Primary & Secondary Education
- School administrators of Primary and Secondary Education
- Offices of Education Abroad Coordinators
- Greek schools and schools of other countries

International
- International School Psychology Association (ISPA)
- National Association of School Psychologists, USA (NASP)
- American Psychological Association (APA), Division 16 of School Psychology, Globalization of School Psychology WG
- International Institute of School Psychology