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## Justice and Children

You can solve your problems with us, it is never too late



Offender integration  
Victim participation  
Community protection



# For children under 15 years of age and their parents

## What was next?

We will tell you several stories:

- I. **Klara, a pupil of the 6<sup>th</sup> class of the Primary School, got angry, and threw a stone on her classmate Zdenek; the stone hit him in his eye and caused him a serious injury. Klara had been a problem-free pupil, who had never had problems with behaviour, but she had been quite intolerant of Zdenek recently.**
- II. **Jana, a pupil of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade of Elementary School, had desperately longed for a mobile phone. During the break, while there was no one in the classroom, she took her classmate's mobile phone from his school bag.**
- III. **Jirka and Marek have behaviour problems at school. They had picked out their classmate Dusan as a victim, and they had repeatedly been attacking him for no reason. Everything resulted in having broked Dusan's arm during one of the attacks.**
- IV. **Peter, together with his friends had been often going to a nearby hayloft. It was a place where they could hide themselves, and they would go there to smoke in secret. Once Petr wanted to show off, and he set one of the straw bales on fire. The whole hayloft burnt down (completely), and one of his friends was seriously injured.**

The police promptly investigated all cases and identified the culprits (offenders). All the children ended up in court, where they had to answer for what they had done. The judge ruled that, in Klara's case, a hearing before the court would suffice, and imposing other measures wasn't necessary, because Klara and her parents had made contact with Zdenek and his parents through the Probation and Mediation Service. Klara apologized to Zdenek, and the parents have agreed on compensation for Zdenek's injured eye. In Jana's case, the judge ruled that Jana would have to attend an educational program in the Educational Centre. The judge imposed supervision by a probation officer to Jirka and Marek. Petr had already had some serious educational problems earlier, therefore the judge ruled to impose protective custody, and Petr was taken to a juvenile justice centre. All the cases had something in common: the children caused problems to themselves, and to their parents and friends. The cases didn't end by mere hearing before the court. The children and the parents had to comply with what they were imposed by the court.

## What will happen next with Jirka and Marek?

Supervision by a probation officer has been imposed to both of them. It means, that the probation officer will regularly monitor their behaviour, and speak with them and with their close relatives about how to prevent potential problems. The judge who has imposed supervision is interested in how Jirka and Marek live, therefore the probation officer informs him about their behaviour, both at home, and at school. Supervision will be under way so that the children will regularly attend the PMS centre with their parents, and the probation officer will also visit them at home and at school. Once upon an agreed period, e.g. a half-year, everyone will gather and assess, whether there has been a remedy, and whether a proposal for termination of supervision may be submitted to the court, or whether it is still necessary to continue supervision.

**Whether these stories are like yours, or not, please do not hesitate to come to us.**

