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COMBATING DRUG ADDICTION AND ALCOHOL ABUSE AS BACKGROUND FOR THE CRIME PHENOMENA: CHARACTERISTICS OF PRIORITY AREAS AND MEASURES

This article is devoted to the research of combating drug and alcohol abuse as background for the crime phenomena. It is affirmed that the main objectives of anti-drug and anti-alcohol policy should be: general anti-drug and anti-alcohol education and upbringing of the younger generation, formation of a negative public attitude to these phenomena; consistent measures for reducing the consumption of drugs and alcohol production by the population in case of a complete state monopoly; prevention, elimination or mitigation of socially negative, including criminal consequences of drug and alcohol abuse by the population; guaranteeing protection of interests of citizens, families, society and the state against drug addiction and alcohol abuse processes; realization of public health protection, especially young people, prevention of degradation of population's gene pool, stabilization and improving social and demographic situation.

The author suggests to develop a normative and legal act that would regulate the following issues: determining institutions providing appropriate specialized care, their objectives and

tasks; assignment, modification and discontinuation of compulsory treatment; the legal status of persons placed in the institutions providing specialized care; grounds and procedures for using special measures of medical and correctional influence; liability for unlawful placement in a rehabilitation center, specialized medical and correctional institution; the individual's right to appeal or a court's decision about compulsory treatment; lawyer's participation in a court sitting, etc. It is emphasized on the feasibility of starting full-scale medical and social rehabilitation system.

The following main ways of special counteraction to drug addiction and alcohol abuse should be outlined: stoppage of using drugs and alcohol and being intoxicated in appropriate public places; identifying haunts and persons providing premises for producing and using drugs, alcohol and harlotry, involving minors; establishing people violating the rules of alcoholic products' trade, producing and storing with the aim of selling alcohol drinks without special permission; prevention of family alcoholism and drug addiction; purposeful anti-drug and anti-alcohol propaganda.