Special Testimony Project
**Special Testimony Project** aims to develop and disseminate non-revictimizing methodologies for hearing children and adolescents (victims or witness of sexual abuse) in the Security and Justice System, as well as within the bodies in charge of protecting children and adolescents in Brazil.

**This methodology requires the following:**

- the reduction of times that a child/adolescent testify;
- a friendly room;
- existence of a multidisciplinary team trained in forensic interview with children;
- recording the children interview in order to make it follows the process.
Launched, with the attendance of Queen Silvia, the first edition of the RESEARCH: Testimony without Fear (?): A Map of Practices for Taking Special Testimony from Children and Adolescents, during the III World Congress Against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents, in November 2008, in Rio de Janeiro, which gathered delegations of nearly 150 countries.

I INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM “Non-Revictimizing Cultures and Practices for Taking Special Testimony from Children and Adolescents, in August, in Brasília, counting on 8 foreign delegations (Argentina, Canada, Cuba, Spain, United States, England, Lithuania and Malasy) and 200 participants. August 2009.
NATIONAL COLLOQUIUM: The Special Testimony of Children and Adolescents and the Brazilian Judicial System, in partnership with the National Council of Justice (CNJ). November, 2010

The recommendations/results of such event supported the National Council of Justice (CNJ) to issue RECOMMENDATION 33/10, which recommended the creation of specialized services for special hearing/testimony of children and adolescents (victims or witness) in judicial processes.
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Conclusion of the RESEARCH entitled “National Map of Alternative Experiences on Special Testimony of Children and Adolescents in Judicial Process: State of the Art”

Up to May 2012, 42 SPECIAL ROOMS were created in 15 States of Brazil, in the frame of the Justice System, being expected more 54 NEW ROOMS in 2013.
Two TRAININGS in Forensic Interview with Children and Adolescents: Skills and Ethics were held in partnership with the National Children’s Advocacy Center (NCAC).

40 technicians trained from Rio Grande do Sul (Porto Alegre, April 2012) and 50 technicians trained from 20 Brazilian States. (Recife, August de 2012).
SEMINAR
Methodological Assumptions and Distinctions and Complementarities between the roles of the legal Authorities and Interdisciplinary Teams”
August 2012, Recife

AGREEMENT between the National Council of Justice (CNJ) and Childhood Brasil in order to promote actions towards Childhood protection in Brazil. Brasília, Oct 2012.
In Progress (2013):

• I DISTANCE LEARNING TRAININGS in Rights of Children and Special Testimony, in partnership with the National Council of Justice and UNICEF, 50 participants. November/December 2013.

With the support of the National Children’s Advocacy Center (NCAC) Childhood Brasil is also organizing three LIVE TRAININGS in Forensic Interview with Children. Nov/Dec. 2013, being:

• 1 Training for interviewers (50 participants)
• 1 Training for Trainers (10 participants)
• 1 Training for State Supervisors. (27 participants)
In Progress (2013):

2 PUBLICATIONS:
- Map of Special Rooms in the Brazilian Judiciary;
- Reference GUIDE for Training Professionals in specialized hearing, including the Special Testimony of Children and Adolescents.
- Advocacy within the Secretariat of Human Rights (SDH) in order to create a multi-institutional WORKING GROUP for proposing a National Protocol for Hearing Children and Adolescents in Brazil.
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