

## WHAT IS PAPAZ NETWORK?

A Colombian entity that was born in 2003 with the task of being a civil force that represents fathers and mothers, making visible the main factors that affect the construction of a positive cultural environment for childhood and adolescence, with the capacity of influencing in a decisive way, so that the citizenry, the State, the media and other public and private organizations fulfill the pertinent laws and be socially responsible. PaPaz Network operates inside an absolute economic, political and religious independence.

- To generate greater awareness and to have more information available in order to assume better prepared the great responsibility in the upbringing and education of children and adolescents.
- To create impact and positive changes in the environment in which our children grow.

We achieve our Task with our following Programs:

- I Protect you: We are partners and administrators of the formal complaint virtual line for the protection of the childhood and adolescence in Colombia, [www.teprotejo.org](http://www.teprotejo.org) where sexual abuse contents (videos, pictures), commercial sexual exploitation and children's pornography in Internet is reported; as well as sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages and other psychoactive substances, inappropriate contents in media, school intimidation, cyberharassment, mistreatment, abandonment and children's labor, among others.
- Learning How to Be PaPaz (Mom and Dad): Hand in hand with experts, specific contents have been developed so that fathers, mothers and childminders have tools to better educate their children and to support them in their formative teamwork. PaPaz Kit helps in prevention and handling of school intimidation, consumption of alcohol by under 18s, suicide, risk of on-line sexual abuse and inclusion among other topics. More information in [http://redpapaz.org/index.php?option=com\\_k2&view=item&id=736:kit-papaz](http://redpapaz.org/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=736:kit-papaz)
- Soul Shields Fair: Good practices are spread for the promotion of childhood and adolescence rights and care in the family, school and public environment. Since 2009 nineteen fairs have been carried out in eight cities, with the participation of 23.489 people, 225 presentations of experts, 264 initiatives and we have obtained 95% satisfaction from the participants. Learn more about us entering [www.escudosdelalma.org](http://www.escudosdelalma.org).

Protective Angel: It is a PaPaz Network Program that has as partner "The Colombian Institute of Family Welfare" (ICBF) that aims at generating conscience on the illegality and unsuitability of alcohol consumption by under 18s and it invites to report sale, supply and consumption cases through [www.teprotejo.org](http://www.teprotejo.org). This initiative works especially hand in hand with establishments which commit themselves to sell alcoholic beverages to over 18s, to establish protocols for handling these situations, to make visible the logo of the Program and to carry out an economic contribution.

- Mobilizations PaPazha Network elaborates several mobilizations that generate conscience on childhood and adolescence protection in Colombia.

2012: The Mobilization for Responsible Contents was carried out in The Media; 21.601 signatures were collected from citizens who demanded that youth radio stations presented appropriate contents for under 18s. We managed to work hand in hand with the State and the private sector to generate conscience on these contents.

2013: Mobilization "VERY Indignant" at children's pornography, in which 40.596 people demanded that children's pornography contents in Internet were blocked. Soon after this Mobilization, the Secretary TIC hand in hand with presidents of Service Supplying Companies for Internet signed the Pact against the Children's Pornography in Colombia. Likewise, a reduction in the blocking time of children's pornography contents in Internet has been evidenced. As a result of this task, PaPaz network has become an international referent regarding on-line children's security.

2014: Mobilization “I am Conscious and I COMMIT MYSELF”: which makes a call to the citizenry to promote actions from their environment for the protection of under 18’s and to report cases that may affect them through [www.teprotejo.org](http://www.teprotejo.org). So far this year more than 15.000 signatures have been collected.

How PaPaz Network operates:

PaPaz Network works hand in hand with public and private educational institutions which make an economic contribution for the Network support when they become members. Up to October 31 2014 we count on 495.677 fathers and mothers in Colombia engaged through 389 educational institutions which are affiliated in 18 departments.

Coordination with affiliates and allies as well as positioning

- Periodic meetings with the PaPaz Network leaders from the Affiliated Institutions, where advances are presented, suggestions and requests are received and experiences are shared. Rectors of institutions are invited occasionally since PaPaz Network counts on their permanent guidance. Experts participate in the monthly Work Meetings of Media, TIC and Healthy Life, as well as in the periodic meetings of Programs and Projects.
- The PaPaz Mail Monthly Virtual Bulletin that reaches more than 48.774 subscribers and it is in the 125 issue.
- The Virtual Social Networks: Facebook with 6.544 friends, Twitter with 5.493 supporters and more than 50.286 reproductions in YouTube.
- appearances in the media.

At present PaPaz Network strives to expand its work to other countries, starting with Mexico where activities are being carried out for the setting up of a Mexican fathers and mothers Network.



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