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## STRUCTURAL POSITIONING AND PRACTICAL DIMENSIONS OF VOLUNTEERING IN THE CONTEXT OF SOCIO-PEDAGOGICAL WORK WITH DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN<sup>8</sup>

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**Abstract:** *The current challenges before the socio-pedagogical work with children and youth, who are in a state of inequality, require the appropriate consideration of the existing strategies and approaches for the implementation of the supportive activity, oriented to the considered target groups. Key in this regard is the issue of clarifying the positional determinism of the so-called secondary levels of support and especially of those related to the voluntariness and free initiative of members of civil society. The report presents the main definitive aspects of volunteering as a conceptual construct. The most important parameters of the structural positioning and the practical dimensions of volunteering as an aspect of the helping activity are analyzed. Such a research perspective is needed in order to find appropriate solutions to the problem of intensifying the processes of social cohesion and achieving the necessary synchronization and effectiveness in the actions of formal social support systems, informal structures and individuals engaged in activities in the field of socio-pedagogical work with specific target groups of adolescents.*

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