

**IMPROVEMENT OF THE INTERACTION OF THE PREVENTION INSPECTOR
WITH THE YOUTH AFFAIRS AGENCY AND ITS TERRITORIAL SUBDIVISIONS IN
THE FIELD OF CRIME PREVENTION**

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Annotation: This article is devoted to the issues of improving the interaction of prevention inspectors of the internal affairs bodies of the Republic of Uzbekistan with the Youth Affairs Agency and its territorial subdivisions in the field of crime prevention. The article analyzes the regulatory framework and identifies existing shortcomings in cooperation - unsystematic information exchange, insufficient coordination in planning joint events, and difficulties in timely identification of risk factors among young people. Practical proposals were put forward for the implementation of digital platforms, the development of joint preventive programs, and the strengthening of cooperation at the mahalla level. The experience of community policing and youth engagement models in preventive work with youth in foreign countries was studied, and the possibilities of adaptation to the conditions of Uzbekistan were considered. The results of the study can serve to increase the effectiveness of crime prevention among young people.

Keywords: Prevention Inspector, Crime Prevention, Youth Affairs Agency, Interaction, Mahalla Youth Leader, Prosperous and Safe Mahalla, Community-Oriented Police, Preventive Work with Youth, Digital Technologies, Internal Affairs Bodies.

In the Republic of Uzbekistan, the implementation of state youth policy and the prevention of offenses are an important priority. The establishment of the Agency for Youth Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the basis of Resolution No. PP-4768 dated June 30, 2020, served to fundamentally reform the system of working with youth[1]. This agency, through its territorial subdivisions, plays an important role in the prevention of offenses, developing the intellectual, creative, and social activity of young people.

Prevention inspectors, in turn, are mainly responsible for carrying out preventive work with minors and youth in accordance with Resolution No. PP-2896 of April 18, 2017[2]. The introduction of the position of youth leader in mahallas within the framework of the "Prosperous and Safe Mahalla" principle (Decree No. PP-92 of 2022) and Decree No. UP-163 of 2025 provide for further strengthening of cooperation[3]. However, in practice, there are problems with insufficient systematization of information exchange in cooperation between prevention inspectors and the Youth Affairs Agency, lack of coordination of joint activities, and timely identification of dangerous trends among young people. This article is aimed at analyzing these shortcomings and identifying areas for improving cooperation.

The research is based on the analysis of regulatory legal acts, a review of scientific literature, and comparative legal methods. The main sources were the resolutions of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PP-4768 (2020), No. PP-2896 (2017) and No. PP-92 (2022) [1,2,4], as well as regulatory documents on the system of work with youth in mahallas[3]. International experience was analyzed on the basis of UN and UNICEF guidelines on preventive

work with youth[5]. The SARA (Scanning, Analysis, Response, Assessment) model was used to assess the effectiveness of cooperation.

Cooperation between prevention inspectors and territorial units of the Agency for Youth Affairs is carried out through youth leaders at the mahalla level, which implies joint preventive measures and information exchange[4]. The main problems in practice are: insufficient coordination of joint plans, inconsistency of individual work with young people from risk groups, and insufficient use of digital tools[6].

The following proposals for improvement are put forward:

- Digitalization of the information exchange system: creation of a single electronic platform between the Agency for Youth Affairs and the Ministry of Internal Affairs, real-time exchange of information about high-risk youth.
- Development of joint preventive programs: conducting legal awareness-raising and sports and cultural events among young people together with mahalla youth leaders and prevention inspectors.
- Strengthening regional cooperation: establishing joint working groups in each mahalla and holding regular meetings.
- Training of qualified personnel: training of inspectors and agency staff through joint training seminars.

These measures will serve to prevent offenses among young people and increase the effectiveness of ensuring public safety.

The above proposals are an integral continuation of the principle of "Prosperous and Safe Neighborhood" and youth policy[3]. The lack of a systematic exchange of information leads to the late detection of dangerous trends[6]. The introduction of digital platforms and joint programs will improve the quality of cooperation, but this will require changes to the regulatory framework, logistical support, and personnel qualifications. Comparative analysis shows that the scientific validity of cooperation and public participation are an important factor in reducing youth crime[5].

In foreign countries (USA, EU countries, South Korea), the public-oriented police model and integration with youth agencies are widely used in preventive work with youth[5]. Key principles: involving youth in joint programs, a mentoring system, digital monitoring, and a problem-oriented approach (SARA model). For example, cooperation between the police and non-governmental organizations in working with youth in UNICEF projects has yielded effective results.

In the context of Uzbekistan, it is advisable to adapt this experience: integration with mahalla youth leaders, digitalization of joint monitoring and preventive measures through the platforms of the Youth Affairs Agency. In conclusion, it is necessary to improve the interaction of prevention inspectors with the Youth Affairs Agency through the digitalization of information exchange, the development of joint programs, and the assimilation of foreign experience. This will contribute to raising legal awareness among young people and strengthening public safety.

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