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Developing Effective Strategies to Target VAWG in a Multidisciplinary Approach of Family Violence

in the model of European Family Justice Centers

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Family Justice Center

- A Family Justice Center is the co-location of a multi-disciplinary team of professionals who work together, under one roof, to provide coordinated services to victims of domestic, gender based, sexual violence, child abuse.
- A SAFE PLACE where survivors are the center
- A Family Justice Centre provides a wide range of coordinated services



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Family Justice Center Antwerpen



- Police
- Prosecutor's office
- Women's aid, Victim services
- Crisis team
- Services for child abuse
- Social Service of Youth Court
- Youth Care
- Services for social welfare
- Counseling
- Centre for mental health
- Services for job seeking
- Medical services
- Services for housing
- Probation
- Perpetrator programs
- Local and national authorities

On site services:

- Peer groups
- Support by voluntary cooperators
- Self-defense courses
- Services for migrants and asylumseekers
- Legal advice
- Advice on debts
- Focus groups
- Medical examination
- Wellness: yoga
- Social integration

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Taking safety seriously

1. Werken aan directe veiligheid
2. Werken aan stabiele veiligheid
3. Werken aan herstel (traumaherstel)
4. Werken aan stabilisatie
5. Werken aan voorkomen terugval



FJC Antwerp: Safety

1. Safety plan including all family members
2. Not only safety planning at the start, ongoing check of the safety
3. In severe/high risk cases: High risk team
4. Involving social network in safeguarding and breaking social isolation



Voorwaarden om geweld te doorbreken

1. Samenwerken aan veiligheid
2. Gespecialiseerde MDA aanpak
3. Resultaatgericht werken
4. Maken van een integraal plan
5. Casusregisseur bij onveilige gezinnen
6. Informatiedeling



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FJC Antwerpen: High Risk team on site

- Police and justice on site: restraining orders, custody of perpetrators, safe houses for controlled parental visiting,..
- The risk assessment during the intake is an important instrument to go into the depth of the situation and the possible aftermaths of the disclosure
- Strong and intensive case management aiming at empowerment of victims
- All information needed to ensure the victim's safety is shared
- Multidisciplinary approach with joined responsibility shared by all organisations on board
- No non-binding commitments
- Committed involvement of perpetrator work



Kern van deze aanpak

Ketensamenwerking staat voorop!

1. Eerst werken aan directe veiligheid
2. Daarna aanpakken van de oorzaken
3. Dan werken aan herstel

Ondersteuning en volgen van gezin in de tijd die nodig is om duurzaam herstel te bereiken!



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FJC Antwerp: Result orientated work

1. Goals in plan of action defined
2. Ongoing work until goals are met
3. Outreaching work when contact is difficult
4. Regularly check on meeting goals with all partners involved in the plan of action
5. Re-contact 6 months after closure of the case management