

CONCEPT DESIGN HOLISTIC CARE FOR TROUBLED MINORS

Link in transition between child and youth welfare,
integration aid, psychiatry and forensic commitment



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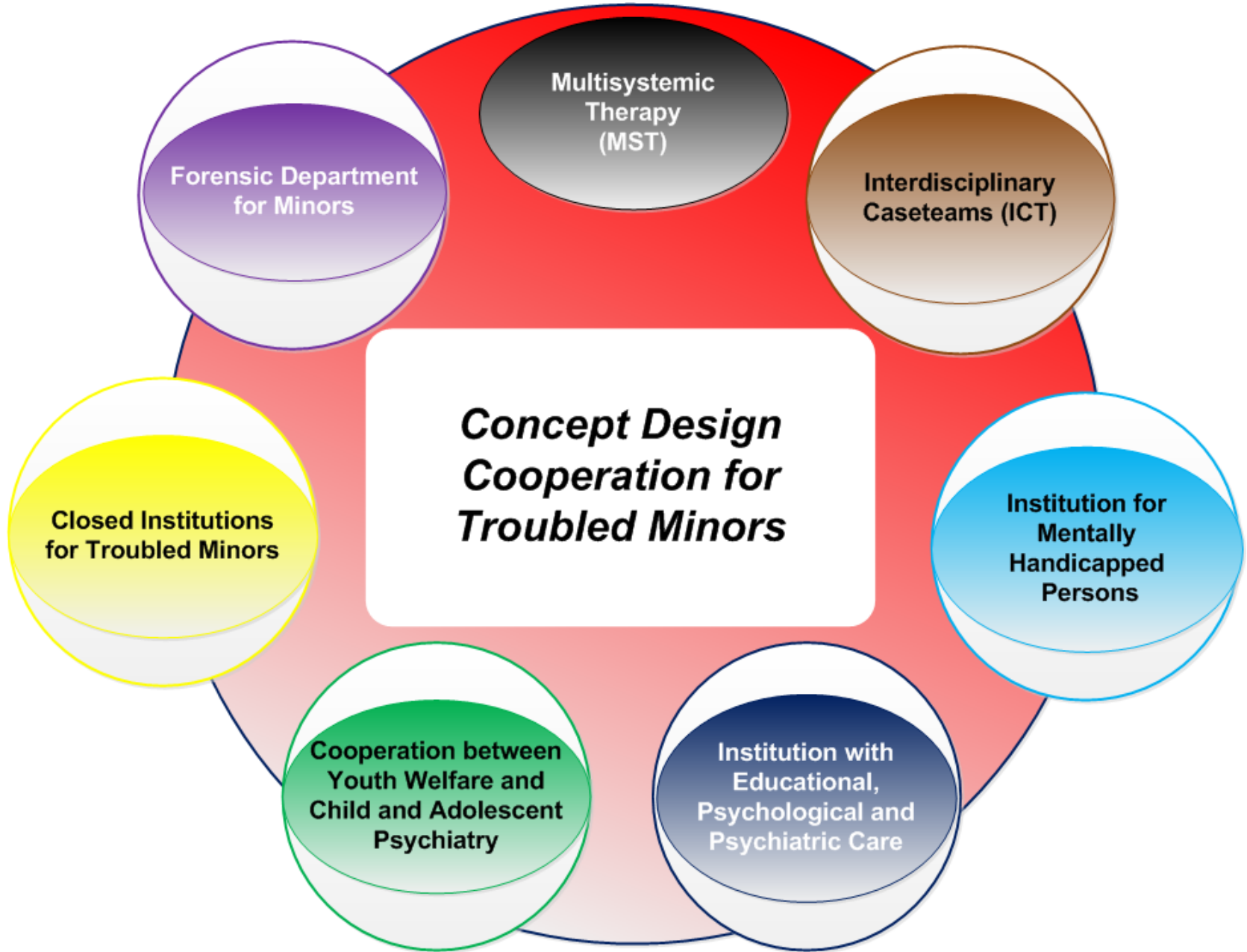
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1. INTRODUCTION

- **Special challenge** (not only) for child and youth welfare minors with psychological strain, mental disability and aggressive violent behaviour
- Often cases including need for educational and psychiatric / psychological help
- **But:**
Cooperation deficits between links in the system of help for a lot of these minors!

2.ISSUES AND TARGET GROUP

Issues:

- **Links** between child and youth welfare, psychological and psychiatric care and forensic commitment will be **shown** and **developed**
- **Appropriate organizational structures** and **models of cooperation** will be installed
- Existing terms of **cooperation** will be **strengthened**
- If necessary **new measures** will be **developed** and **introduced**

3. REVIEW / REQUIREMENTS

- Hamburg has access to a **varied range of help** in child and youth welfare
- **Existing measures** and services are **inadequately** for our target group of troubled minors
- The **links to child and adolescent psychiatry** shows a **urgent need for action**, especially settling financial questions (different legal provisions SGB V health care und SGB VIII child and youth welfare for social services)

3. REQUIREMENTS

- **Support** for case management (empowering private agencies in developing binding procedures, individual settings)
- **Reliable** cooperations
- **Transition** between child and youth welfare and child and adolescent psychiatry
- New offers of help, **mixed settings, mixed professions**
- **Maintenance of standards** in placement of minors in the forensic department (special spacious conditions, individual medical treatment, educational help), **individual setting** if necessary, **terms of transition**

4. NEW MEASURES

Multisystemic therapy (MST):

- Intensive, family focussed and community based treatment
- Target group: juvenile offenders with severe psychological and behavioural problems

What is MST about?

- Intervention over four or six month
- Licenser MST Services (US)
- Based on structural / strategic family therapy, cognitive behaviour therapy, ecological system theory
- 24/7 service
- Team: 2-4 professionals, 1 supervisor
- One agency implements all measures

4. NEW MEASURES

Binding procedure for interdisciplinary case teams (have the power to make decisions)

- Coordination office (conducted by youth welfare)
- District youth welfare
- Local psychologists, psychiatrists
- School
- Child and adolescent psychiatry

4. NEW MEASURES

Institution for troubled minors (not closed)

- Focus on
 - mentally disabled
- Accompanied conditions
 - severe psychological and behavioural problems

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Institution with educational and psychiatric care:

- Focus on severe psychological and behavioural problems
- Accompanied conditions:
 - delinquency
 - educational help
 - psychological / psychiatric help

4. NEW MEASURES

Close inpatient institution

- Focus on delinquency
- Accompanied conditions:
 - severe psychological and behavioural problems
 - target group crosses permanently the line between child and youth welfare and child and adolescent psychiatry

5. SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

What we need

- Reliable cooperations
- Binding procedures for interdisciplinary case teams
- Different institutions for different target groups

What we are going to do

- Working on the frame conditions
 - settling financial questions

5. SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

Impacts of the Fact for Minors project

- Part of the national advisory board
- Project is treated in the structures of the concept of “acting against youth violence”, a proven and tested structure for cooperation between different ministries in Hamburg
- Communication process was suggested
- Extensive networking
- Measures are in political focus



Thank you for your attention!