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**Kick Off Meeting**

# ***FACT FOR MINORS***

*„Fostering Alternative Care for Troubled Minors “*

**CJD Hamburg**

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## Overview

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## Ministry of Justice

Juvenile Correctional Facility

Prosecutor's Office

Court System/Youth Judges

## Research

Hamburg University of Applied Sciences (HAW)

"Grenzgänger"- interdisciplinary initiative between youth services and youth psychiatry

Coordination office: Individualized solutions for youth with multiple risk factors

## Ministry of Labor, Social and Family Affairs and Integration (BASFI)

Policy division on youth delinquency and offender support services

Family Intervention Team (FIT)

Juvenile court assistance

Juvenile probation services

## City Agency for Alternative Care

Child and youth emergency residential care (KJND)

Youth social services for unaccompanied minors

Residential facility - alternative to incarceration for youth

## Health

Hamburg Institute for forensic psychiatry

Asklepios Clinic

Forensic Division of Hamburg

UKE Hamburg Eppendorf/Wilhelmsstift

Department of adolescent psychiatry

Department of child psychiatry

Ministry of Health

Division Mental Health Screening

## Private social service providers

In-patient residential care providers (non-city)

## Advocacy

Advocacy initiative against closed residential facilities



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## Overview of Interviews – Status of Focus Groups

<b>Youth Social Services</b>	City Agency for Youth Alternative Care
	Family Intervention Team
	Coordination office for alternative care – pilot project
<b>Juvenile Justice</b>	Policy division on youth delinquency and offender support services
	Youth probation/ Youth court services
<b>Mental Health</b>	Adolescent/child and youth psychiatry
	Psychologist working in youth jail/youth forensic
<b>Research/Advocacy</b>	University of Applied Sciences – Evaluating best practice
	Advocacy initiative against closed residential facilities



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## Collection of Intervention Models

### Grenzgänger (Schleswig-Holstein)

- Target group: „cross-border“ youth „falling through the cracks“ of different care systems
- 73 % of youth have been in contact with police/juvenile justice
- Monthly case discussions between child and youth welfare and child and youth psychiatry practitioners
- Strong focus on building sustainable personal relationships between professionals
- Management level of both sectors is represented – forum has decision making authorities
- After initial inclusion of Ministry of Justice, forum was reduced to child and youth welfare and youth psychiatry – network was too complex
- Moderated and evaluated by University of Applied Sciences



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## Collection of Intervention Models

### **Coordination Office of Paritätischer Wohlfahrtsverbandes (Hamburg):**

- Coordination office funded by Ministry of Social Affairs (BASFI)
- Weekly case discussions between coordination office and 6 private alternative care facilities
- Youth are included in decision-making process
- Focus on finding individualized solutions
- Selective invitation of experts including psychologists – however not an integral partner of cooperation
- Two systems have „different logics“
- „Hardest to serve“ are referred to state alternative care system
- Need for evaluation and „clustering“ of target group to meet needs



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## Collection of Intervention Models

### **Clearing House for Youth with Mental Health Disorders (Hamburg):**

#### **Clearing house 1**

„Bullerdeich“, alternative care for delinquent unaccompanied minors

#### **Clearing house 2**

New project launched in April 2017 in cooperation between child and youth welfare service and child and youth psychiatry for unaccompanied minors with mental health issues

#### **Clearing house 3**

(in planning stages): Combining child and youth services with child and youth psychiatry – Holistic screening to allow for appropriate placement.



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## Current Situation – Parameters for Capacity Building

- Socio-educational or psychiatric intervention?
- Professions (justice, psychiatry, social services) lack understanding of rationale of the other
- „Hardest“ cases are not being adequately serviced – state system remains in charge
- Target group is resistant towards psychotherapy and psychiatric care
- Target group is „unreliable“ and therapists are reluctant to accept them as patients
- Focus on out-patient care has reduced alternatives for in-patient care – psychotherapists and psychiatrists are rarely part of the staff
- Coordination is tied to relationship-building – it's important „to like each other“
- Signed formal agreements with child and youth psychiatry are deemed as ineffective
- Legal barriers and different financial responsibilities as obstacles to cooperation
- Pilot projects are funded for limited time periods





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## Capacity-Buildung – First Thoughts

### **Challenges:**

- Combining 3 ministries
- Defining the target group
- Innovation of capacity building? Added value?
- Who to involve: management level or operational staff?
- How to secure buy-in?
- Results: how to secure sustainability?

### **Opportunities:**

- BASFI as supporting partner
- Servicing delinquent youth with mental health disorder important on political agenda
- Interview partners have voiced need for cooperation/exchange
- Two intervention models in neighboring states (Bundesländer)



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## Capacity-Buildung – First Thoughts

### **Participants:**

- Governmental and private providers of alternative care
- Adolescent/child and youth psychiatry, forensic division
- Psychologists of youth jail
- Youth probation and youth court services
- Representatives of intervention models (lessons learned)

### **Moderation:**

- Criminal justice expert – former psychologist of youth jail
- University of Applied Research – evaluating best practice



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## Capacity-Buildung – First Thoughts

### 1st Meeting:

- Introduction of (best practice) intervention model between social services and youth psychiatry
- Input from child and youth social services in Hamburg: Upward trend of delinquent youth with mental health disorders – what to do?
- Discussion: Defining what works? What doesn't work? What is needed?



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## Capacity-Buildung – First Thoughts

### 2nd Meeting:

- Input from child and youth psychiatry/juvenile justice: introduction and discussion of mental health patterns in conjunction with delinquency
- Introduction and discussion of 1-2 cases that have „fallen through the cracks“ – where have things gone wrong?
- Discussion: Understanding each others „language“ and legal framework



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## Capacity-Buildung – First Thoughts

### 3rd Meeting:

- Developing policy recommendations for city policy division on youth delinquency and offender support services
- Discussing ideas on sustainability of capacity building: what is effective: meta-level or case discussion?



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# Thank you for your attention!

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